

The September regular board meeting minutes were approved on October 11, 2017, with the correction to Regular Board Minutes reading, August 9, 2017.

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present-

Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, Dale Fuhrman, Tracy Chase, Tim Hagen, Nathan Erickson, County Commissioner Terry Snyder, and Clif Block

County Update-

Terry Snyder, County Commissioner for the Marcell Township, gave an update on what is happening in the county. Some of the highlights are as follows: The County has settled with Blandins, and the retro pay will be handled by the State. Going forward, there is an eight-year agreement to reduce the Blandin tax. Grand Village has been awarded a contract to have VA beds. These new beds are not in competition with Bigfork. County roads 243 and 253 will be undergoing bridge work. Detours will be marked. The Highway 38 construction project is moving along. Although the right-of-way acquisition is behind, Terry feels the project will start on time. Budgets for the county are being worked on. Terry is hopeful that the budget will come in under 4% and maybe 3%. The District 5 Commissioner race has three people vying for the position. The Primary is October 3rd and the General is December 12th. The Legislative Platform is being established. If there are issues we would like to see addressed, we are to let Terry know.

~~September 13~~ August 9, 2017, Regular Board Minutes-

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to approve the ~~September 13~~ August 9, 2017, minutes. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report-

The August 31, 2017, reconciled bank balance is \$729,293.39.

Road Report-

Dale Fuhrman gave the road report and discussed where we were at with projects. There were two rounds of regular grading for the month. Cedar Point and Northstar Roads received additional work. Future projects could include Little Smith and Johnson Lake Roads. However, these projects may have to wait until next year's budget.

Park Report-

The Park is looking good. Nathan will bring his stump grinder to do some stump removal. He will prune the plum trees by the parking lot. The front ditch does not get mowed every time so it will remain green. Nathan expressed if something is not getting done, to please contact him.

Old Business-

Tennis Court Repair Update- Tennis West quoted \$47,770.00 and Tennis Doctor quoted \$25,668.00 for the tennis court repair. Diane will speak to Tim Johnson about a possible grant to

offset the costs. Board discussion will need to take place on how to proceed.

Park Repairs- Jeff completed many park projects including the shed, hall, benches, playground equipment, etc. Things look very nice.

Cemetery and Skating Rink Lights - When Hubberd Electric is going to be in the area, Tim Hagen will contact Dale to let him know. It sounds like this will take place mid-October.

Road/ Street Signs- Tim will secure the signs at his shop. He will submit an estimate for the cost to install the signs.

Fence Update- Mr. Kurth has appealed the restoration order. Tracy updated the board as to her correspondence with Rian Reed, Area Hydrologist.

Bulletin Board- A special paint can be put on the board to bring it back to dry erase usability.

New Business-

Painting the Town Hall- Tracy placed an ad in the Western Itasca Review and the Deerpath Shopper requesting quotes for painting the hall.

Men's Bathroom Repair- Sandy will contact Mark Krickhahn, 5 Star Mechanical, to see where he is at regarding the repair.

Furnace Room Sink- Tracy will contact Jeff to see if he will clean the sink.

Loans- Two business loans have been paid off.

Clerk's Office Lock- Tracy will contact Jeff to replace the lock on the clerk's office.

Traffic Speed- Jack the Horse Road- To be able to enforce a speed limit, a road must be patrolled.

Hall Lights- Tracy will contact Jeff to replace the burned-out bulbs.

Committee Reports-

Diane and Dale had committee updates. Diane attended two Township Association meetings- August and September. Highlights include: Census material has been sent out, there are 11,000+ teens who participate in FFA, and Isaac Meyer, Kootasca Community Engagement Manager, discussed some alarming statistics including 60% of children are living in poverty right now.

Dale attended the NIJPB meeting. Because a quorum could not be established, the regular meeting could not be held.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 18,500.83

Payroll- \$ 3,116.50

Sandy Lyytinen made the motion to accept the checks numbered 7811 to 7830. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

A motion was made by Diane Coppens to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date

