

April 10, 2024, Regular Board Minutes were approved on May 8, 2024.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON

APRIL 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present– Chair-Diane Coppens, Supervisor- Sandy Lyytinen, Supervisor- Karen Senger, and Clerk-Tracy Chase  
Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Bill Trebs, Clif Block, Dave Swanson, James Remmers, and  
Jeanette Remmers

Summer and Winter Road and Bridge Quotes- After review of each line item, Motion by Diane Coppens and  
seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to accept Resolution 4-10-2024-1 awarding T & T Excavating the contract for summer  
maintenance. MCU-3-0. After review of each line item, Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to  
accept Resolution 4-10-2024-2 awarding T & T Excavating the contract for winter maintenance. MCU-3-0.

March 13, 2024, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the March 13, 2024, minutes was made by Karen  
Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- March 31, 2024, reconciled bank balance was \$360,664.57 with three outstanding checks for  
\$2,319.47 from General Checking. Karen gave a breakdown of all accounts and loans. Tracy responded to a  
question regarding loan #47 and why it was an estimate.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking-#’s 9560-9577.  
Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$2,251.95 and Claims- \$12,118.66.

Road Report- Road grading and snowplowing took place. Matt Zimmer had a frozen culvert that was dealt with.  
T & T will keep an eye on Little Smith Road. Tracy and Tim completed the State Disaster paperwork and submitted  
it. Tracy has not heard anything back yet.

Park Report- Domanick will put up the tennis and pickleball nets. Diane read each line item regarding the mowing  
contract. Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to continue to use Domanick David for the  
mowing needs of the township. MCU- 3-0.

Hall Report- Domanick repaired the shield in front of the air conditioning unit.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Park Cameras- Diane will reach out to Larry Samela regarding what Carpenter Township uses.

Accessible Whirl- The timeline is April 16th for delivery. Tracy will keep Domanick and Tim in the loop  
regarding this.

Grants- The North Itasca Electric Community Trust Grant (Operation Roundup) and Bigfork Valley  
Community Foundation Grant applications have been submitted. If the township receives these dollars, it will be  
put towards ongoing park improvements.

New Business-

Business Loan- Clif Block, Business Loan Committee Chair, brought forth a potential loan application. Because of the timing of the meetings, etc., Clif discussed having the board approve the loan with the following contingencies- the applicant must put 20% down towards the purchase price and the township must be in first position. The asking price of the business is \$145,000. Therefore, the loan agreement would be 80% of \$145, 000- \$116,000 at 4% interest for 10 years, with Marcell Township in first position. Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to approve the loan application recommendation based on if the contingencies are met. MCU-3-0.

Community Garden- Diane will host a community garden meeting on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Domanick will reach out to Tom Brula to find out about picking up the four garden boxes and transporting them to the garden. Diane will contact Nick Francisco regarding black dirt.

Beaver Dam/Beaver Update- Ten beavers have been trapped so far. The trapper has requested that nobody do anything until mid-May.

Road and Park Review- The road and park review will take place on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The road review will begin at 9:00 am with the park review following. Diane will reach out to Bill Trebs when the review is on his road.

Committee Reports- Diane attended the Highway 38 Leadership Board Meeting. Things to note were the potential marijuana plant that may be housed in the former Berquist plant and the number of jobs it may create and the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center's summer volunteers. Diane, Karen, and Sandy attended the MAT Short Course Training and the Itasca County Township Association's Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm by Diane Coppens and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

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Chairperson

Date

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Clerk

Date