

March 13, 2024, Regular Board Minutes were approved on April 10, 2024.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON

MARCH 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present– Chair-Diane Coppens, Supervisor- Sandy Lyytinen, Supervisor- Karen Senger, Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase

Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Bill Trebs

February 14, 2024, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the February 14, 2024, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- February 28, 2024, reconciled bank balance was \$372,241.22 with three outstanding checks for \$9,906.07 from General Checking. Dennis gave a breakdown of all accounts and loans. The supervisors received a year-end report that is filed with the State Auditor’s Office.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking-#'s 9537-9559 and the transfer of funds from General Fund to Fire Fund for \$6,521.60. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,859.38 and Claims- \$7,180.23.

Road Report- Grading took place on several roads and Becker Road received additional work. Full grading, except for the Spurs, was done on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Little Smith will continue to be monitored regarding ditch cleanup. With what appears to be an early spring, the road review may take place earlier than normal, possibly April. The review can be completed once the frost is out of the ground. The Eagle Point Road will be reviewed regarding a turn around at the end of the road.

Park Report- None

Hall Report- Northern Air Plumbing and Heating of Grand Rapids, Inc. replaced the furnace control board and ignitor. Tim Hagen will check with the County to see if they have anything regarding the township’s septic system.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Park Cameras- Tracy will send Dennis the information from Arvig.

Presidential Primary- There were sixty people who voted. Things went well.

Annual Meeting- The meeting went well, the levy was approved, and two entities will receive donations.

Playground Grant- Marcell received the ARP Itasca County Grant. Tracy will reach out to Scott Winter to start the process for purchasing and installing the accessible whirl.

Audit- Although the board is comfortable without having an external audit, Tracy will talk with a local CPA firm to see if there is interest.

New Business-

Tax & Equalization Meeting- The meeting will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. All supervisors are up to date on their training. Tracy will publish and post the notices.

R & B Contracts- Tracy will publish and post the notices. The deadline for receiving quotes will be Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm.

Mowing- Tracy will email the information to the contractor.

MATIT- The board should review the insurance information and see if there are needed changes. The target date is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Itasca County Township Association Annual Meeting- The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at Carpenter Township Hall, with a registration time of 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Tracy will send in the form.

Short Course- The MAT Short Course will be on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids.

Other- Itasca County will be repaving part of the Turtle Lake Road; and North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc, received an eight million dollar grant to make upgrades to the electrical lines.

Committee Reports- Diane attended the Itasca County Township Association meeting. A few things of interest were Ryan Sutherland, Itasca County Engineer, discussed road projects including the Highway 2 to the Deer River Hospital project; the average road, if paved, should last approximately twenty years; and the Itasca County Jail should be completed by the end of April. Sandy attended the Fire Department meeting and gave a breakdown of the fire calls and the purchase of a "new" fire truck. Karen attended the NIJPB meeting. There is a new CEO at the Bigfork Hospital; a person on the hospital board stepped down; and the Lodging Association has new members.

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_