

The December Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on January 8, 2020.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2019, 5:00 PM  
MARCELL TOWN HALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Terry Snyder, and Tim Hagen

Commissioner Update- County Commission Terry Snyder gave an update on several County topics. After many hours of budget talks, the County was able to keep the tax increase to less than 1%- 3/10 of 1%. A frustration the County has is they must send in a preliminary budget to the State by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Because of this, typically, county resident tax statements do not reflect the true cost. Every week the board has a call with the Governor and DNR regarding the Essar Steel Project. Progress is being made to get this plant up and running. At the Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, board meeting, the board will discuss a change to County Board Meeting times. Presently, the board meets at 2:30 PM. The sale of the Nursing Home is in preliminary status. However, although it is county owned, in the last 100 years, the taxpayers have not had to put in any money for its operation. The State Health and Human Services division overpaid the County by \$162,000. The County does not plan to reimburse the State for this overage. The biggest item Commissioner Snyder discussed was the jail. The County Board has received preliminary information for the jail; it will be several months before any decision is made. The Board will meet on the first and third Thursdays of January, February, March and April to discuss the jail options. The meetings will be held at 7:00 PM. Also, the Commissioners will be holding Town Hall Meetings to get the information out to the residents. Marcell will host one of these meetings on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM. It will be an open-dialogue meeting.

November 13, 2019-Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the November 13, 2019, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

December 10, 2019-Special Attorney Board Minutes – Motion to accept the December 10, 2019, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2019, reconciled bank balance was \$673,654.58. Bonnie gave a breakdown of the accounts.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with check numbers 8391 to 8408. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$1,836.21 and Claims- \$5,395.45

Road Report- Sandy gave the road report. There was only one round of contract snow plowing for the month. Sandy made several calls to residents regarding signage and road maintenance.

Park Report- Domanick gave a report on the park. The new snowblower needs to have an adjustment to work properly. Domanick will bring it to the Shop to have the repair done. There are four layers of ice on the rink and Domanick will add several more layers in the next couple of days.

Hall Report- No report.

Cemetery Report- No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

Business Loan Application- An update regarding time needs to be made to the application.

Sarah Carling- Tracy will contact Sarah to let her know that the Township will contact her when ready.

Worksheets for January Budget Meeting- The board received budget worksheets to review for January's budget meeting.

Committee Reports – Diane attended the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board meeting. Several of the topics discussed at the NIJPB meeting were mentioned by Commissioner Snyder in his remarks to the Township Board. However, other highlights included the Housing Study results are in and meetings are being held around the County to discuss the results, there will be a new District Ranger for the United States Federal Forest Service, and Jack Pellen is the manager at Scenic State Park.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

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

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