

The December 13, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on January 10, 2024.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON  
DECEMBER 13, 2023, 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, Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase

Others in Attendance- Tim Hagen, Clif Block

Business One Loan Committee- Clif Block, Business One Loan Committee Chair, was present to make a recommendation to the board for a loan to the Marcell Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club for a new trail groomer. Motion by Karen Senger to approve the loan recommendation to the Marcell Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club based on the collateral being the \$95,000 clubhouse and the new trail groomer, for \$126,000.00, at 4% interest, for a 10-year amortization. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Tracy will reach out to the township attorney regarding the paperwork. Pending the attorney finds everything in order, a check will be written.

November 8, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the November 8, 2023, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- November 30, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$439,022.19 with one outstanding check for \$96.07. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. He will also deal with cashing out a CD for the new loan.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9483-9501 and Business One Check #'s 1190-1193. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,868.56 and Claims- \$9,195.65.

Road Report- There was one round of contract grading. Little Smith Road received windfall cleanup. Tim would like, if the weather holds, to do the same type of work on Eagle Point Spur, Matt Zimmer, and West Johnson Lake Roads. However, if winter does arrive, he will put the cleanup on hold.

Park Report- Because of the warm weather, the ice rink has not been flooded. Domanick feels he will be able to repair, in the spring, the pump handle.

Hall Report- Domanick and Dennis will manage the light issue. Blinds still need to be measured for and purchased. Discussion took place regarding the furnace issue. The warranted heat exchanger was replaced, new burners were put in and the gas line was relocated. Karen will reach out to Northern Air to see about a future maintenance schedule.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Park Cameras- This will be put on the March agenda.

Community Garden- The garden should generate approximately \$500.00 for plot rental. There should not be a lot of maintenance costs other than purchasing the four new raised beds, dirt for the beds, and tilling. The intent is to

make the garden self-sufficient regarding finances. Also, there is a strand of wire at the top of the garden to keep the garden shape.

T-Bills- After looking into it, Clif Block felt this was not an option. Therefore, at this time, the money will continue to be in CD's.

New Business-

2024 Meeting Dates- Tracy passed out the 2024 regular board meeting dates.

Committee Reports – Karen attended the NIJPB meeting. Highlights included Berquist has been sold to Lee Ramsey, LLC; the Discovery site panels are being finished; and the township needs to review the website to see if there needs to be updates. Diane attended the ICTA meeting. Highlights for this meeting were Itasca County is trying to keep the levy at 2.5%, however, it sounds like next year, due to rising costs, that is will be significantly higher; the lights for the jail were the wrong size and new lights were needing to be ordered; the opening of the jail looks to be at the end of January; and a replacement for the Environmental Services Director should be taking place soon.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

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

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