

The December Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on January 13, 2021.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- VIA DISTANCE- ZOOM

DECEMBER 9, 2020, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Diane Coppens. Due to the meeting being held via distance, a roll call was taken.

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 and Tim Hagen

November 12, 2020, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the November 12, 2020, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -November 30, 2020, reconciled bank balance was \$666,151.12. There were seven outstanding checks, but three had cleared after the first of the month. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Sandy Lyytinen to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 8631 to 8642 and Business 1 Account check numbers 1086 & 1087. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$1,352.94 and Claims- \$990.53.

Road Report- Sandy reported that T & T has started brushing/trimming along the sides of the roads. She gave T & T permission to complete the project. There was no grading or plowing for the month.

Park Report- Domanick has been making ice. He has approximately 10 hours into the project and there is a decent base. Domanick will continue to monitor the process. Discussion took place regarding the use of the warming shack and COVID restrictions. The restrictions in place now will be reviewed December 18th. At that time, a decision will be made. Tracy will contact MAT regarding the warming shack issue. Because the skating rink is needing some work, Terry Snyder thinks we can get money to help with the skating rink and the playground. The trees in the park will be taken down. T & T will cut the trees and remove the debris. Domanick and Karen will make sure the trees, needing to be cut, will have a ribbon or some type of identification so Tim knows which ones to cut.

Hall Report- The furnace filter looks good and there have not been any more mice found.

Cemetery Report- Diane and Tracy have made some modifications to the rules and regulations concerning the cemetery. After the document is updated, a meeting with Ronette is needed. Sandy talked with Tim Johnson regarding the cemetery sign. He does designs and orders signs, but he does not install the signs. Domanick is willing to help put the sign up. Sandy has not heard back from Creekbank.

Old Business –

Community Garden- Diane talked with Thistledeew and they assured her that they are willing to help with the garden- put fence and poles up- as soon as can be worked out. The only issue may be the COVID restrictions. Diane reached out to Albert Nylund regarding black dirt. The dirt work will take place in the spring. Gates- one in

front and two in the back of the garden- need to be made/installed. This will take place after the fence and poles are up.

Election Results- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Karen Senger to certify the November election results for the township. MCU- 3-0.

TV- Dennis will look at installing the TV. He will reach out to Domanick to help lift it into place.

New Business-

Designation of Polling Place- Motion by Diane Coppens to designate the Marcell Town Hall as the polling place for 2021. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Thank You- The township received a very nice thank you for the donation made to the North Itasca Emergency Food Shelf.

Grand Rapids Herald Review- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen to use the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the legal newspaper. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

MN Dept of Health- Discussion took place regarding the placement of the pipe coming from the water softener. Domanick will investigate this and if a plumber is needed, he will let us know.

CTAS Checks- Tracy presented several quotes regarding the checks that can be printed using the CTAS program. Tracy will contact Tammy Stottler to move forward with the purchase.

John Linder- Emergency Management Coordinator sent an email to the township regarding an upcoming informational overview of the Orion system.

Committee Reports –

There were no committee reports.

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____