

The February Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on March 11, 2020.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2020, at 6:00 PM
MARCELL TOWN HALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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, Clif Block, Teresa Kittridge

Business Loan Committee- Diane Coppens introduced Teresa Kittridge as a potential member of the Business Loan Committee. After hearing from Teresa regarding her background, Motion by Karen Senger to appoint Teresa Kittridge to the Business Loan Committee. Sandy seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

January 8, 2020, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the January 8, 2020, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2020, reconciled bank balance was \$681,577.61 with \$1,998.50 outstanding. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with check numbers 8431 to 8450 and Business 1 Account check numbers 1054 to 1057. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$1,510.85 and Claims- \$37,453.12.

Road Report- Sandy Lyytinen gave the road report. Due to amount of snow, T & T plowed four times. In addition, they worked on the road intersections to clear snow for better visibility. The cemetery was plowed.

Park Report- Domanick gave a report on the park. The ice rink is still being used. Domanick discussed the goal posts and keeping the rink in good order.

Hall Report- Karen did a paint touch-up on the kitchen cupboards.

Cemetery Report- Sandy will reach out to Ronette in the spring regarding cemetery plots.

Old Business –

Property behind Cemetery- Due to the nature of the property, Tracy received word from the attorney that the appraiser could not appraise the property due to not having similar properties to compare it to. Clif Block, representing an interested party, discussed a property value. After discussion, Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to set a price at \$10,000.00 and the township would be responsible for the attorney fees. Clif will discuss this with the interested party and let the township know if this is agreeable.

Budget/Levy- After deliberating and looking at the forecasted projected costs, it was decided to increase the levy in the Road and Bridge, Cemetery, and the Fire funds. This will be brought before the township residents to vote on.

New Business-

Fire Contract & Meeting- Sandy will attend the Fire meeting. The cost to the township for fire protection has increased. The cost to the township will be \$23,331.47. This is an increase of \$819.93.

Election Judge Approval- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to approve Chris Schultz, Tracy Chase, Joan Prato, Gretchen Whitten-Remmers, MaryAnn Starnes, Sue Campbell, and Teresa Kittridge as potential judges/back-up judges for the upcoming Presidential Primary. MCU- 3-0.

Short Course Township Training- Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, and Karen Senger will attend the Short Course training in Grand Rapids. Tracy Chase will attend the training in Bemidji.

Donation Requests- Tracy read the requests for donations. The board did not vote on the requests, but they did discuss giving to MFC and ElderCircle- Home Visitor & Transportation.

Furnace- Tracy contacted Cozy Air to come and do an annual service on the furnace.

Salary Survey- Diane brought to the board a synopsis of the Township Association's salary survey. After a lengthy discussion, Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to increase the meeting per diem to \$125.00 for up to four hours and a \$20.00 per hour flat rate for additional work the supervisors, treasurer, and clerk do. MC- 2-1.

Committee Reports –

Karen Senger attended the Hwy 38 meeting. The jail proposal was discussed. Diane Coppens attended the Township Association meeting- January and February. Census takers are still being sought. In Itasca County, the rate per hour is \$19.00. The Fire department costs in the Grand Rapids area have increased significantly for the townships. The Annual Township Association meeting will be held in Blackberry on Monday, April 13th, starting at 5:00 PM. The Itasca County Historical Society's project focus is country schools. Last, but not least, the new jail was part of the agenda.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date