

February 12, 2025, Regular Board Minutes were approved on March 12, 2025.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON
FEBRUARY 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others in Attendance- Tim Hagen, Domanick David, Clif Block

January 8, 2025, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the January 8, 2025, minutes was made by Diane Coppens and Milo Rahier seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

Treasurer’s Report- January 31, 2025, reconciled bank balance was \$376,584.50 with no outstanding checks. Dennis gave a breakdown of all accounts, and all Business One loans are current.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9734-9750 and Business One Checking #-1203. Milo Rahier seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,755.44 and Claims- \$48,817.24.

Road Report- There were four rounds of snowplowing and additional drift cleanup. Also, West Johnson Lake Road had tree removal.

Park Report- Domanick continues to maintain the ice rink and sidewalks. The ice rink will close at the end of the month.

Hall Report- Domanick installed a new furnace filter.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Division of Duties- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Milo to approve the following division. Diane Coppens will continue to be the Marcell Township’s Board Chair, Cemetery and Community Garden liaison, NIJPB representative and be active on the Itasca County Association of Townships Board. Sandy Lyytinen will be active on the Fire Department Board, function as the Noxious Weed supervisor, and be the Road and Bridge liaison. Milo Rahier represents the township on the Highway 38 Leadership Board and be the Hall and Park liaison. Dennis Korte will be the Business One liaison. If a supervisor is not available, the other supervisors will step into the role. MCU-3-0.

Jack the Horse Lake Road- FEMA agreed to T & T’s proposal for rock endwalls and headwalls. The contract has been signed, and T & T will complete the project.

Budget Worksheet- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Diane Coppens to bring forth the proposed levy to the Annual Meeting. The total levy will remain the same as last year- \$212,000. The only change was to increase the fire fund to \$37,000 and decrease the general fund to \$27,000. MCU-3-0.

First State Bank of Bigfork- Dennis will give the bank a copy of the approved January minutes showing Milo Rahier as the new Supervisor C and Karen Senger being removed as such. At the March meeting, financial signatures will be updated.

Bigfork Valley Community Foundation Park Grant- Milo and Domanick will be involved with generating ideas for the park grant.

New Business-

Bridge No L3822- Tracy will make a copy of the Itasca County letter discussing the needs of the bridge and give it to T & T so they can make the necessary repairs.

Arvig- Motion by Milo Rahier and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to approve Arvig's fiber communications project request for right-of-way access. MCU-3-0.

Fire Contract- Discussion took place as to the potential increase in the fire contract. Sandy will attend the Bigfork Fire Department's meeting on February 26th and ask for information regarding this.

Donation Requests- Tracy will bring forth the requests at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting- The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 11th. Tracy will post and publish the information.

Board Member & Staff Updates- Tracy will update with correct telephone numbers.

Committee Reports – Diane attended the Itasca County Township Association's meeting via distance. The Annual Meeting will be held at Harris Township. She will double check on date and time. The Itasca County Road and Bridge crew are potentially going to strike per Commissioner Snyder. ISD #318 Superintendent Matt Grose will speak at next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date