

The February Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on March 13, 2019.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present – Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, Karen Senger, Bonnie Korte, Tracy Chase, Tim Hagen, and Domanick David

January 9, 2019, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the January 9, 2019, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer’s Report – January 31, 2019, reconciled bank balance was \$ 701,685.43. Bonnie gave a breakdown of the accounts.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with check numbers 8185 to 8206. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU. Payroll- \$1,602.18 and Claims- \$34,604.14.

Road Report- For the County to provide dust control for township roads, the estimated price per mile is \$2,100.00. The Township, having close to 19 miles of roadway, decided to not contract for this service. Sandy gave the road report and there were 3 rounds of complete snowplowing. Additional work included intersections, drift cleanup and ice. Tim discussed special projects that could be done. Included in this was cutting back banks/ditching. Little Smith is the worst currently and needs attention. The Matt Zimmer road is also on the list.

Park Report- Diane discussed the idea of a community garden for the park. As a reference, she handed out information on what Deer River is doing. More discussion will take place at the March meeting. Because of the amount of snow we have had, Domanick brought his bobcat and used it to remove snow around the warming shack, dumpster, and cleaned off the ice rink. The ice rink needs new nets and possibly goals. This will be looked at before next winter.

Hall Report- Karen will purchase knobs for the kitchen cabinets. Tim Senger will help Domanick with installation. A discussion took place on waxing the hall floors. Karen will also contact Yvonne regarding this. Also, Domanick will look at removing snow from the hall roof.

Cemetery Report- Diane will contact Lilah Crowe to discuss getting the cemetery maps back.

Old Business –

Budget/ 2020 Levy- After discussion, the board decided to bring before the township a levy of \$181,000. This is an increase of \$2,000.00.

New Business –

Cartway Petition- Tracy will contact Andy Shaw, Shaw & Shaw, regarding the petition.

Annual Meeting- The board made a recommendation for contributions. Motion was made by Diane Coppens to recommend donating \$500.00 to the Marcell Family Center, \$250.00 to ElderCircle, and \$250.00 to the Home Visitor Program. Sandy Lytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Audit- Tracy picked up the audit from Gordon's Tax Service. Things went well with the audit.

Fire Meeting- Sandy will be attending the Bigfork Fire Meeting on Wednesday, February 27th.

Tax & Equalization Meeting- The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25, at 9:00 AM.

NIJPB Sub- Because Diane will not be in the area, Karen will attend the NIJPB meeting if she is in the area.

Ads for the Annual Meeting & Road Contract- Tracy will put the Annual Meeting notice in the newspaper, post at the approved posting places, and have Tim Johnson add it to the Marcell Township webpage. She will also publish/post the road contracts in March.

PERA Report- The report has been submitted and approved.

Social Security Administration- SSA contacted the township to let them know of a request for online reporting.

NIECI- The open seat for the Township will not be filled until the NIECI Annual Meeting.

MN Benefit Association- Tracy updated the report.

Donation- Someone was interested in the possibility of having a large screen television at the Hall. If people are willing to donate a television, the township would accept.

Snowblower with Shield- Discussion took place regarding the need for a new snowblower or to see if the old one can be repaired. The snowblower will continue to be used for the remainder of the winter and the discussion will be revisited in April. However, a shield does need to be purchased.

Committee Reports –

Several meetings were attended and reported on. Diane attended two Township Association meeting and highlights included the contribution of dollars to Close-Up students going to Washington D.C.; the annual meeting will take place on April 8th in Bowstring and the canine unit will be the feature; Luke St Germain, Veteran's Services, said his agency will help Vets get the benefits they deserve, and the program Towards Zero Deaths discussed road fatalities and reasons behind these deaths. Sandy and Karen attended the Hwy 38 Leadership meeting. Highlights from this meeting included a Highway 38 celebration being looked at during the Wilderness Days, but no date has been confirmed; a Land Classification meeting will be on March 12, at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; and a VRBO discussion.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date