

The January Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on February 10, 2021.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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- Terry Snyder, Domanick David, Tim Hagen, and Austin Miller

Terry Snyder, Itasca County Commissioner, gave an update on what is happening in the area. There is a 0% increase in the tax levy. County Road 45 will receive a bituminous overlay and base to finish the project. The jail project is moving along. To help pay for the jail, a local sales tax is being looked at. The legislature will need to approve this option. The Coronavirus Relief Fund has brought to the area \$5,640,508. Commissioner Snyder gave a breakdown where the dollars were spent/invested. At this time, \$4,103,725 was invested in the area communities.

Austin Miller, Business Consultant/Broadband Consultant- IEDC, is doing community outreach to the area. He is going around to the communities and introducing himself.

December 9, 2020, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the December 9, 2020, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -December 31, 2020, reconciled bank balance was \$749,916.34. There were five outstanding checks. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 8645 to 8663. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$1,974.51 and Claims- \$57,713.22

Road Report- T & T has completed the road brushing/tree removal. They also cut and hauled away the trees from the Park. In the spring, T & T will deal with these stumps. After the first of the year, T & T will cut the marked trees in the cemetery. Scheff Logging will remove the salvageable trees. Sandy has fielded several calls including one from Brad Carlson.

Park Report- The skating rink is open and seeing plenty of use. People seem to be following the COVID guidelines that are posted. Domanick will maintain the ice and keep the snow off. Terry Snyder mentioned there are annual dollars in economic development that are granted for projects. When stumpage on tax-forfeited land is sold, the dollars received are reinvested into the community. Terry will advocate for the township to receive dollars for the skating rink and playground. A grant up to \$10,000.00 can be given. Terry will work with Diane and Tim Johnson on this.

Hall Report- In the spring, Dennis will check the hall roof to see if it is still ok.

Cemetery Report- No report.

Old Business –

January Budget Sheet- After much discussion, it was decided to reduce the levy by \$2,000.00. At the Annual Meeting, the residents will vote on the dollar amounts.

New Business-

Year End Reporting- The year-end reports have been submitted.

Division of Duties- Karen Senger- Hwy 38 Leadership Board, NIJPB, Business One liaison, and Hall. Sandy Lytinen- Noxious Weed, Road & Bridge, and Fire. Diane Coppens – Chair, Cemetery, Community Garden, Itasca County Association of Townships, and Park.

Schedule of Town Board Meetings- The board will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Compensation for Town Officers and Employees- It was decided to keep the compensation as is.

Mileage Reimbursement- The mileage reimbursement for 2021 is \$.56 per mile.

Audit- Dennis will see who we can get to audit our financial records.

Committee Reports –

There were no committee reports.

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

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