

The June Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on July 8, 2020.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2020, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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- Tim Hagen, Clif Block, Ronette Shearen and David Shearen

May 13, 2020, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the May 13, 2020, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

June 1, 2020, Special Loan Minutes- Motion to accept the June 1, 2020, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -May 31, 2020, reconciled bank balance was \$666,158.95 with \$15.00 outstanding. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances. We should soon be receiving our 1st half of the property tax.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Acct check numbers – 8505 to 8522, plus Business 1 Acct- check numbers 1071 to 1081. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$2,776.77 and Claims- \$6,837.24.

Road Report- T & T had two rounds of regular grading. Because of the additional traffic, extra grading took place on Becker Road. This will probably continue through August. Sandy discussed the tree removal on Little Ranier Road. In June, the two spurs on Jack the Horse Road and the Eagle Point Spur Road will have additional maintenance. Tim will investigate purchasing a break away pole for the Jack the Horse sign.

Park Report- Domanick will take care of a couple of places where the grass appears to be burned. The ice rink was discussed. Domanick, Dennis and Sandy will look at the rink and see what can be done. Diane will reach out to Thistledeew to see if they can help this summer. Karen will reach out to Green Again to see about the trees by the tennis courts. Karen typed up the Park Review list.

Hall Report- Karen is working on measuring and ordering the blinds for the office windows.

Cemetery Report- Ronette and David Shearen were present to discuss the cemetery. Because Shearen’s are mowing and maintaining the whole cemetery, a Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to pay \$300.00 per time for mowing. MCU- 3-0. This will begin with the June 1st mowing. Tree removal will be necessary to open plot spaces. The supervisors will check on this. Because of the sale of a piece of property, additional monies are available in the cemetery fund. Discussion took place as to what the cemetery needs- benches, lighting, fixing/new fencing, painting/replacing the sign, etc. Dennis will talk with Bruce Ramstad to see what it would take to mark the corners of the blocks. This would help with locating plots. Also, Shearen’s, if there is an expansion need, would be willing to donate some property to the Township.

Old Business –

Business Loan Committee Questions- Paper and electronic means are available to loan applicants. If the loan is submitted in electronic form, Tracy will forward the documents to the Business Loan Committee (BLC) members using a secure system. If the loan is submitted in paper form, Tracy will make copies and give to the BLC Chair to disseminate. The application was updated with modifications to the Application D portion. Loans that are 90 days past due shall be subject to a review by the BLC. The BLC Chair will then reach out to the Township Board to discuss the issue and the Township Board will address the issue with the borrower.

Little Turtle Lake Access - Diane reached out to Peggy Clayton, Harris Township, to discuss what insurance coverage they have for their township access. Harris Township has four different types of accesses. Diane also contacted MATIT regarding the cost and type of insurance needed. Currently, the Township has the appropriate coverage- 1.5 million dollars. The State law states that no one can sue a township for more than 1.5 million. If the State law changes, MATIT will let us know. Domanick will go a couple of times to the access to weed eat. The Township Board made the decision to not sell the property at this time.

New Business-

Quist Variance- Diane and Sandy reviewed the variance request and are agreeable to it.

Outside Faucet- The Town Hall has an outdoor faucet, but the water is turned off to it. Diane will contact Cozy Air to see how to get the faucet turned on.

Ballot Statement- A statement is needed on the November ballot requesting approval for the Option B appointment. This is necessary in case nobody from the township runs for the offices. Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Diane Coppens to accept the adoption of Option B- Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer, with additions stating that if nobody from the township runs for the office, the township can consider non-township residents. MCU- 3-0.

Speed Test- Koochiching and Itasca Counties, in partnership with the Range Association of Municipalities & Schools, is seeking information about broadband speed.

Committee Reports –

No Committee Reports.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date