

The March Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on April 14, 2021.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- ZOOM
MARCH 10, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order/ Roll Call 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- Domanick David, Clif Block, Nathan Erickson, Austin Miller, and Robert Ross

Robert “Bob” Ross spoke on behalf of a foundation that he and Jennifer Russell have started. The Foundation is called, “R & R Up North”. The mission is to build a recreation area for Veterans and Public Servants- EMT, EMS, Police, etc. Discussion took place regarding the recreation area. Bob also discussed the tennis courts. Jennifer Russell would like to use a mechanical ball thrower. Because there is not electricity to the tennis courts, Diane discussed that there are battery operated ball launchers. Diane is the “go to” person for questions.

February 10, 2021, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the February 10, 2021, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -February 28, 2021, reconciled bank balance was \$694,092.99. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Karen Senger to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 8910 to 8925 and Business 1 check numbers 1088-1095. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$2,140.00 and Claims- \$125,146.62.

Road Report- T & T will work on the cemetery trees next week if the weather holds. They will bill the township next month for some plowing they did for drifting snow.

Park Report- The ice rink was closed as of March 1st. Domanick will put up the tennis court nets. The flag was changed in the Hall; however, the pole is in poor repair and Tracy will order a new one.

Hall Report- Continued rental for 6 months to AEOA’s Adult Ed program.

Cemetery Report- Sandy had several pictures of potential cemetery signs. The board decided they liked the one with green trees and cedar poles. Sandy will contact Creekbank to let them know. Domanick will reach out to Ronette regarding the flagpole at the cemetery. It is leaning and needs to be fixed.

Old Business –

Discussion on attorney use for Business Loans/Business Loan Costs- After much discussion, it was decided when Tim Meininger was back in the area, he, Clif Block, and Diane Coppens will sit down and review the rules and regulations for the Business Loan.

Annual Meeting Update- The residents agreed to all the Levy amounts suggested by the board, except the residents felt the Park levy should be increased to \$12,000 instead of \$10,000. This would keep the levy amount at

\$194,000. For the people attending the meeting via Zoom, it was difficult for them to hear the discussion taking place in person. Tim Johnson had suggestions for improving the sound.

New Business-

Frost Boil on Becker Road- There is a frost boil by Jack Hillstrom's place. This will be reviewed during the Road and Bridge Review.

Johnson Variance- The board rejected the variance on a township level.

R & B Contracts- Leave verbiage as is.

Mowing Contracts- After much discussion, it was decided to continue to use the services of Domanick David. He will not increase his prices for the 2021 mowing season.

Board of Appeal and Equalization- The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Marcell Township is on Thursday, April 22nd, at 9:00 AM.

Tennis Courts- An apology was given to the township for not seeking permission to snow blow the tennis courts.

Men's Bathroom- Domanick will repair the door stopper on the men's bathroom. He will change out the stopper on the women's bathroom, too.

MAT Short Course- The MAT Short Course will be held virtually. There is no charge for the training.

Business One- Tracy will look at ordering printable Business One checks for the CTAS program.

IEDC- Austin Miller mentioned IEDC is hiring an intern. He would like for the township to spread the word.

Committee Reports –

Sandy attended the Fire meeting held on February 18th. There were 43 calls in 2020. The fire department has applied for a FEMA grant to purchase an air compressor and cascade. A new pressure washer was purchased with CARES funding. This purchase has saved money and time.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date