

November 8, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on December 13, 2023.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON
NOVEMBER 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM

The 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, Domanick David, Rudy Rautio

October 11, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the October 11, 2023, minutes was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- October 31, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$442,048.43 with no outstanding checks. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts and discussed Business One restricted and unrestricted funds. All loans are up to date.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9467-9480 and voided check #'s 9481-9482. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,889.46 and Claims- \$5,608.54.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract grading. If things stay dry, there may be another round of grading before winter sets in.

Park Report- The light pole has temporarily been fixed.

Hall Report- Light covers need to be replaced on two lights.

Cemetery Report- Due to less sunlight, the flag will be taken down.

Old Business –

Park Cameras- Arvig sent an estimate as to the expense of a camera system. After discussion, it was decided to continue to investigate options.

Ice Rink- Diane, Dennis, and Domanick met regarding the skating rink. Once ice is on the rink, a notebook will be placed in the warming house for users to weigh in on how they use the rink- ice skating, hockey, etc. This will help with the decision of how to proceed next spring with repairs/maintenance. Domanick will talk with Melissa to see who built the hockey rink in Bigfork. He will also inquire about the cost.

Beaver Issue- Discussion took place regarding the work that was done. Up to \$1,000 is available for trapping. Due to it being winter now, a trapper will be hired in the spring. Clif Block will pay the trapper outright and will seek reimbursement. Because of the work several individuals did with removing the dams, Clif Block asked if there could be some type of monetary appreciation for these individuals. Motion by Karen Senger to purchase \$50 gift certificates to a local eating establishment in appreciation for the work that has been done for the removal of the beaver dams. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Karen will send a thank you note, along with the certificate, to the individuals.

New Business-

Bank CD's- After discussion of various interest rates and value for the money- CD's and T-Bills, it was decided that Clif Block will attend December's meeting to give more insight into the best value.

Community Garden- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to give \$1,000 to the Community Garden from the General Fund. MCU-3-0. Tom Brula will build four more raised beds for the garden. Diane will reach out to him to let him know it is a go.

Business One- There has been an inquiry for a business loan.

State Disaster Relief- We have received the State Disaster Relief. Information will need to be gathered for reimbursement.

Give to the Max Day- Mail was received for Give to the Max Day. The township is not interested in participating.

Committee Reports – Diane attended the NIJPB meeting. Highlights included replacement of a supervisor on the Stokes Board, headway has been made on the Effie sewage treatment plant, and the Berquist plant has been sold.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____