

The September Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on October 14, 2020

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2020, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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, Ronette Shearen and Domanick David

August 12, 2020, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the August 12, 2020, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -August 31, 2020, reconciled bank balance was \$713,781.93. There were no outstanding checks. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances. There was also a review of the CD’s. Tracy will send Dennis the fund number for the CARES dollars.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Acct check numbers 8557 to 8564. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$2,442.15 and Claims- \$22,316.16.

Road Report- T & T had two rounds of regular grading. There were washouts on Big Island Lake and Jack the Horse Roads. The signs for Bay Shore Drive and Jack the Horse Roads will be taken care of this fall. Birch Drive needs a new culvert. Eagle Point and Eagle Point Spur also need some work done. In November/December, brushing will occur on Becker, Jack the Horse, and a couple of other roads. There may be an extra grade at the end of October so the roads will be in good shape for winter.

Park Report- Craig, from Evergreen, came out to assess the situation with the large trees by the tennis courts. Craig is not charging for his service. The large trees need to come down and the roots need to be treated with Round-Up. The trees will be removed this winter, roots will be treated next spring, and the stump grinding will take place in the fall. Domanick took care of another hornet’s nest, picked up the Community Garden poles in Tenstrike and the fencing in Blackduck. He and Diane marked the Community Garden site. Mowing is winding down and may only need a couple more times this season. Domanick tilled the playground area and Thistledeew picked weeds, raked, and picked up sticks, etc. Thistledeew also straightened the ice rink. They did a great job.

Hall Report- Karen will get a window treatment for the middle room. The blind is in in the clerk’s office.

Cemetery Report- Because of the excess rain, several headstones will need to be reset. Jerry Pula will move the headstones and T & T will fill in with dirt where the ground is eroding away. Once the dirt is in place, Jerry Pula will come back and reset the headstones. During spring break-up, nine trees will be cut and the stumps ground. Sandy had contacted several people regarding removing the trees, but only one tree had any value regarding lumber. The new fence will be put up within a couple of weeks. Domanick will rent the auger from Lakeside Lumber to help dig the holes. Ronette will contact Tim regarding crushed rock.

Old Business –

Community Garden- Tim Hagen will till the garden. If he is not able to, Domanick will do so. Next month, Tom Brula will be bringing the eight raised bed boxes. If Thistledew is still in operation, Diane will see if they can help put the fence up.

CARES Funding- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to approve the \$8,943.00 CARES Funding budget created and for the additional funds to be used in the following order- treasurer’s laptop and accounting program, Community Garden, shields and supplies for the election, dividers/election booths, and chairs. MCU-3-0.

New Business-

Certified Tax Levy- Tracy sent the 2021 Certified Tax Levy to the county. This levy was voted on by the Marcell Township residents at the Annual Meeting.

Funding Opportunities- Terry Snyder mentioned that the County receives money via the Timber Producers. Marcell Township can possibly receive a grant to help pay for the ice rink or playground upgrades. A proposal needs to be submitted.

Memorial- A memorial for the Evergreen Knoll Cemetery was given in David Shearen’s name by Dr. Gary Glomstad. Dr. Glomstad plans to continue this memorial yearly.

Flags- Tracy will order a US and Minnesota flag for outside and a US flag for inside.

Committee Reports –

Karen attended the Highway 38 Leadership Board and the NIJPB meetings. A few items that were discussed included the Highway 38 Bargains are Great sale will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; there has been one case of COVID at the Villa in Bigfork; Commissioners’ Snyder and DeNucci with others are trying to keep DOC’s Togo site open; and the Edge of the Wilderness Lodging received \$50,000 from CARES funding for direct destination marketing.

Motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_