

The April 13, 2022, Regular Board Minutes were approved on May 11, 2022.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN-PERSON  
APRIL 13, 2022, 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- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Clif Block, Rodney Ernhart, Mike Korte- Entrepreneur Fund, Dave Swanson, Jeff Kilian

Mike Korte- Mike Korte, Director of Business Development with the Entrepreneur Fund, presented information on the Fund. The mission of this non-profit is to, “actively partner with entrepreneurs to create growing businesses, thriving communities, and a diverse regional economy.” They have been in business for more than thirty years. The average loan size is under \$40,000. Mike discussed ways that Marcell’s Business Loan Fund could collaborate with the Entrepreneur Fund. More discussion will need to take place regarding this collaboration.

Road and Bridge Contracts - Review and Decision for 2022/2023- The township only received one quote. Because the township did their due diligence and posted and published the request, the township moved forward with the contracts. After review and discussion by the board, it was decided to offer the summer contract and the winter contract to T & T Excavating. Resolution Number 4/13/2022-1- Summer Contract- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to accept Resolution Number 4/13/2022-1-Summer Contract. MCU-3-0. Resolution Number 4/13/2022-2- Winter Contract- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to approve Resolution Number 4/13/2022-2 Winter Contract. MCU-3-0.

Mowing Contract- Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to accept Domanick David’s proposal for the 2022 mowing season with no increase to the basic cost; however, a \$25.00 flat fuel fee will be charged per mowing session if premium gas continues to be greater than \$4.00 per gallon. If premium gas is below \$4.00 per gallon, there will not be a fuel fee charged. The fuel fee will be billed separately. MCU-3-0.

March 9, 2022, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the March 9, 2022, minutes was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- March 31, 2022, reconciled bank balance was \$692,140.51. There were two outstanding checks. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. Tracy will begin the Business Loan paperwork for the State and have ready at the May meeting.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 9116- 9138. Check numbers 9123-9124 were voided. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,709.26 and Claims- \$9,327.78.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract snowplowing and five rounds of drift clean-up. The cemetery trees have been cut and the tops burned. Sandy has reached out to a couple of individuals with road/property questions.

Park Report- On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the ice rink closed for the season.

Hall Report- Karen priced out dishwashers at Home Depot. After discussion, Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to purchase a dishwasher. MCU- 3-0. Karen will get Tracy the information. Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to purchase 80 Hercules Series Trapezoidal Back Stacking Banquet Chairs in brown vinyl from BizChair. MCU- 3-0.

Cemetery Report- See R & B report.

Old Business –

Community Garden- Diane will be having a Community Garden meeting at 1:00 pm on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. This is a kick-off for the new planting season. \$2700.00 from ARPA will help offset garden purchases.

NorthStar Resort- Rodney Ernhart would like something in writing regarding the right-of-way on the NorthStar Road. The road will be looked at during the Road Review on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

New Business-

Tax and Equalization Meeting- Because of the dramatic increase in valuation of properties, Diane will call Commissioner Terry Snyder to see if he can attend the Tax and Equalization Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Road and Park Review- The Road and Bridge/Park review will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:00 AM.

DNR Grants- Sandy had information regarding DNR grants for Parks and Trails. We will keep these grants in mind when working on the Strategic Plan for the Hall/Park.

Hall/Park Strategic Planning Public Meeting- The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, at the Town Hall. The information will be posted and published.

Committee Reports – Diane, Sandy, and Karen attended the Itasca County Township Association’s Annual Meeting. The main focus was the increased value of properties. Diane attended an earlier ICTA meeting, and the Canisteo Pit was the major topic. To alleviate possible flooding of the Bovey community, something needs to be done.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

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

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