

The December 8, 2021, Regular Board Minutes were approved on January 12, 2022.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN-PERSON
DECEMBER 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order 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, Tim Hagen, Bill Trebs

Bill Trebs was in attendance and the Eagle Point Road was discussed. At this time, trees will not be removed until they fall. T & T will be notified when this happens. Bill gave the township information on several roads that the township maintains. The information includes final orders by the board.

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

December 3, 2021, Special Board Minutes – Motion to accept the December 3, 2021, minutes was made by Diane Coppens and Karen Senger seconded the motion. Because Sandy Lyytinen was not present at the special board meeting, she abstained from voting. MCU- 2-0.

Treasurer’s Report -November 30, 2021, reconciled bank balance was \$641,842.91. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. There are three outstanding checks. Tracy will check in SAFES regarding monies from the State.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 9049- 9063. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$1,857.02 and Claims- \$16,726.01.

Road Report- There was one round of contract snowplowing. Little Smith Road received extensive ditching work along with tree removal on West Johnson Lake Road.

Park Report- Domanick removed the ice dams off the town hall building. He put a piece of siding back on the building that had been blown off due to high winds. The downed Park trees were taken care of. Domanick is starting to make ice. A path will be made from the skating rink to the portable bathroom.

Hall Report- Diane received the quote from Cozy Air for the dishwasher. She will reach out to Goggleye Electric for their quote.

Cemetery Report- NA

Old Business –

ARPA Funds- Continued discussion on potential needs for the township. Cozy Air submitted their quote for the Community Garden work.

Business Loan- Dennis will reach out to Mike Korte, from the Entrepreneur Fund, to see if he could come to the February meeting to discuss how the Entrepreneur Fund manages business loans.

New Business-

Designation of Polling Place- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Karen Senger to make the Marcell Town Hall the designated polling place for 2022.

Blandin Foundation- The Marcell Township will be receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation. The grant is a one-time flexible grant opportunity to further community development efforts across towns and townships in Itasca County, especially those who have benefitted from ongoing engagement with Community and Economic Development Associates and the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board. The funds can be used for community centers, Marcell Township Parks and Trails, benches, lights & flags, community garden, other community beautification/improvement projects, community engagement activities, and professional services such as grant writing, feasibility studies, or planning activities.

Variance/CUP- Guidance from Minnesota Association of Townships' attorney, Steve Fenske- Because the Township does not have their own ordinances and all ordinances are from the County, the Township should not involve themselves due to potential litigation.

Bigfork Valley Hospital Tax Levy- Discussion took place to have Teresa Kittridge, Marcell Township Representative, attend periodic township board meetings to update the board on what is happening with the Bigfork Valley Hospital District.

January 2022 Meeting- The January 2022 board meeting will include first of year business.

Committee Reports – Karen attended the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board meeting. Terry Snyder let the members know that Itasca County approved a 0% increase for the budget. The Bigfork Schools received \$250,000 to make bathroom and fitness center improvements.

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date