

February 11, 2026, Regular Board Minutes were approved on March 11, 2026.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present– Supervisor- Chair-Diane Coppens, Supervisor- Milo Rahier, Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase

Others in Attendance- Jake Olson, Domanick David, Clif Block, Jorgan Harshbarger, Joe Dasovich, Ken Decoster, Terry Snyder, Rudy Rautio, Denise Smallen, Peter Smallen, Ron Eckert, John McCallum, Joan McCallum, Joan Boege

County Commissioner Terry Snyder- Commissioner Snyder gave an update regarding Itasca County affairs. Several subjects were discussed. Mesabi Metallics' permitting process is almost complete and expected production should start by July. Once at full production (450 plant workers and 75 management position) over 11 ½ million dollars from taxes should be received and split among the State of MN, Itasca County, and townships and school districts in that area. Itasca County is purchasing property from Rajala Timber. Because the County has a no-net gain of property, they will look at selling approximately 3000 acres in the next 3 years. The County is starting talks about selling the County owned Grand Village Nursing Home. The final budget for the County is 5.1%. This is up by 1.9 % from last year. Part of increase is the services the County must pay for that previously were paid by the State of Minnesota. The jail is on track to be paid off sooner than the estimated 30 years. As soon as the jail is paid off, the 1 % sales tax will be eliminated.

Sheriff's Department- The Sheriff's Department was in attendance to give an overview of the designated sheriff's position and to answer questions that residents had. The position is a 42-hour per week position and the Sheriff's Office will be providing supervision. The cost, in the first year, would be \$125,000 for the area communities. The County would look at picking up the additional costs. Marcell Township residents will have an opportunity to vote on this during the March Annual Meeting.

January 14, 2026, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept January 14, 2026, minutes was made by Milo Rahier and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

Treasurer's Report- January 31, 2026, reconciled bank balance was \$290,210.00 with two outstanding checks for \$2,113.94. Dennis gave a breakdown of all accounts, including loans, interest rates, and amount of interest earned in 2025.

Approve & Pay Bills –Motion by Milo Rahier to approve and pay bills with General Checking #'s 9956-9973. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0. Payroll- \$1,556.12 and Claims- \$51,699.66.

Road Report- From mid-January to the beginning of February, three rounds of snowplowing took place. Due to slippery conditions, sanding occurred at a few intersections, as well as drift clean up. Cedar Point, Northwood, Northwind, and Birch Roads received roadside brushing. Unless there is some type of road emergency, only snowplowing will happen until the road grading season begins.

Park Report- Domanick continues to maintain the ice rink. However, due to the warm weather we have been having, he removed the goals. Unless something changes, the rink will close March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hall Report- None

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business

Fire Department Meeting- The fire department meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

East Bay Road- The scanned item sent to Todd Armbruster, Federal Forest Service, needs to be sent again.

FEMA- The Jack the Horse Road mitigation project is complete and closed.

New Business

Annual Meeting- The Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Posting and publishing will take place as prescribed by law.

Tax & Equalization Meeting- The Tax & Equalization meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 am, at the Marcell Town Hall.

Itasca County 5-Year Plan- Public comments can be made on the Itasca County website regarding the 5-year plan.

2026 Boundary & Annexation Survey- Itasca County manages this survey for the township.

Financials/Board of Audit/Budget (Levy) worksheet- The supervisors reviewed the audit information provided by the treasurer and clerk. The supervisors agreed on a recommended amount for the levy that will be brought forth to the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports – Committee Reports will occur next month.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm by Diane Coppens and Milo Rahier seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

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

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