

February 14, 2024, Regular Board Minutes were approved on March 13, 2024.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON

FEBRUARY 14, 2024, 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- Karen Senger, and Clerk-Tracy Chase  
Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Clif Block, Bill Trebs, Rachael Felske, Mike Felske

North Star Lake Resort- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to accept Resolution #2/14/2024 Resolution Consenting to a Liquor License Issued by Itasca County. This resolution allows North Star Lake Resort to move forward with the licensing process.

William “Bill” Trebs discussed Eagle Point Road. There is a tree that is becoming more dead and will eventually need to be removed. Bill would like to see dollars put into the budget, if possible, to remove this tree before it falls. Also, Bill is interested in having a turnaround at the end of the road. Traffic is becoming greater, and people are using private driveways to turn around. Bill believes the turnaround can be constructed in the one-hundred-foot right-of-way. Karen and Diane will discuss the situation with T & T.

January 10, 2024, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the January 10, 2024, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

Treasurer’s Report- January 31, 2024, reconciled bank balance was \$353,209.03 with two outstanding checks for \$2,229.37 from General Checking. Tracy gave a breakdown of all accounts and loans. Tracy will continue to look for someone to audit the township records.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking-#’s 9521-9536 with voided check number 9525 and Unrestricted Bus Loan Check # 1002; Approval of January transfers to Unrestricted Business Loan Fund 304 from Restricted Business Loan Fund 303 plus interest; and penalty for early withdrawal of CD’s 10232 and 10326. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-2-0. Payroll- \$1,515.32 and Claims- \$12,237.12.

Road Report- There were two rounds of snowplowing for the month as well as extra work on Matt Zimmer Road. Little Smith Road has seen some logging truck traffic that is tearing up the road. This will continue to be looked at. A discussion took place on how often roads need to be graded. This too will continue to be discussed.

Park Report- Currently, there is not a report due to not flooding the rink.

Hall Report- Karen could not get ahold of anyone regarding the blinds. She will continue to reach out. Also, the part for the furnace has been ordered.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Budget Worksheet- A decision to bring forward to the Annual Meeting an increase in the levy was decided upon. For the past several years, the levy has remained at \$194,000. It was decided, with public input, to increase

the levy amount to \$212,000 due to the rising costs. Also, Clif Block will reach out to the Bigfork Fire Department regarding the rising fire protection costs.

Accessible Whirl- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to submit the playground grant request to Itasca County for \$17,865.28 with the township willing to put in \$3,000 if the county does not approve the full request.

New Business-

Business Loans- Tax Information- Tracy will reach out to MAT to see if the township needs to provide a 1098 tax form to the businesses.

Weed Inspector Report- The weed inspector report is due. Tracy will send the information to Sandy to complete.

PERA- Tracy discussed some changes to PERA. She will continue to look to see how this will affect the township. She will also reach out to MAT regarding what constitutes an employee and what constitutes a contracted worker.

Contributions- Tracy read the requests for contributions. Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to bring forward to the Annual Meeting the following two entities- Marcell Family Center- \$1000.00 and Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center- \$750.

MAT Short Course- Discussion regarding the Short Course Training. Reimbursement will be made to those who attend.

DOT- Marcell Township Roads- Tracy will reply to DOT that there have not been road changes.

Bigfork Valley Hospital- Three is a new CEO at the hospital.

Committee Reports-

Diane attended the ICTA meeting. Highlights include the Itasca County Jail should be completed by the end of March, Wabana Township Supervisor Gary Oja passed away, and Sugar Lake Lodge will be the Short Course location for the Grand Rapids area.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

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Chairperson

Date

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Clerk

Date