

The February 8, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on March 8, 2023.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON

FEBRUARY 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 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

January 11, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the January 11, 2023, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Business One Loan- Clif Block, Business One Committee Chair, discussed the committee’s recommendation to raise the interest rate to 4% from the COVID rate of 2.25%. Motion by Karen Senger to increase the Business One interest rate to 4% on new loans and keep the present rate of 2.25% on existing loans. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Discussion took place regarding the paperwork that is required to seek a loan. Clif will reach out to the committee members to see if there can be a streamlined process.

Treasurer’s Report- January 31, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$656,878.49. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. There was one outstanding check. Dennis also updated the board on CD information.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9306- 9326 and to approve the adjusted January claims to include the CD early withdrawal penalty for CD’s 10128 and 10131. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$1,624.12 and Claims- \$40,082.67. January claims- \$12,134.73.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract snowplowing. Additional work took place on Jack the Horse Road due to tree issues.

Park Report- After discussion, and being so close to closing the rink for the season, it was decided that signage was not necessary. The pump shorted out and Goggleye Electric came and made a semi-permanent fix. They will return in the summer to make a permanent fix.

Hall Report- Clean up day will be February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

Cemetery Report- The veteran’s memorial was discussed. Motion by Sandy Lyytinen and seconded by Diane Coppens to go with Eck Design and design A. MCU-3-0. Dennis will reach out to Eck Design with this information. Tracy will reach out to Ronette for the names of veterans.

Old Business –

Playground Equipment- The playground equipment will be delivered on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. T & T cleared a spot for the equipment. Dennis will be available to help with the delivery.

Salary- Motion by Sandy Lyytinen to revert to the \$20.00 per hour hourly rate for the supervisors; the increased \$30.00 rate per hour will remain in effect for the rest of the staff and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Lodging Tax- Tracy updated the board on Steve Fenske's information.

New Business-

Itasca County Annual Township & City Weed Report- Sandy will complete the report and get it sent in by the March 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Fire Department Meeting- The Fire Department meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 PM, at the Bigfork Fire Hall. Sandy will plan to attend.

Owen's Place- Tim Hagen reached out to Rick Schultz regarding an approach into Owen's Place from Hawkeye Haven Road. This will be reviewed during the Road Review in May.

Rental- Service Groups- If a service group is interested in renting the hall on a regular basis, there will not be a cost, unless cleanup is necessary from the rental and/or if the group is looking at a weekend event.

Hwy 38 Signage- Due to some confusion, Tracy reiterated for the board and community that businesses along the Highway 38 corridor should be dealing with MnDOT or Itasca County for potential sign application or placement of signs along the corridor. MnDOT and/or the County has jurisdiction over signs along the Byway corridor.

Committee Reports – None.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

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

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