

The January 12, 2022, Regular Board Minutes were approved on February 9, 2022.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN-PERSON & ZOOM  
JANUARY 12, 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- Karen Senger Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase  
Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Ronette Shearen, County Commissioner Terry Snyder (Zoom)

County Commissioner Terry Snyder updated the board regarding the County. For the third year in a row, the County has kept the levy at a zero percent increase. The County saw an increase in the tax base due to how the State values property as a “total.” There should be a decrease in what the County has levied on the average \$100,000 property. This decrease should be approximately \$20 per \$100,000. The County used ARPA funds to help local fire departments, ambulance services, etc. The Bigfork Fire Department will receive \$900,000 and the Bigfork Ambulance will receive \$50,000. Also, the Bigfork Community Project will receive \$250,000 to be put towards the community pieces- i.e., public restrooms, community wellness center, and Edge Center. The jail has seen an increase in price. The Commissioners plan to hold twenty to twenty-five public meetings to discuss options to pay for the jail. The plan is for the Commissioners to come out to the various townships.

December 8, 2021, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the December 8, 2021, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU- 2-0.

Treasurer’s Report -December 31, 2021, reconciled bank balance was \$712,640.19. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. There are four outstanding checks. Dennis and Tracy will meet to review year-end reports.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 9064- 9076. Checks numbers 9068, 9077, and 9078 were voided. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-2-0. Payroll- \$1,662.04 and Claims- \$14,748.46.

Road Report- Because of the amount of snow we received, there were five rounds of contract snowplowing.

Park Report- Domanick has been spending his time clearing the sidewalks and maintaining the ice rink. There was an issue with the snowblower, but Domanick fixed it. For next year, signage will need to be put up to make sure those using the ice rink remember to turn off lights and wait to skate on the ice for several hours after Domanick has flooded the rink.

Hall Report- Diane is waiting on a quote from Goggleye Electric. Tracy will purchase another floor mat.

Cemetery Report- Discussion took place regarding burials after December 1<sup>st</sup> due to the frozen ground and snow accumulation. However, it was decided to keep things as they are for the time being. T & T will remove trees in the cemetery except for the two trees in the center.

Old Business –

ARPA Funds- Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to approve Resolution to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement. MCU- 2-0.

Satellite Toilets- Usage will be looked at to see if the township should keep the satellite toilets or have them removed until next spring.

Budget Worksheet- After review and discussion, it was decided to not increase the levy for 2023. At the Annual Meeting, the suggested levy amounts will be discussed and voted on.

New Business-

Division of Duties- Because Sandy was not able to be in attendance, it was decided to wait on appointments for the division of duties.

Schedule of Town Board Meetings- The board has set the regular board meeting dates. The board will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:00 PM.

Official Newspaper- The board recommended to keep the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the official newspaper. This recommendation will be brought before the Annual Meeting.

Compensation for Town Officers & Employees- It was decided to keep the compensation as is and not make any increases.

Designation of Posting Places- The board recommended to keep the usual posting places and this recommendation will be brought before the Annual Meeting.

Financial Reports- The year-end financial filings have been made.

Mileage Reimbursement- 2022's mileage reimbursement is set at 58.5 cents per mile.

Committee Reports – Diane Coppens attended the Itasca County Township Associations meeting. Highlights included a presentation by Elder Circle. Elder Circle has seen a fifty percent increase in use. Transportation and the Grocery Shopping/Delivery Service have received the biggest increase.

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM by Diane Coppens and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 2-0.

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

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