

The July 12, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on August 9, 2023.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON
JULY 12, 2023, 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- Sandy Lyytinen, Supervisor- Karen Senger, Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase

Others in Attendance-Clif Block, Tim Hagen, Domanick David, Rudy Rautio, John Smaby

Beaver Dam- Continued discussion took place regarding the beaver dam. Several property owners have hired people to trap the beaver. However, this will need to happen on a larger scale. On July 13th, a 2:00 PM meeting with DNR Hydrologist Rian Reed, the Marcell Township, and the property owners will take place at the Marcell Town Hall. The meeting will be open for public dialogue at 3:00 PM.

June 14, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the June 14, 2023, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- June 30, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$402,580.29 with one outstanding check for \$5.96. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts, as well as a breakdown of the Business One loans. We have received the first half of the taxes. Dennis and Tracy will start the process of finding an outside auditor.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9397-9418 and Business One Checking Account Check #'s- 1184-1187. Adjusted June claims to include the payment (auto deduction) of \$8.00 to 1st State Bank of Bigfork for Business One overdraft fee and Business One check # 1183 for T & T Dog Lodge, LLC & Tara Jean Johnson. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$2,221.55 and Claims- \$55,543.45

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract grading. Little Ranier had a couple of areas that needed attention. Due to the high-water levels, major work took place on Northwood Road. Because the major work is completed on the Northwood and Northwind Roads- approximately \$45,000, Tim will review the other roads with his grader operator and reach out to Sandy to discuss next steps regarding maintenance of the roads. Mowing of the roads will begin this month.

Park Report- The playground is in and is being used! Domanick reached out to Scott Winter to see how to loosen the playground diggers as the diggers are quite stiff. Karen will pick up the two park benches for the playground area. Diane has the benches on hold at Cole Hardware. The older pieces of playground equipment are not cemented in, and it appears it is not possible to do so.

Hall Report- Dennis met with a consultant with Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance Trust (MATIT). The insurance representative needed to do an inspection of the building. It went well.

Cemetery Report- None

Old Business –

Pickleball Net- The township reimbursed \$215.21 for half of the cost of the pickleball net.

Keller Fence- The fence is fixed.

New Business-

Security Lights and Installation- Due to some issues, cameras were discussed. This will be investigated and discussed at the August meeting. Clarity, Wi-Fi, etc. will be looked at.

Committee Reports – Diane attended the Itasca County Association of Townships meeting. Pat Medure was in attendance and discussed the Range Association of Municipality and Schools. Marcell Township is not part of this. The Grand Village is still looking for a buyer. Benjamin Benoit is the new District Ranger with the USFS located in Deer River.

Motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM by Sandy Lytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date