

The May 10, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on June 14, 2023.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON
MAY 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM

The 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-Clif Block, Tim Hagen, Domanick David, Jean Ramstad, Bruce Ramstad, Terry Price, Craig Knutson, Lisa Knutson, Sarah Carling-CEDA

Bruce & Jean Ramstad- Bruce and Jean Ramstad were in attendance to bring forth concern regarding another entity in Marcell Township that was interested in opening a liquor store. The township believes they are supposed to be involved with the decision making of the permit, and the County is looking into what aspects the township needs to be involved with. Terry Snyder, County Commissioner, will keep in contact with the township.

Business One Loan-Clif Block, Business Loan Committee Chair, made a recommendation to the board to approve a business loan to Ellis's, the new owners of the Timberwolf. Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Sandy Lyytinen to approve the Business Loan (BL) Committee's recommendation of a loan for \$90,000, at 4% interest, for 10 years, with the Dock Lake cabin as collateral. MCU-3-0. Karen will reach out to Ellis's to see if they were still interested in obtaining a loan from Marcell Township. If so, Tracy will contact the attorney's office to start the process. In addition to the State UCC, the township would also like this to take place in the County. In other BL news, if a business had previously received a loan from the township, the loan requirements would not be as stringent- a simplification of the loan application process would take place. The Business Loan Committee will review the process and come up with a modified version of these situations. Last, Clif Block also discussed another entity looking at applying for a Marcell Township loan. However, this entity was not located in the township but rather a neighboring township. The board agreed that the business loan could be used outside of the township.

Playground- Sarah Carling, CEDA, was in attendance to discuss the playground community build. We need to find ten to fifteen volunteers to always help. The timeframe is from early morning into late evening. Thistledeew can help, but their time is limited. The township will be responsible for noon and evening meals, snacks, and water. Also, the township is responsible for the cement, timbers, etc. The build is to take place on June 1st and June 2nd. All ages and abilities can help.

April 12, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the April 12, 2023, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer's Report- April 30, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$548,240.64. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. There were 5 outstanding checks totaling \$1,726.51.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9362- 9377 and Business One Checking Account Check #'s- 1169-1174. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$2,221.80 and Claims- \$11,848.30.

Road Report- Terry Price was in attendance to discuss Hawkeye Haven Road and Owen’s Place. Rick Schultz, Owen’s Place owner, is looking at putting in a driveway from his property onto Hawkeye Haven Road. During the upcoming Road Review, this issue will be reviewed. Also, roads have seen washed out culverts, etc. that have caused quite a few issues. This was in addition to the late snows in April plus the road grading.

Park Report- The tennis court nets are up. Pickleball net research will take place to see what type of net would be more substantial. Once the ground dries, Domanick will begin mowing, as well as tilling the community garden space.

Hall Report- Domanick washed the windows in the large meeting area. The window blinds are in poor condition and need to be replaced. Tracy will reach out to Karen to see if she is able to investigate the purchase of new blinds.

Dead Bolt- Until the dead bolt issue can be looked at, the dead bolt will not be used.

Weekly Rental- There is a weekly rental on Fridays.

Cemetery Report- Dennis met with Ed Eck regarding the placement of the Veteran’s Memorial Monument. The monument will be installed before Memorial Day. T & T have graded the back area of the cemetery. Next steps will be reviewed during the Road Review.

Old Business –

Road Review- Due to inclement weather, the Road Review was postponed until Tuesday, May 16th, at 9:00 AM. The Park Review will take place after it.

MATIT- Insurance- Tracy will reach out to MATIT and give them an update regarding insurance coverage.

New Business-

Rental- The board approved the potential use of the park for Yoga. There will be no charge. However, if the hall is needed due to inclement weather, the typical rental fee will be charged.

Committee Reports – Diane attended the Township Association Meeting. Claire Peterlin, from GoMARTI- a driverless vehicle- discussed the pilot program that has been ongoing in Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids was chosen due to its’ rural location and the winter weather challenges. A big part of the project is engaging the local community and gaining trust in technology. Also, PILT has been a topic of discussion with the county board and state. The county was seeking to receive \$3/acre from the state, with the final dollar amount ending at \$2.25/acre.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lytinen seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____