

The September 13, 2023, Regular Board Minutes were approved on October 11, 2023.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN-PERSON  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present– Chair-Diane Coppens, Supervisor- Sandy Lyytinen, Supervisor- Karen Senger, and Clerk-Tracy Chase  
Others in Attendance-Clif Block, Tim Hagen, Domanick David, Ronette Shearen

North Star Lake/ Beaver Dam Update- Karen, Clif, and Mike Boldt sent a letter to property owners on North Star Lake and Potato Creek. There is one individual who has shown interest in volunteering. Rian Reed, Hydrologist with Itasca County, will be doing an assessment of the lake levels, beaver issue, and the two roads that were affected by the high-water levels. It appears that the levelers will not be placed this year and will be returned if possible. Karen and Tracy met with Jerry Ophoven.

August 9, 2023, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the August 9, 2023, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

Treasurer’s Report- August 31, 2023, reconciled bank balance was \$461,012.95. Tracy gave a breakdown of all accounts. The CD that is due for renewal will be dealt with next week. Clif Block suggested the possibility of putting the dollars into a money market account.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9434-9453 and voided check numbers 9441 and 9442. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU-3-0. Payroll- \$2,774.96 and Claims- \$21,879.05.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract grading. The Matt Zimmer Road needs work, but this may need to wait until next spring.

Park Report- Domanick has completed most of the items on the maintenance list including tree removal, bathroom renovation, staining, etc. A potential fix was discussed regarding where the portable restroom sits right now and where it would be better situated.

Hall Report- The blinds have not been ordered.

Cemetery Report- Gary Glomstad gave a memorial in Dave Shearen’s name. To maintain the look of the cemetery, the back section will be mowed. Topsoil may be needed on the back section of the cemetery and next year, plots on the south side of the cemetery may need to be opened for purchase.

Old Business –

Park Cameras- Because research had not been completed on various park cameras, this agenda item was tabled until the October meeting. Areas of concern for camera placement were the playground, dumpster, and hall.

Ice Rink Lighting- At this time, the lighting will remain as is until next year. Diane will discuss the ice rink with Dennis.

Hospital Levy- The levy was reduced from 1.5 million to one million. The CEO and the Board Chair resigned.

Township Clean-Up- Tracy will reach out to Terry Snyder for a contact person.

Township Celebration- Sandy asked if the township wanted to have a celebration in 2025 commemorating the milestone. The last time the township had a celebration was in 1995.

New Business- None

Committee Reports – Diane and Karen attended several meetings. Included in the discussion were the following highlights: the Itasca County Jail will open in January 2024 and is \$80,000 under budget; rebate checks were sent out from the State, but the mailed checks were processed in Montana at the cost of 2.1 million dollars; the Bigfork School project is behind but moving along; the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center’s workshops were well attended.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU-3-0.

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

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