

March 2024

“Hall Street News”

Hi all, it's Friday March 1st and I'm a day late in getting this newsletter done. I've been laid-up for the last three days with a foot injury but made my way into the office today. Should be good as new by Monday.

Springtime is just around the corner and by the looks of this extremely mild winter we should roll into spring pretty fast. As of now I don't think we're gonna have any flooding concerns but things can always take a turn. March can have some pretty significant snowfall totals but normally if these storms don't occur by St. Patrick's Day we're pretty much good for the rest of the month. Haven't seen March “go out like a lion” for sometime, but one never knows.

What I do know is that unless we get some significant rain in April and May, with the lack of snow cover and subsequent run-off from melting, we're going to have decreased water levels in our lakes, rivers and streams and potential periods of drought and high fire danger. So if we don't get any significant snowfall in the next few weeks pray for rain.

I also know that our businesses are hurting and some are just holding on due to the lack of snow, snowmobilers, skiers, ice fisherman, other winter sports enthusiasts and tourists in general. As I said in last months newsletter, these are our neighbors and friends, they need our help so spend a buck or two that you normally wouldn't in an effort to help them through this tough time.

March is the last month of our fiscal year and is the month I get to tear out what little hair I have left as I navigate the budget process for the next fiscal year which begins April 1st. We've got some significant capital outlays scheduled for next fiscal year so I'm trying to work that all into a balanced budget using our taxpayer dollars in a responsible way. Our Regular March Township Board meeting has been moved to March 25th at 6:00 pm in order to have a proposed budget available for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. A public hearing on the “2024/2025 Budget” and “Truth-in-Taxation” will be the first agenda item at the Regular meeting. You are all invited to attend this meeting, as you are every township board meeting, to review the 2024/2025 Budget and give your input. A Special Township Board Meeting has also been scheduled for Friday March 29th at 6:00 pm to amend and close-out our fiscal year 2023/2024 Budget and to officially adopt our 2024/2025 Budget, you are all invited to attend this meeting as well.

Finally, this is Board of Review month. If anyone has questions on their tax assessments or other issues regarding your property taxes the Marenisco Township Board of Review (BOR) will meet, accept petitions and act on said petitions on March 11th from 3 pm – 9 pm and March 12th from 9 am – 3 p. in the township hall at 314 Hall Street.

Pray for moisture (snow/rain) and go help out your neighbors – our local business owners. I'll see you next month.

Bruce J. Mahler, Supervisor

Marenisco Township Board
Regular Meeting
January 29, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mahler on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm. in the Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Bruce Mahler, Supervisor; Donna Kenney, Clerk; Kathy Leonard, Treasurer; Kelly Dunbar, Trustee; Dave Hagen, Trustee

Absent: None

Visitors: Dean Hand, Al Fairfield, Brittany Memmel

Agenda: Motion by Donna Kenney supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Township Minutes –12/18/2023
2. Police Report
3. Fire Department Minutes
4. Financial Report

Motion by Kathy Leonard, supported by Dave Hagen to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Kathy Leonard to approve the following bills for payment. Check #'s 27155 - 27181 from the General Fund; #'s 1439 - 1444 from the Water Fund; #2303 - 2304 from the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Kathy Leonard-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Fairgrounds Proposal Follow Up: Informational.

New Business:

1. Part-time Secretary: Received a letter of resignation from Kathe Balcom. Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Donna Kenney to accept the resignation of part-time secretary Kathe Balcom. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Kathy Leonard to post for applications for a part-time secretary. Deadline for applications will be February 14, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Town Hall Sidewalk: Discussed repairing the sidewalks into the township hall. Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Dave Hagen to table this item until the April 2024 board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Museum Furnace: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Kathy Leonard to accept the proposal from Mukavitz Heating & Cooling to replace the furnace at the Museum for a cost of \$4360.00. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Kathy Leonard-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Police Department Patrol Vehicle: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to table this item until the February board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Board Member Comments:

Kathy Leonard – will be on vacation for 8 days beginning February 2.

Bruce Mahler – 2 new computers were purchased using the donation from the Friends of the Library. The property on Fair Ave has been sold to the Uckermans.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Donna Kenney supported by Dave Hagen to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MARCH 10TH



Senior Meals Menu for March

Menus are subject to change

Wednesday 6th

❖ Chicken-Potato-Vegetable-Dessert

Wednesday 13th

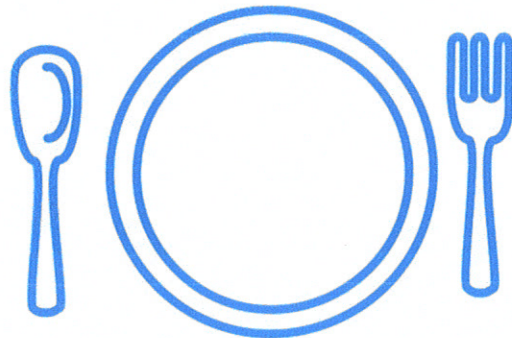
❖ BBQ-Beans-Salad-Dessert

Wednesday 20th

❖ Beef Stew-Salad-Dessert

Wednesday 27th

❖ Ham-Potato-Gravy-Vegetable-Salad-Dessert



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 5 | 6 Library Open 12:15-4:00 Senior Meals | 7 | 8 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 9 |
| 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins | 11 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 12 | 13 Library Open 12:15-4:00 Senior Meals | 14 | 15 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Friends of the Library 5:00 | 19 Library Board 3:00 | 20 Library Open 12:15-4:00 Senior Meals | 21 | 22 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Library Open 12:00-4:00 | 26 | 27 Library Open 12:15-4:00 Senior Meals | 28 | 29 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Good Friday | 30 |
| 31 Easter Sunday | | | | | | |

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