

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: John P. Curtin, Mayor See List
Patrick W. Cox, Trustee
Sally Tallman, Trustee
Jeff Brown, Attorney

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin opened the regular board meeting at 7:00p.m. Mayor Curtin informed the public that an informational meeting regarding the Sewer Reconstruction Project would take place immediately following the regular board meeting.

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the special meetings and regular board meeting for the month of August 2013. The bills on Abstract Sheets #004 for General Fund in the amount of \$51,123.98, Water Fund in the amount of \$1,884.16, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$ 5,763.06, Capital Funds in the amount of \$40,009.72 were audited. The bills totaled \$98,780.92. The Board received the Police Report for July and August 2013 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of August 2013 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for August 2013. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for August 2013 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BRUSH/LEAF

PICKUP: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the Fall brush and leaf pickup dates. He announced that brush pickup for 2013 would extend from Monday, September 30th to Monday, October 14th and leaf pickup will extend from Tuesday, October 15th to Monday, November 11th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the dates for leaf and brush pickup. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried. Trustee Cox also wanted to ensure that residents were aware of the Town Transfer Station Dates for Fall 2013. The dates are Fridays, September 27th and October 4th, from noon to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays, September 28th and October 5th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

REQUEST NO SEWER/

REFUSE CHGS: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a request by the property owner at 22 South Street to end the quarterly sewer charge for the vacant apartment upstairs at the site. The property owner indicated that there is no intention to rent out the apartment and would like to end the sewer utility charge. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on approving the request. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

METHODIST CHURCH –

OFF-SITE

SHELTER: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a request by the director of the Marcellus Methodist Church Nursery School to designate the Village Hall as its emergency off-site shelter, should the need arise. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on approving the request. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

RESIDENT REQUEST

FOR SIGN: Trustee Tallman made a motion to table a request for a “Children at Play” sign on Austindale Avenue until the highway chief has an opportunity to review the situation. Following his recommendation as to where a sign might or might not be placed, the Board authorizes the Mayor to approve or disapprove its placement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the request. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

POLICE

RESIGNATION: Trustee Cox made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Officer Christopher Rowe from the Marcellus Police Department, effective June 5, 2013. Officer Rowe provided no reason for his resignation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on resignation. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CLOSE FIRST ST. –

HALLOWEEN: Trustee Tallman made a motion again close First Street between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Halloween for trick-or treating, subject to conditions on October 31st, which is a Thursday. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on closing the street. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS:

Trustee Cox made a motion to approve budget modifications requested by the Village Treasurer transferring revenues and appropriations in the General and Sewer Funds for August 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the budget modifications. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCE

VILLAGE:

MEETINGS:

Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the benefit of residents. She also asked residents to please note that the Village Office will be closed for Columbus Day, October 14th, and that there will not be a delay in trash pickup that week.

Updates by the

Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. New Web Site Design – Bill Reagan has completed an update and new design for the Village web site (www.villageofmarcellus.com) and has done a superlative job. Mayor Curtin and the Board thanked Bill for his efforts, much of it well beyond what was expected. The Board urged residents to visit the site.
- b. Coon's Pond Outfall Pipe – it is hoped that a fall project for the highway department will be the installation of a new outfall pipe for the Coon's Pond Retention Basin. The clay pipe, which takes water from Coon's Pond to the drainage structure on South Street, was first installed a number of decades ago. It has deteriorated to the point where a replacement, using PVC pipe is necessary. The securing of necessary easements in order to do this is still being completed.
- c. Compost Project – continues to be very successful, as residents have visited the plant so much to pick up compost that the plant is running out of compost. Composting continues all year round even though the demand obviously lulls through the fall and winter. A consideration that may make spring plantings easier is to secure compost in the fall. Compost can be stored outside, without cover, through the fall and winter for its intended use in the spring. Also, residents might want to visit the facility on Facebook to get updates on compost availability. It can be found by searching for Village of Marcellus Compost Facility.
- d. Road Reconstruction – on Park Street, Chrisler Street and Kelly Avenue began with the milling of streets on August 23, 2013. Since then, the streets have been repaved with four inches of asphalt and Mayor Curtin was confident that the residents are very grateful to the highway department for all of their efforts in having the reconstruction completed.
- e. Old North Street – a meeting on August 21, 2013 at the State Office Building to plan for the abandonment, by the State, of Old North Street to the Village was held. In 1966, when North Street and Nine Mile Creek were re-routed by the State, the plan to turn over the street to the Village was planned but never completed. 47 years later, the plan will soon be complete.
- f. ZBA – a temporary variance issued by the ZBA at a recent meeting for a property at 28 North Street was deemed illegal by the Village Attorney. The ZBA will meet again to either grant a variance, which follows the land, or deny the variance, causing the accessory structure to be removed, or reduced in size to meet the legal limit.
- g. The Planning Board – recently met to discuss a subdivision of the property at the corner of Maple and Orange Streets – that of St. John's Episcopal Church and a discussion of Marcellus Commons Room #1, where a new business opened – Walnut Cottage Soap Company.
- h. School's Open – Mayor Curtin asked that residents please watch for school children walking and to remember the pedestrian crossings on Main Street, as well as 20 mph speed limits in school zones and a 25 mph speed limit on First Street. First Street is heavily traveled by schoolchildren. Please slow down. Tickets will be issued for speeders.
- i. SRO – the School Resource Officer Program and Agreement has been finalized by all parties and is in full effect, with three (3) Village officers as School Resource Officers in each of the school buildings.
- j. Notify the Police – Call 911 – Chief of Police Robert Wicks wanted to remind residents, especially at a time of year when mischief makers are more active, that it is essential that they report incidents of crime or vandalism in their neighborhoods by calling 911. Sometimes, residents are not making these calls because they feel that an issue might not warrant it. Some might be calling the Police Department and will often listen to an answering machine because the officer is out on patrol. Residents must call 911. If still not satisfied, please contact the Village Office during business hours, at 673-3112, and express your concern. The Chief also

encourages residents to call the Police Department if they have any concerns about contractors they may employ. The Police Department would be happy to do background checks so as to alleviate concerns. Residents should also be aware of the fact that First Street will be closed to traffic on Halloween, October 31st, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Board will remind residents about the street closure at the October meeting.

- k. Sidewalks – on Main Street and on South Street have been completed. Additional sidewalks on South Street are scheduled to occur in the next few weeks.
- l. Sump Pump Redirection Program – initiated last summer continues to have been very successful. Despite a very wet summer, including a rather heavy rain two weeks ago, some of which flooded a number of basements, flows at the treatment plant continue to be down significantly. In addition, recent projects in the last few years, to reline and repair sanitary sewer lines have been a significant factor in the flow reduction.
- m. Tree Removals and Plantings – several more trees need to be removed and several new trees will be replanted in the fall.
- n. Thanks to Village Employees - the Village would like to thank all who participated in the work they did on the flower boxes this year, particularly Village employee Kathy Welsh, and the highway crew, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. In addition, the Board called attention to the green space on the corner of Scotch Hill and North Street. Recently, the Village treatment plant employees expanded the landscaping there to address the deterioration of the plants due to the very hot summer weather. The space was reworked, with minimal cost, to provide the existing plants with adequate room for growth and provide another advertisement of the benefits that natural fertilizer can bring. Compost was mixed in with the plantings in the flowerbeds and broadcasted over the lawn area – proudly showcasing the use of compost to residents of Marcellus and its visitors. Mayor Curtin mentioned that the area looks great and thanked our hard-working employees for all of the efforts.
- o. Creek Walk Project – an agreement with NYSDOT to secure the rights-of-way needed for the southern portion of the trail has been signed. The State has begun to secure the easements.
- p. Overnight Parking – November 1st to April 1st – the public should be aware of the fact that as of November 1, 2013, there is no parking allowed on any street in the Village of Marcellus from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. so that the Highway Department can plow snow. The no parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2014.
- q. Village Taxes – most have been paid, while the amount of unpaid taxes at present, including penalties, totals \$39,849.88, from 35 property owners, a figure similar to that in 2012. Unpaid taxes may continue to be paid to the Village until October 31, 2013, when they will be turned over to the County for reimbursement.
- r. Rental Dwelling Registration and Inspection Law – part of the new Village Code, continues on a three year rotating basis.
- s. The Engineering Phosphorus Grant Project – has been finalized by MRB and will be on file in the Village Office. In addition, the results of the study, financed in part (\$30,000) by the NYSEFC, will be used to apply for new grant monies from the latest round of funding under the WQIP and these will be used, if awarded, to implement the recommended improvements to the treatment plant.

After concluding with his updates, Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none.

Items from the floor:

Mayor Curtin opened up the floor to the public and asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Village Historian Peg Nolan was most pleased with the condition of Kelly Ave after its reconstruction and she also inquired about having a sign on Main Street that noted the direction for people to take in order to visit the Steadman House. An inquiry was made about one of our police officers working a detail last Sunday for Baltimore Woods at the Hanford Estate on West Seneca Turnpike – out of the Village. Police Chief Wicks noted that the Village did not pay for the officer's expenses, that his expenses were paid by the host of the event, that it was mostly a volunteer effort, and that he would pay for the gallon of gas that was used, out of his budget. He also thought that it was good public relations for his department, much like the Mothers' Day event that occurs every year at the Hanford Estate. Inquiry was also made about sidewalk repair on both sides of Bradley Street as well as on Slocombe Street, from First Street to the Village Hall. Both of these will be addressed by the Highway Chief. Wendy Sherman asked if there were any village trees still scheduled for removal. Mayor Curtin told Wendy that there is still one tree on Bradley Street that is scheduled to be taken down. Mayor Curtin asked if there were any further questions or comments from the public or the Board. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cox made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Curtin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.