

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
APRIL 27, 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin opened the regular board meeting at 7:00pm

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of February 2015. The bills on Abstract Sheets #011 for General Fund in the amount of \$20,213.07, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,959.31, Capital Funds in the amount of \$2,887.50 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$139.44 were audited. The bills totaled \$33,199.32. The Board received the Police Report for March 2015 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of March 2015 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for March 2015. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for March 2015 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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.

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to again table the Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement until the Village Attorney has been able to negotiate successfully, the terms of the agreement, with Time Warner Cable. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement again. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

SEWER IMA

ADDENDUM: Trustee Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town and the Village, which is a addendum to the Consolidated Sewer Agreement of March 25, 2013, whereby the Village agrees that any remaining balance in the Town's sewer maintenance/repair fund shall be turned over to the Village and said funds shall be utilized by the Village for the benefit, in whole or in part, for the said District from which the funds were received. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the Sewer IMA Addendum. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

2015 – 2016

BUDGET: Trustee Tallman informed the public that there had been no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 6, 2015 and made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Village budget and set the Tax Rate at \$6.72 /\$1,000 assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on adopting the new budget. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNUAL STORMWATER

REPORT: Trustee Cox made a motion to table the Annual Storm Water Report until the May board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion tabling the report. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CREEKWALK SUPP.

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Barton & Loguidice, which amends the original agreement dated July 31, 2007, providing supplemental services to complete Construction Phase services related to the Nine Mile Creek Walk project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the agreement. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a resolution reaffirming the appointive office of the Village Attorney and the responsibilities of that office and that the position of the Village Attorney is considered a public office of the Village of Marcellus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the resolution. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CODES OFFICER RESIGNATION/

NEW HIRE: Trustee Tallman made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of William B. Reagan as Code Officer of the Village of Marcellus, effective May 20, 2015, and to appoint, effective May 21, 2015, Mark Taylor as the Codes Officer of the Village of Marcellus at an annual salary of \$5,814.57, said salary to increase by 2% in the new fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the resignation or new hire. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CHANGE MAY

BOARD MTG.: Trustee Cox informed the public that the regular May Board meeting will fall on Memorial Day. Trustee Cox made a motion to change the date of the meeting from the 4th Monday of the month, May 25th, to the 3rd Monday of the month, May 18th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on changing the date. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS:

Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve budget modifications requested by the Village Treasurer transferring revenues and appropriations in the General, Water and Sewer Funds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. 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 Cox announced that a list of meetings scheduled for May 2015 had been prepared for the public and asked that residents please note meetings of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Dump Days. The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day and the Olde Home Days Celebration is planned for June 5th, 6th, and 7th in the Village and in Marcellus Park. He also added that the annual Village-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for July 11th.

Updates by the

Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Resignation of Codes Enforcement Officer – on behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Curtin again conveyed their regret that Bill Reagan had decided to resign his position as Codes Enforcement Officer. Bill has done an outstanding job in the capacity of Codes Enforcement Officer for the past six years but the Board understands his desire to lighten his workload. Bill works for three Villages, and also pursues other endeavors. Bill has also had the responsibility of training his replacement, Mark Taylor, for the past year. Mark is a local resident and a long-time contractor in the area. Mark is certified by the State of New York as a Codes Enforcement Officer. The Board welcomed Mark as a Village employee and has been assured by Bill that Mark is more than qualified to serve as his replacement.
- b. Scotch Hill Project – provided funds are made available, may take place this summer. The Board hopes that monies will be available this year from Community Development to install new 5-foot sidewalks on Scotch Hill Road from North Street to the Village line. Curbing was installed last summer, splitting the project into two separate phases because of the uncertainty of funding.
- c. Utility Bills – the utility bill that residents received this month was the last bill for the Village fiscal year. Residents should note that if the bill is not paid by April 29, 2015, it will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2015. If bills for tenants who pay their own utilities are not paid by April 29, 2015, those too will be re-levied onto the owner's taxes for June 1, 2015. Mayor Curtin asked residents to please note that, unlike the three previous utility bills, payment for this fourth and final bill for the fiscal year must be made within the month.
- d. Code Officer and Fire Inspection – the new rental registration and inspection law was implemented a couple of years ago. This is the third year for inspection of rental units, spread out over a three-year cycle. The inspection fee continues

to be \$25 per rental unit for a three-year period. The Board is very pleased with the positive results that have resulted from the implementation of the law.

- e. Pedestrian Signs and Benches – were re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department.
- f. Planning Board – met recently to discuss the Paul Street Development Project, the McClurg Main Street site plan review, as well as an addition to the Reagan Building on South Street. Some improvements have also been made to 3-7 North Street, including a new roof and indoor modifications.
- g. Compost Project – residents may pick up compost at the Treatment Plant and may also pick up trees that have been grown at the plant nursery. The trees are extras that will not be used in the Village and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- h. Phosphorus limit at WWTP – is an issue that continues to complicate sewer matters. The Board met recently with Congressman Katko to make him aware of the impact of the unfunded mandate on the Village. Another meeting was then held at DEC offices to discuss the phosphorus issue and how recent improvements in Onondaga Lake might affect Village compliance. At present, the Board is still working on how to adequately address the issue.
- i. Olde Home Days – banners and placemats will be ready for installation and distribution during the first week in May
- j. Sidewalks – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some new sidewalks will be installed on South Street and Bradley Street, pending budgetary considerations
- k. Creek Walk Project – continues to move ahead, having approved the construction agreement with Barton & Loguidice. The Rights of Way have been secured by the NYSDOT on behalf of the Village and some trees on the site have been cut so as not to disturb the nesting season of the Northern Long-eared Bat. The Board hopes that bidding and construction of the trail will begin this spring and summer. For residents who not familiar with the project, the Board urged them to check out the home page of the Village website – <http://villageofmarcellus.com>
- l. Street repairs – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, repairs will be made on Hillside Drive and Baker Road, and, pending budgetary considerations, Dunlap Ave and Wilson Drive as well.
- m. Tree Plantings – WWTP operators may be able to use some of the trees growing at the WWTP nursery this year, probably on side streets so that they are not damaged by vandals
- n. Tree Removals – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some trees on Meadow Street and First Street need to be removed, pending budgetary considerations
- o. Flower Boxes – will be filled again this year, using compost from WWTP, giving a good indication of the value of the compost. Kathy Welsh will again be instrumental in the plantings in these boxes using flowers she grows from seeds.
- p. Earth Day Cleanup – in the Village took place on April 17th – the 3rd graders from Heffernan Elementary School spread out across the Village to help in the cleanup, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Village provided gloves and bags for the cleanup and the Board again thanked Nojaims Grocery Store for providing refreshments for the students. The Board sincerely thanked the students, staff and faculty at KCH for their help in making the annual event so successful.
- q. Spring Brush Pickup Dates – the last day to put brush out to the curb for pickup is Sunday, May 3, 2015. After that, residents are welcome to bring brush to the compost pile in back of the Village Hall. Mayor Curtin asked residents to please make sure that brush or grass clippings are loose, not bagged, when utilizing the Village site.
- r. Town of Marcellus Trash Transfer Station Dates – Fridays, April 24th and May 1st, and May 8th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required and are issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk’s Office. Tires require an additional permit, starting at \$3.00, as well as items that contain freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers - these require another permit that costs \$20. Some items are not accepted including garbage, OCRRA recyclables, liquids or hazardous waste including paint, oil tanks, fuel tanks, motor vehicles, roofing shingles and brush over 6 inches in diameter. “Shred Day” will also be held in the Town Hall parking lot on May 9th from 8 a.m. to Noon.
- s. SRO Contract – with the Marcellus Central School District has been completed and is in the hands of the Marcellus School Board. Details of the contract, which provide Village police officers (SRO) on the Marcellus Central School Campus, are provided in the agreement, and may be subject to change before final approval by both parties.

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 asked if there were any items from the floor. 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.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk