

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON JUNE 27, 2016**

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

ABSENT: Patrick W. Cox, Trustee

Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to open the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Tallman made a motion to open the hearing, seconded by Mayor Curtin. Both board members voted aye, and the public hearing was opened.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice of the public hearing to those in attendance.

Mayor Curtin explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow all interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding the consideration of demolition and disposal of the remaining structurally unsound wings of the former Crown Mill Building located at 71 North Street, by the Village of Marcellus.

Mayor Curtin made the following comments:

- a. The Code Inspector issued a report which states that the north and south wings of the remaining mill building at 71 North Street have, in his opinion, become dangerous and unsafe to the public due to age, lack of maintenance, being open to the elements and general deterioration. The building has been vacant for many years and has been internally accessible to the public due to frequent break-ins. It is the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer that the building be demolished as soon as possible. The Board examined the report in detail and approved the report at its May board meeting. A copy of the report is on file in the Village Office for public inspection.
- b. The Board also approved a resolution at its May board meeting confirming the findings that the former Crown Mill is unsafe and should be demolished. The resolution is on file in the Village Office for public inspection. A copy of the resolution has also been filed with the Onondaga County Clerk.
- c. The Building Inspector noted that the property has been abandoned and that the owner of the property, William Lucchetti, does not have the financing to demolish the unsafe structures.
- d. Since the building was declared unsafe by resolution of the Village Board at its last regular Board meeting in May, William Lucchetti was served notice by the Building Inspector that the building is unsafe and that he needs to demolish the building within 30 days.
- e. Due to the proximity of the site to Nine Mile Creek, Route 174 and the Marcellus School grounds, it is the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer that the remaining portions of the former mill building present a clear and imminent danger to the life and safety of the public unless they are immediately demolished and removed.
- f. Building Inspector Reagan also noted that the current owner of the property, William Lucchetti, has told him that a lawsuit from former potential owner, Jonathan Abbott, was settled years ago, and is no longer an issue.
- h. The owner of the mill must commence demolition within 30 days. The conditions at the mill site present a "clear and imminent danger to the life, safety or health of any person or property, unless the remaining portions of the structure, are demolished and removed as soon as possible." Because of the emergency nature of the situation, the Village Board will pass a resolution at its July Board meeting to bypass the usual procurement policy of the Village and award the bid for demolition. The Village Board will advise both the public and the owner of the Mill of the costs involved in the demolition, and details will be spelled out in the July resolution.
- i. At the advice of Attorney Brown, the Board intends to authorize a SEQR Resolution and Negative Declaration for Demolition Project, prior to the approval of the final demolition resolution.

Mayor Curtin then asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. Trustee Tallman made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:05p.m.. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the public hearing was closed.