

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
JANUARY 26, 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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

ABSENT: Jeff Brown

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin opened the regular board meeting at 7:00p.m.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of December 2014. The bills on Abstract Sheets #008 for General Fund in the amount of \$46,010.15, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$48,193.31, Capital Funds in the amount of \$863.62 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$157.13 were audited. The bills totaled \$95,224.21. The Board received the Police Report for December 2014 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of December 2014 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for December 2014. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for December 2014 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.

RESOLUTION—

CREEKWALK: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a Resolution regarding the Creekwalk, the construction of which might, in the future, affect the property at 58-60 East Main Street.

Whereas, the Village of Marcellus has been able to acquire, through the officers of NYSDOT Real Estate, property to the rear of 58-60 East Main Street for the construction of a Creekwalk trail, and

Whereas, the Village of Marcellus wishes to secure and protect the interests of the property owners at 58-60 East Main Street, through whose generosity the Village will be able to construct a Creekwalk trail,

Now therefore, be it resolved, the Village of Marcellus will allow the owners of the parcel designated as Map No. 5, Parcel No., 6 that was filed at the County Clerk's Office access to the Nine Mile Creekwalk Trail for maintenance on their existing building located adjacent to the trail, and

Be it further resolved, that the owner(s) of said building shall notify the Village at least 48 hours prior to accessing the trail, and the owner(s) shall restore the trail to at least the condition it was prior to the start of the maintenance activities.

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.

REVIEW EMPLOYEE

HANDBOOK: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a review by the Village Board of the Village of Marcellus Employee Handbook. She noted that a copy of the handbook is on file in the Village Office for public inspection. The Handbook went into effect on February 1, 2013, and it was decided that the Board would conduct a review each year upon the anniversary of its acceptance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the review of the Employee Handbook. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

OCRRA – 20 YEAR

CONTRACT: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a new 20 year contract with the Onondaga County Recovery Agency (OCRRA), whereby OCRRA agrees to provide for the operation of the OCRRA System and to accept all of the Solid Waste generated in the Village of Marcellus and delivered by the Village of Marcellus Haulers, as well as continue its recycling program, which requires mandatory curbside recycling in the Village of Marcellus and whereby the Village of Marcellus agrees to deliver or cause to be delivered into the OCRRA system all of the Solid Waste collected within the Village of Marcellus and to participate in OCRRA's mandatory curbside recycling program and to foster both public and private efforts in this regard, as well as other items financial and miscellaneous. A copy of the contract is on file in the Village Office for public inspection. The terms of the agreement will remain in full force and effect until twenty (20) years from May 10, 2015. The agreement replaces the twenty-five (25) Agreement that was approved by the Village Board and signed by Mayor Martin Sennett in 1988. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the OCRRA contract. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

COYNE TEXTILE – GARMENT

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a new three-year contract and service agreement with Coyne Textile Services to provide work garments for Village Highway and WWTP employees, replacing the contract that was approved in 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion of the agreement. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENDATION –

POLICE: Mayor Curtin made a motion to formally recognize and commend Officer Robert Pitman for outstanding performance and dedicated service to the Village of Marcellus and that Officer Pitman be promoted to the rank of Detective, which holds the same status as a Sergeant and a pay grade of \$18.88 per hour, effective January 29, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the Commendation. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION -

8 PAUL ST.: Trustee Tallman read a Resolution and made a motion to approve a resolution regarding the Paul Street Development.

Whereas, the Village Board approved, at its April 28, 2014 Meeting, a resolution that approved a conceptual plan for the redevelopment of property at 8 Paul Street, and authorized the Village Planning Board to review and report back to the Board of Trustees, its recommendations for development of the site; and

Whereas, the Village Board agrees with the Village Planning Board that the Paul Street Development proposed by Scott McClurg and Brian Ciota, is to be a Planned Unit Development; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the details of the development will be reviewed and approved first by the Village Planning Board; and

Be it further resolved, that the Village Board retains the option of having final development approval.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on improvement plan. 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. 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 a list of meetings scheduled for February 2015 had been provided for the public and asked residents to please note that the Village Offices would be closed on Monday, February 16th for the Presidents' Day Holiday and that the second meeting of the Olde Home Days Committee 2015, would take place on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in the Village Board Room.

- a. Police Updates – there is much that the Village Police Department does for its residents and much of it is not published nor is it duly recognized. Like Officer Pitman, the men and women of the department are dedicated servants of the public.
- b. F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, Grease) – in the wastewater is a topic that has been much discussed and will continue to be on the WPCP's agenda in the months ahead. The Board continues to provide a flyer that emphasizes the need to keep Fats, Oils and Grease out of the sanitary sewer system. The Wastewater Department recently sent a letter to all businesses in the Village making them aware of the responsibilities that each of them have in dealing with fats, oils and grease. They will also be conducting inspections in the weeks ahead to make sure that there is full compliance with not only the local law, but also with Onondaga County.
- c. No Parking – the Board continues to alert residents that there is no parking on any of the Village streets, from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., from November 1st to April 1st so that the highway crew can plow snow.
- d. Snow Plowing – the Board continues to alert independent snowplow operators that it is illegal to plow or shovel snow or ice during snow removal operations upon a village sidewalk or other public way. While most of the independent snow plow operators in the Village comply as much as possible with the law, there are some who need to be reminded that if a driveway is being plowed, that snow MUST NOT be plowed into the street. NOR can the snow be plowed out of a driveway, across the street and into the village right-of-way across from the plowed driveway.
- e. Sewer Consolidation Project – early in January, a meeting was held that included Village representatives with a representative from the NYS DOS to finalize the project and submit all relevant data to the Department of State for reimbursement of the \$600,000 that the Village had to borrow and spend before the project could be completed. It is hoped that there will be a positive outcome to the efforts within 3 to 4 weeks.
- f. Compost Project – the Village received another update from the NYSDEC regarding the funding that was to accompany the Compost Project. This project began in the summer of 2010 with a testing and feasibility study that called for the conversion of bio-solids (sludge) from the WWTP to composting. In January 2011, engineering studies and resolutions were approved, as well as an application to the NYS DEC for a recycling grant that would pay for half of the cost of building the composting facility – approximately \$400,000. The Board was told at the time that processing of the grant would take three to four years. The Village was notified recently that the process seems to be coming to a favorable conclusion and that the grant monies would be available soon. The Board is very grateful to the DEC for the processing of the grant, and equally grateful to the Treatment Plant Operators, Greg Crslyer and Ryan Riefler, whose ideas for the project first spearheaded Village interests. The Board also extended thanks to MRB Group, in particular Brian Romeiser and Jim Oberst for their dedication to task and for all of the efforts they extended on behalf of the Village residents.
- g. Planning Board – the Board met recently to discuss and approve a sketch plan of the 8 Paul Street Development Project. The timetable of Events for the Paul Street Development will involve:
 1. The Village Board agrees with the Village Planning Board that the Paul Street Development proposed by Scott McClurg and Brian Ciota, is to be a Planned Unit Development, the details of which development will be reviewed and approved first by the Village Planning Board. The Village Board retains the option of having final development approval.
 2. The Planning Board will submit the proposed development plans to the County immediately.
 3. The Paul Street Developers will meet with Planning Board Chair Dan Kwasnowski, Code Enforcement Officer Bill Reagan and Stormwater Designee Kurt Field, to work out planning, code and stormwater issues. This meeting is planned for February 2, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the McClurg building.
 4. Next to final drawings will be submitted to the Village engineers, MRB Group, for review and recommendation.
 5. The Paul Street Developers will file a Notice of Intent with the DEC.
 6. Following review by MRB, final plans will be submitted to the Planning Board, at whose meeting a Public Hearing will take place.
 7. Upon approval of the plans by the Planning Board, the plans will then be submitted to the Village Board, including any deviations from the code that are recommended by the Planning Board.

- h. Creek Walk Project – continues to move ahead. The engineers have been working with the surveyor and the NYSDOT to complete Right-of-Way maps and with NYSDOT Real Estate to acquire the properties. The Board hopes that all Rights of Way to be acquired by spring 2015, and that the project can be put out to bid in the summer of 2015.
- i. Old North Street – after almost 50 years, Old North Street was finally abandoned by the State of New York to the Village of Marcellus. Most residents are probably unaware of the fact that the street was not Village-owned, although the Village has maintained the street continuously since 1966 when North Street and Nine Mile Creek were re-routed by the State. It was agreed that part of Old North Street would be transferred to Daniel's Grill, at an appropriately-appraised value. The Village received the appropriate payment and that transfer to Daniel's Grill is now complete.
- j. Olde Home Days – June 5th, 6th, and 7th – the first meeting was held on January 18, 2015, and the next meeting will be held on February 5, 2015 in the Village Board Room at 7 p.m.
- k. Property Auctions – recently, several properties in the Village were sold at auction, including 14-18 West Main Street, 3-7 North Street and 9-13 North Street. The Board was pleased that local residents purchased the properties. They have indicated that those businesses already in place will continue to operate, and that the properties that are vacant, some of which are in need of major renovation, will receive the attention that they have so desperately needed. The Village Board is very grateful that local citizens are helping to promote civic pride in the community and an interest in revitalizing the Village Center.
- l. Other – Upcoming Community Electronics Recycling Event: Mayor Curtin announced that there is an electronics collection event on Saturday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the City of Syracuse Department of Public Works, 1200 Canal St. Extension (off Midler Ave.), Syracuse. Area residents can drop off old and unused electronics at no charge, and there is no limit to the number of items that may be dropped off. The event is sponsored by Senator Valesky's office, Sunnking Electronics Recycling and Time Warner Cable. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Food Bank of CNY. Please make sure you check the list of acceptable items, because they not accepting physically broken or bare TV tubes. www.sunnking.com/consumer-business/acceptable-materials/
- m. School Vote – the Marcellus Central School District scheduled a second voter referendum so that residents can consider a revised capital improvement proposal. The date is March 10, 2015 and the proposal has decreased significantly from \$57 to \$33 for the owner of a \$100,000 home. There are also information sessions and a public hearing scheduled for February and March, prior to the vote.

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 Tallman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Cox. 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 7:23 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk