

MASTERS DUMP SITE –**MOU:**

Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding reached between William and Sandra Masters, of Masters Pleasant View Farm, LLC, and the Town and Village of Marcellus. The Masters will permit the Town and Village continued access to the current dump site located on the Masters property, and the Town and Village each agree to name the Masters as Additional Insured's on the Town and Village liability insurance policies to afford the Masters additional protection for the Town's and Village's operations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on approving the memorandum of understanding. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT**REFUND:**

The Board received a written request from the property owners of 4 Meadow Street, indicating that renovations that they were issued a permit for will not be performed at this time. The owners requested that the permit fee in the amount of \$485 be refunded. Trustee Cox made a motion approve a refund in the amount of \$485. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on issuing the refund. 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.

PERMA PROGRAM

AGREEMENT: Trustee Cox mentioned that the Village had signed a contract agreement with PERMA in 1997 when it originally joined PERMA. The Village has not been required to sign another agreement since then. However, a consequence of PERMA's audit by the Workers Compensation Board last year required that a revised program agreement be signed by all members and the Village was required to sign a new agreement last year. According to a PERMA representative, it appears as if the WCB will be making PERMA revise the agreement again this year, but the agreement is still with the lawyers. Until PERMA has something finalized, the agreement signed in 2014 is completely valid. Once finalized, PERMA will forward a revised contract to be signed. Trustee Cox made a motion to table the agreement until the agreement has been finalized. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement with PERMA. 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 Fund. 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.

REMINDER – CLOSE**FIRST ST:**

Trustee Cox announced that the Board wanted to remind residents that First Street would be closed between the hours of 5:00pm and 8:30pm on Halloween, October 31 for trick-or-treating, subject to weather conditions.

REMINDER –**NO PARKING:**

Trustee Tallman announced that the Board wanted to remind the public that as of November 1, 2015, there is no parking allowed on any street in the village of Marcellus from 2am to 7am in order for the Highway Department to plow snow. The no parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2016.

REMINDER –**POLLING****PLACES:**

Trustee Cox announced that the Board wanted to remind residents that the polling places in the Marcellus had changed a few years ago. In 2012, the Board of Elections redrew the Town of Marcellus election district lines to create two districts entirely within the village. The two districts (Election District 3 and Election District 4) vote at the High School Auditorium. Residents living outside the Village will vote at the Fire House. All residents were notified by mail by the Board of Elections, but some may not realize the change is now permanent. Election Day is November 3, 2015 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Board urged all residents to vote.

Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the residents. She asked residents to make note that the Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day. The Village Office will also be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. She also reminded everyone that the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 3rd, in the Village, at the Point.

Updates by the
Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Appointments to Planning Board – at a Special Meeting held on October 9, 2015, the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Planning Board Member and Chair, Dan Kwasnowski. Dan accepted a new position that requires him to be out of town during the week and Dan felt that he could no longer provide the appropriate amount of time necessary to adequately perform the duties of a Planning Board member. The Board commended Dan for his many years of service to the community. His expertise will be greatly missed. Mayor Curtin also mentioned that at the October 9 meeting, the Board appointed Timothy Manahan, a current member of the Planning Board, to the position of Chair of the Planning Board, effective October 21, 2015, and also appointed Gabriel Lutwin, of 25 Highland Drive, as a member of the Village Planning Board to complete the unexpired term of Dan Kwasnowski, until 3/31/16.
- b. Transfer of Bank Deposits from KeyBank to Solvay Bank – at the August Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution transferring its funds from KeyBank to Solvay Bank and designating Solvay Bank as the official bank for the deposit of all Village monies because the Village became subject to a collateral surcharge or fee amounting to over \$550 every month by Keybank. The Board had expected the transfer to be completed by the end of September, but it has taken more time for federal reviewers to complete the process. The Board is hopeful that the final transfer will occur by the beginning of November.
- c. Leaf and Brush Pickup – brush pickup ended on October 12th. If any residents missed the deadline, they are welcome to make use of the Village composting site behind the Village Hall. Leaf pickup extends from October 13th to November 8th. Weather permitting, the Highway Department may continue leaf pickup beyond the November 8th deadline, since many trees have not yet dropped their leaves. Mayor Curtin asked residents to please remember to keep leaves in the Village right of way, between the sidewalk and the road, and out of the street, where they sometimes end up clogging catch basins.
- d. Compost Project – continues to be very successful. Mayor Curtin reminded residents that composting continues all year round even though the demand lulls through the fall and winter. A number of residents may want to secure compost this fall, since it can be stored outside, without cover, through the fall and winter for intended use in the spring.
- e. Scotch Hill Project – The Board thanked Onondaga County Community Development for awarding a grant of \$47,000 to the Village for the sidewalk project on Scotch Hill. The sidewalk reconstruction project was awarded to NU-Crete Inc., and the project is currently underway. The Board thanked Scotch Hill and village residents for their patience and understanding during the construction and apologized for any inconvenience that the work may have caused. The Board also again thanked several residents on Scotch Hill for their assistance in assisting the Board with securing funding for the worthwhile project, helping to beautify the important gateway to the Village.
- f. The Planning Board – met last week to discuss several items including a Negative SEQR Declaration for a porch project at ½ Orange Street and several property violations that the Code Enforcement Officer is examining.
- g. Tree Stumps and Plantings – there will be no tree removals in the Village this year, but several tree stumps were removed, and new trees were planted in various locations throughout the Village recently.
- h. School's Open – The Board continued to remind residents to please watch for school children walking and remember that there are pedestrian crossings on Main Street, as well as 20 mph speed limits in school zones and a 25 mph speed limit on First Street, a route that is heavily traveled by schoolchildren. Please slow down. Tickets will be issued for speeders.
- i. Police Commendation – The Board recently received a thank you message from a Village resident, complimenting Village Police Sergeant, Bob Pitman, on the fine work that he did on her behalf with regard to an unlicensed solicitor. The Chief continues to encourage residents to call the Police Department if they have any concerns about solicitors or contractors they may experience. The Police Department is happy to do background checks to alleviate concerns.

- j. Call 911 – Chief Wicks again reminded 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 the 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 you are still not satisfied, please contact the Village Office during business hours, at 673-3112, and express your concern. Residents should also be aware that First Street will be closed to traffic on Halloween, October 31st, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- k. Creekwalk – The Board continued to have a setback with the trail. Because several trees along the proposed trail could be nesting areas for the Northern Long-eared Bat, and because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency has declared this bat to be an endangered species, construction of the Creekwalk trail has been delayed, at least, until the Fall of 2015, and perhaps until next year.
- l. Increase in Refuse and Sewer Rates – residents will notice an increase in refuse rates with this month's billing and an increase in sewer rates in January's billing, both approved at previous Board meetings – refuse from \$41 to \$45 per quarter, and sewer from \$51.91 to \$63 per quarter
- m. Veterans' Day – commemoration will take place at 11 a.m. on November 11th, at the Village Point. The Board asked residents to take time out and offer thanks to all veterans for the service they have and will continue to provide us.
- n. TMDL and Phosphorus Removal – The Board received some welcome support from Congressman, John Katko, in the form of a letter to the EPA and a subsequent return letter to the Village from the EPA, expressing interest in some of the concerns that the Board expressed about the unfunded mandate. The Board wrote a letter to the DEC in June, asking for a response to the concerns raised by the EPA and last week, the Board received a response. Mayor Curtin expressed that there appears to be no change in the attitude or willingness of the DEC to alleviate the Board's concerns, other than lip service.
- o. Village Taxes – most have been paid, while the current amount of unpaid taxes, including penalties, totals approximately \$22,000.00 from 19 property owners, a figure similar to that in 2014. Unpaid taxes can continue to be paid to the Village until October 30, 2015, when they will be turned over to the County for reimbursement.
- p. Other – Trustee Cox noted that the Board should display the Village sandwich board, noting the day, time and place for the November elections.

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 7:15 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk