

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON  
APRIL 23, 2012 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.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the last regular board meeting for the month of March 2012. In addition, there was an amendment to the minutes prepared for the April Annual Meeting to include, under Appointed Engineers, the MRB Group, the firm that is presently involved in the Villages' composting project as well as the sewer consolidation grant application. The bills on Abstract Sheets #011 for General Fund in the amount of \$33,701.17, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$58,517.03, Capital Funds in the amount of \$600.00 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$175.71 were audited. The bills totaled \$92,993.91. The Board received the Police Report from Chief Robert Wicks for March 2012. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of March 2012 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for March 2012. The financial statements as submit by the Village Treasurer for March 2012 were also 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.

**ADOPT BUDGET/  
SET TAX  
RATE:**

Mayor Curtin announced to the public that there had been no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 2, 2012. Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Village budget and to set the Tax Rate at \$6.25 /\$1,000 assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion regarding the adoption of the budget. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNUAL**

**CONTRACTS:** Trustee Cox made motions to approve agreements/contracts with the following:

Marcellus Health/Loan Closet – Whereas the Marcellus Health/Loan Closet provides storage facilities and operates a loan closet relating to health care for Village of Marcellus residents, particularly elderly members of the Village, many of whom reside in the Senior Citizen Housing apartments in the Village, the Village of Marcellus, having taken into consideration a statutory exemption that allows the Village to extend contributions to programs that aid the elderly, will pay to the Marcellus Health/Loan Closet the sum of \$250.

Marcellus Historical Society – Whereas the Marcellus Historical Society, is to own and maintain the official collection of artifacts and memorabilia related to the history of the Village of Marcellus for the education and public viewing by Village Marcellus residents, the Village of Marcellus will provide in-kind (or the cost of) services, up to a value of \$2,500, covering the costs related to providing seasonal maintenance of the public grounds at the Steadman House (e.g. the mowing of grass and the plowing of the driveway and parking lot), and will not bill the cost of public utilities (i.e. sewer and refuse) at the Steadman House to the Marcellus Historical Society.

SRO Contract – tentative approval of the contract with the Marcellus Central School District that will provide police officers (SRO) on the Marcellus Central School Campus, details for which are provided in the agreement, and may be subject to change before final approval by both parties.

The motions were seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the annual contracts. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for votes on each of the motions. All board members voted aye and the motions carried.

**PARTIAL TAX  
PAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION:** Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a resolution similar to that passed by the Onondaga County Legislature, allowing taxpayers to make partial tax payments, increasing the number of partial payments allowed from two to four and allowing partial payments in any amount instead of 50% of the amount due. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. 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.

**AFFIRM  
TOBACCO FREE**

**RESOLUTION:** Trustee Cox made a motion to reaffirm a resolution, first passed in 2008, regarding point of purchase advertising, targeting youth. The resolution called on retailers to reduce overall tobacco advertising in their places of businesses and to eliminate tobacco advertising from areas likely to be seen by children, including wall space below five feet, near candy displays and on counter tops, and encourages law enforcement agencies throughout the Village of Marcellus to take appropriate measures to ensure all local, state and federal laws regarding advertising generally and the placement of tobacco advertising in general are observed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the affirmation of the resolution. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**CHANGE  
MAY BOARD**

**MEETING:** Trustee Tallman let everyone know that the regular May Board meeting will fall on Memorial Day. For this reason, Trustee Tallman made a motion to change the date of the meeting from the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month, May 28<sup>th</sup>, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on changing the date of the May board meeting. 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. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**SEWER BILL  
ADJUSTMENTS:**

Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a utility credit for 2-4 Slocombe Avenue, LLC (the old library building) and 26 Slocombe Avenue from the Village of Marcellus for the billing period, March 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012, in the amount of \$26.52 and \$119.85 respectively. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the sewer bill adjustments. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCE  
VILLAGE**

**MEETINGS:** Trustee Cox let everyone know that a list of Meeting Dates for the month of May 2012 had been published. Included was a list of dates for the meeting of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as an announcement of the Town Dump days, and the Compost Facility Open House on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Also included was a notice that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and that the Olde Home Days Celebration is planned for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Village and in Marcellus Park. Also, so that it can be given proper advertisement, the Village Board decided that the annual Village-wide Garage Sale will be scheduled this year for July 14<sup>th</sup>, rather than in June.

**Updates by the  
Mayor:**

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Village Code Book – there will be a concentrated effort to complete this within the next few months, hold a public hearing and vote on it
- b. Code Officer, Fire Inspection, Storm Water Designee – new contracts for these positions will be approved in May
- c. Village Web site – not sure about this, since Bill Reagan is no longer maintaining the website for the Town
- d. Planning Board – discussed the following at its most recent meeting: Laundromat has been given 90 days to complete its façade treatment, Daniel's has been told that it needs to stripe its parking lot, #3 East Main is being sold and the issue of a mutually shared driveway has to be resolved, J & J Deli requested and was given permission to open a window onto the street selling ice cream

- e. Parking – on North Street continues to be an issue for some – busses on the corner need some extra room to pull over – some disagreement between several of the businesses on North Street over parking limits – on East Main Street, some are concerned about being able leave the Nojaims parking lot and turn left
- f. Compost Project – an Open House is scheduled for 9 a.m. to Noon on May 19<sup>th</sup> – at that time, residents will be able to pickup compost as well as tour the facility.
- g. Phosphorus limit for WPCP – a new unfunded mandate from the State, requiring the Village to reduce the amount of phosphorus at the plant led to a meeting with DEC as well as letters and comments sent regarding the issue
- h. Sewer Agreement with Town – Village Attorney is working on this, with suggestions from MRB – it is hoped that this will be ready soon and approved by both boards.
- i. Sump Pump inspections – this summer, as part of the Flow Management Plan, house to house inspections will commence – a public hearing will be held first to explain the process and what the law requires so that illegal hook-ups to the sanitary sewer are removed
- j. Highland Easements – for OCWA so that the water lines on Highland can be looped to Reed Street will need to be obtained from two properties – Phillips property on Reed and Nye property on Highland
- k. Olde Home Days – banners, placemats will be ready for installation and distribution during the first week in May
- l. Flags – new ones have been ordered and will be installed during the last week of April
- m. Annex – has been cleaned up, surplus junk has been sold for scrap, new doors, and a new floor will be installed soon
- n. Sidewalks – per the Highway Superintendent’s schedule, some new sidewalk will be installed on First Street, South Street, and Chrisler Street, pending budgetary considerations
- o. South Street Welcome Sign – damaged by vandals, will need to be replaced at a cost of about \$1,100
- p. Street repairs – per the Highway Superintendent’s schedule, repairs will be made on First Street, Maple Street Extension, and the Village parking lot, pending budgetary considerations
- q. Tree Plantings – WPCP operators might be able to use some of their trees growing at the WWTP nursery this year, probably on side streets so that they are not damaged by vandals
- r. Tree Removals – per the Highway Superintendent’s schedule, some trees on West Main Street, Chrisler Street, South Street, Bradley Street, and Maple Street need to be removed, pending budgetary considerations
- s. Flower Boxes – will be filled this year, using compost from WPCP, giving a good indication of the value of the compost
- t. Lower Mill – portions of the mill were demolished by the Village last year because of dangerous and hazardous conditions – the Village borrowed over \$100,000 to pay for this demolition because the owner was unable to do this – the Village re-levied this debt onto the owner’s property and has since been made whole by the County, including interest – the debt for the demolition will be paid off in June 2012
- u. Earth Day Cleanup – in the Village has been scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> – the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Heffernan Elementary School will fan out across the Village to help in this cleanup, beginning at 1 p.m. – anyone interested in participating is welcome – the Village will provide gloves and bags for the cleanup and we would like to thank, once again, Nojaims Grocery Store for providing some refreshments for the students
- v. Student Service Learning Day – is planned May 15<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Driver Middle School will complete some volunteer work for various organizations, including the Village of Marcellus – Ryan Riefler, one of our WPCP operators has agreed to be the Village liaison for this very worthwhile project
- w. Historic Lamp posts – one of the lamp posts on Main Street was damaged during the winter months by a County plow – the installation and cost of a new lamp post will be paid for by Onondaga County
- x. Creekwalk – as was mentioned last month, the Creekwalk will probably be abandoned for now and the board hopes that it is temporarily, due to economic conditions, budgetary concerns and a lessening of support from Creekwalk neighbors

After concluding with his updates, Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the Board. Trustee Tallman wanted to confirm that the reimbursement by the County for the relevy of the Lower Mill Demolition included interest. Mayor Curtin confirmed that it did.

**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. Mike Plumpton inquired as to why there was not a Marcellus Police Officer working when he dialed 911 to report an incident on a late Friday afternoon with the NYS Police responding. Mayor Curtin informed Mr. Plumpton that on Fridays, officers are assigned to the day shift and then an evening/night shift and that the officers were between shifts. Mayor Curtin will check with Chief Wicks to see if he could obtain a report of the incident. Peg Nolan inquired about the sewage usage for the Historical Society. OCWA billed the Historical Society for 4000 gallons and does not believe that they used that much water. Mayor Curtin will have follow-up with the WPCP Superintendent to see if they have any dye strips left to test to see if there may be a toilet running in the building. Mary Jo Paul, former village trustee, wanted to pass along that she received a phone call from a representative from OCWA, informing her that the town and village water systems had recently been connected. Mayor Curtin thanked Mary Jo for the information. Chuck Paul asked about the possibility of having the Centro bus stop on South Street instead of North Street because there is a stop sign already located at the corner of South Street. Chuck felt that it may free up parking space on the corner of North Street. Trustee Tallman mentioned that there is not enough room for the bus to pull over on South Street. Mayor Curtin also felt that there is not enough room on South Street for the bus to pull over and that it would become more of a hazard if impatient drivers behind the bus try to go around the bus. Mayor Curtin asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public. 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 7:27 p.m.

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Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk