

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
AUGUST 27, 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 special meeting and the regular board meeting for the month of July 2012. The bills on Abstract Sheets #003 for General Fund in the amount of \$1,786.07, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$18,565.35, Capital Funds in the amount of \$1,244.00 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$39.99 were audited. The bills totaled \$71,635.41. The Board received the Police Report from Chief Robert Wicks for July 2012. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of July 2012 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for July 2012. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for July 2012 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.

**CORRECT UPPER
CROWN SEWER**

BILLING: Trustee Tallman made a motion to authorize a change in the number of units for the sewer billing for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 for Upper Crown Condominium Association, from 28 to 30. The Village Clerk was notified by Upper Crown, after the billing had been mailed, that 28 units were occupied for the billing period of April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Upper Crown was only billed for 26 units for that time period. Their bill will be corrected for the next billing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the sewer billing correction. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**SET FIELD TRAINING
RATE FOR NEW**

OFFICERS: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a field training salary rate of \$7.25 per hour, effective August 9, 2012 for Marcellus Police Officers who, prior to full employment as a police officer, are engaged in field training operations. The rate of \$17.00 per hour will be paid to the officers after completion of their field training, by November 7, 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the field training rate for the new officers. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

APPROVE SRO

CONTRACT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve, tentatively, the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Village of Marcellus and the Marcellus Central School District, whereby the School District and the Village have determined that it is in their mutual best interests to enter into the Agreement to provide for the assignment of officers of the Marcellus Police Department to serve as School Resource Officers in the Marcellus Central School District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the contract. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motions 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 Water Funds for July 2012. 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.

**ANNOUNCE
VILLAGE**

MEETINGS: Trustee Tallman let everyone know that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the benefit of residents. Trustee Tallman asked residents to please note that the Village Office will be closed for Labor Day, September 3rd, and that there will be a one-day delay in trash pickup that week.

Updates by the Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Compost Project – continues to be very successful, as residents have visited the plant so much to pick up compost that the Village is running out of compost. Later in the year, the operators might be able to open the plant on Saturdays for those who can't make it on Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- b. Village Banners – Bob Wilson and his committee have begun their campaign to refurbish the Village Banners, many of which are in much need of replacement. The response has been quite positive from merchants, businesses and many organizations and the board thanked Bob and his committee for their dedicated voluntary service to the community.
- c. Road Construction – on First Street and on Maple Street extension in front of the library was done last month. First Street still needs to have a final coating of oil and stone at the end of a two week settling period, and Maple Street is complete. Paving of the Village parking lot is also planned for the end of August or early September.
- d. School Starts – next week, and the board urged residents to be aware of the fact that there will be students walking to school, particularly on First Street. Also, the State DOT will begin operation of the flashing lights on North Street and the Village Police Department will be even more vigilant in their enforcement of the traffic laws on that street.
- e. Striping of Crosswalks – should be completed soon. The board has asked the NYS DOT to stripe crosswalks on North Street (8 of them) and the County to stripe 3 crosswalks on Main Street. County Commissioner Donnelly agreed to the striping on Main Street, but Mayor Curtin had not yet heard back from NYS DOT. Striping of the Village parking lot will take place after it is paved.
- f. Sidewalks – on First Street have been completed, and due to budgetary concerns, the Highway Chief is not certain, but hopeful, that sidewalks on South Street will be reconstructed as had been planned,
- g. Sewer Agreement – between the Village and the Town was approved by both parties, as well as a Consolidated Flow Management Plan that will address high flows at the Treatment Plant. The Plan has been forwarded to the NYSDEC, as required, and the first steps towards I & I Study and Repair have begun in the Village and Town Sewer Districts.
- h. Sump Pump Redirection Program – that was discussed at a Public Hearing held on July 16, 2012 to address the matter of I & I and high flows at the Treatment Plant has begun, not only in the Village, but in the Town as well. Village and Town employees have begun to visit homes in the sewer districts to inspect for illegal sump pump connections. As part of the Flow Management Plan, the Town has also begun to locate and number sewer manholes in their sewer districts, and will soon begin to televise the entire sewer infrastructure in the Town sewer districts, all of this prior to a Village takeover, when the system is clean.
- i. Trees – two trees on North Street that were destroyed in an automobile accident earlier this year will be replaced, using insurance monies recovered from the accident. This replacement will occur in the fall.
- j. Tree Removal – several trees on Main Street have been removed, while two on South Street, one on Maple Street, and another on Bradley will be removed later this fall. Another on Chrysler will be trimmed, rather than removed.
- k. Code Book – Attorney Brown just about completed his review of the proposed Code Book. He hopes to be able to complete his review by the end of the summer, at which time, a Public Hearing on the new Code will be scheduled this fall, with adoption, possibly by the beginning of the new year.
- l. Creek Walk – as mentioned previously, the NYSDOT is not being as receptive to the Village's request for a waiver for repayment of the creek walk monies. A meeting was recently held with Engineers from B & L, as well as with representatives from McClurg Construction, in back of whose building, the creek walk was originally expected to be built. Mayor Curtin explained that it was a positive meeting in that McClurg might be willing to sacrifice some of his parking in the back for the creek walk, which would mean less construction costs for a retaining wall. B & L will begin to finalize the design plan using that route. The NYSDOT wants the Village to close to the creek, and also wants the Village to get, at the very least, to Main Street - otherwise, the Village would have to pay back about \$70,000 to the state. With the design plan in place, and rights of way and easements secure (also costly), construction could begin. The Village has moved a step forward in this regard, and hopefully the final design will satisfy the concerns of the State and Federal Governments.

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 opened up the floor to the public and asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Mary Jo Paul wanted to thank the Board for the work that had recently been done on First Street. Mary Jo commended the Village and Town Highway Departments for their collaboration on resurfacing First Street. She particularly acknowledged Don Maclachlan, Town Highway Superintendent, for arranging to borrow a truck from the Town of Onondaga for the project. Because of the cooperation between the municipalities, there was a cost savings to the Village for not having to pay the contractor to haul the material. Jim Mahar of Kelly Avenue asked the Board if Kelly Street could be included on the list of street repairs being done in the village. Mr. Hunt informed the Board that the street is severely crowned and is in extreme need of repair. He also mentioned that during the past few years, the amount of traffic on the street has increased. Marie Moy, also a resident of Kelly Street, informed the Board that because the road is crowned, there is a serious issue with drainage on the street as well. Marie asked about the possibility of the Village obtaining grant funding to assist in getting Kelly Street repaired. Mayor Curtin let Marie know that Kelly Street is not included in the eligible quadrant to receive Onondaga Community Development grant funding and that monies allotted by the County for community development have significantly decreased. Mary Beth Turnmeyer, also a resident of Kelly Street, additionally expressed her dissatisfaction with the condition of the street. Mayor Curtin let Jim, Marie and Mary Beth know that he would talk to the Highway Superintendent to inquire about fixing Kelly Street, but with budgetary constraints, it would not be repaired this year. Mayor Curtin asked if there were any further questions or comments from the public or the board. 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 7:22 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk