

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 regular board meeting for the month of August 2012. The bills on Abstract Sheets #004 for General Fund in the amount of 38,642.10, Water fund in the amount of \$1,894.40, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,074.63, Capital Funds in the amount of \$2,574 were audited. The bills totaled \$47,185.28. The Board received the Police Report from Chief Robert Wicks for August 2012. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of August 2012 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for August 2012. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for August 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.

**BRUSH/LEAF
PICKUP:**

Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve 2012 Fall Brush and Leaf Pickup dates. Brush pickup for will extend from October 1st to October 14th and leaf pickup will extend from October 15th to November 12th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the Fall Brush and Leaf Pickup. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried. Trustee Tallman also notified residents of the Town Transfer Station Dates for Fall 2012 – to be held Fridays, September 28 and October 5, from noon to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays, September 29 and October 6, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

**CNY RPDB STORMWATER
ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL &**

RESOLUTION: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Villages' participation in Year 5 of the CNY Inter-municipal Storm Water Coalition. Pat explained that the membership provides administrative support services to help develop and implement a storm water management program as well as necessary education and outreach programs in the Village of Marcellus. The Village is one of a number of municipal entities within the Syracuse, New York Urbanized Area designated as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) communities, as required by NYS DEC to maintain coverage under the SPDES General Permit for Storm water Discharges from Small MS4s, the cost depends on the number of municipalities participating, and will not exceed \$3,600 per municipality. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the Storm Water Agreement or Resolution. 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 a final copy of 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 this 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 contract was tentatively approved at the August board meeting. 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.

POOL PERMIT

REFUND: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a pool permit refund requested by the owner of the property at 1 Reed Parkway because the pool was never installed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the refund. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motions carried.

CLOSE

FIRST ST.: Trustee Tallman made a motion to again close First Street between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Halloween – Wednesday, October 31st for trick-or-treating. Closing the street will be subject to conditions that day. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox.

Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on closing First Street for trick-or-treating on October 31st. 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 Fund for August 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 Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th, and that there will not be a delay in trash pickup that week.

Updates by the Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

9. Updates – Mayor

- a. Public Hearing on the Village Code – After four years of study and analysis, a new Village Code will be ready for public inspection at a Public Hearing planned for November 14, 2012 in the Community Room of Marcellus Free Library beginning at 7 p.m. Because it has not been revised since 1969, the Rezoning Committee decided, back in 2008, to reformat the entire Code and fit the Zoning Ordinance into a revised design that not only facilitates its use but makes it easier to locate information and modify when necessary. The Code is divided into two main parts. Administrative Legislation deals with laws involving operation of government and the functions of municipal departments, such as Finance and Planning Board. General Legislation deals with laws of a regulatory nature, such as Animal Control, Motor Vehicles, Health and Sanitation, Zoning. Most of the chapters (laws) in the Village Code are merely revisions of those already adopted, re-codified with few changes. Some chapters are already part of Village law, but also contain updated sections, such as “Home Occupations.” Some of the chapters are new pieces of legislation, such as Outdoor Storage and Rental Dwelling Registration and Inspection. The Zoning Map has also been altered to reflect the Comprehensive Plan as well as what already exists in most instances throughout the Village. There is an increase in the number of single-family districts and a reduction in the number of two-family districts. Three and four family districts have been combined into multi-family districts, and there is a provision that allows for Planned Development, should that need arise. Rezoned districts, it should be noted, remain grandfathered and that status runs with the land – a change in ownership does not terminate grandfathered status, only a change in use. Copies of the new Code will be available at the Village Hall for residents who wish to examine it, before the Public Hearing.
- b. Combined Meeting with Planning and Zoning Boards – is scheduled for October 17, 2012 to preview the new Village Code.
- c. 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. Composting continues year round even though the demand obviously lulls through the fall and winter. A consideration that may make spring plantings easier is to secure compost this fall. Compost can be stored outside, without cover, through the fall and winter for its intended use next spring. The Compost Facility is on Facebook if anyone would like to get updates on the availability of compost. It can found by searching for Village of Marcellus Compost Facility.
- d. 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 from merchants business and many organizations has been extremely positive. The board thanked Bob and his committee for their dedicated voluntary service to the community.
- e. Highway Work – this past summer, repairs to First Street, Meadow, Maple Street near the Library and the Village Parking lot were completed. New sidewalk was installed on parts of First Street as well, with additional replacement planned before winter. Several diseased or dying trees on Main Street have been removed, while two on South Street, another on Maple Street and another on Bradley will be removed later in the fall. Another on Chrisler Street will be trimmed.
- f. School’s Open – The board asked that citizens 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.
- g. Notify the Police – Call 911 – Chief of Police Robert Wicks reminds 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 may be calling the Police Department and get an answering machine because the officer is out on patrol. Residents must call 911. If still not satisfied, please contact the Village Office during business hours, at 673-3112, and express concerns. The Chief would also encourage residents to call the Police Department if they have any concerns about contractors they may employ. The Police Department will be happy to perform background checks to alleviate concerns. 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.

- h. Striping of Crosswalks – should be completed soon. The Board asked the NYS DOT to stripe crosswalks on North Street and the County to stripe 3 crosswalks on Main Street. County Commissioner Brian Donnelly agreed to the striping on Main Street, but the NYS DOT won't be striping until next year. After paving of the Village parking lot has settled, striping will be done.
- i. The Sump Pump Redirection Program – discussed at a Public Hearing on July 16, 2012 to address the matter of high flows at the Treatment Plant began in August, not only in the Village, but also in the Town Sewer Districts. Village and Town employees are visiting homes in the sewer districts to inspect for illegal sump pump connections to reduce high flows at the plant and Village Code Enforcement Officers have also begun business inspections. As part of a Flow Management Plan, required by the DEC, the Town has begun to locate and number sewer manholes in their sewer districts, and has also begun to televise the entire sewer network in the Town sewer districts, all of this prior to a Village takeover of the entire system when it is clean, and repairs have been made. Residents and businesses have been most cooperative in this effort and we are most grateful for the accommodations that have been made by all. In addition, both Town and Village employees have been very supportive of one another in the endeavor and the Mayor Curtin expressed his and the Board's thanks as well.
- j. Thanks to Village Employees - the Village thanked everyone who participated in the work done on the flower boxes this year, particularly Village employee Kathy Welsh, and the highway crew, whose attention to their care all summer was exceptional and enabled all in the community to enjoy their beauty. The Board also informed those present to take notice of the green space on the corner of Scotch Hill and North Street. The Village treatment plant employees recently expanded the landscaping in the area to address the deterioration of the plants, due to the very hot summer weather. The space was reworked, with minimal cost, to provide the existing plants with adequate room for growth and provide another advertisement of the benefits that natural fertilizer can bring. Compost was mixed in with the plantings in the flowerbeds and broadcasted over the lawn area – proudly showcasing the use of compost to residents of Marcellus and its visitors. Mayor Curtin expressed that it looks great and he and the Board thanked the hard-working employees for all of the efforts.
- k. Creek Walk – The Board is continuing to work on the proposed creek walk, and B & L engineers are in the process of getting the design ready that would connect the walk with Marcellus Park, through the back of Braeside Apartments, and along the back of properties that connect with the McClurg Building on Main Street. B & L will begin to finalize the design plan using that route. The DOT wants the Village to close to the creek, and wants the Village to get, at the very least, to Main Street. Otherwise, the Village will 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. Mayor Curtin explained that the Board 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. Peg Nolan asked if the Village would have to pay for a new design proposal for the modified creekwalk plans. Mayor Curtin let Peg know that the plans will need to be updated, due to some construction redesign and wetland mitigation. He also let Peg know that because the grant was issued with state and federal funding, the Village is required to comply with state and federal regulations for the project. Chuck Paul asked how many properties will be affected by the new design. Mayor Curtin explained that it is only five or six properties. Mary Jo Paul inquired about one of the year-to-date figures that had been reported on the August police report. Mayor Curtin said he will check with Chief Wicks and get back to her. 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 7:20 p.m.

