

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
MARCH 25, 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT LOCAL

LAW #1 2013: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve Local Law #1 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the Local Law. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

COMM. DEV.

RESOLUTION: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus is resolved to further enhance the Village with improvements of sewers, roads, drainage and sidewalks; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Marcellus is eager to participate in the 2013 Onondaga County Community Development Grant Program; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus has previously authorized Barton and Loguidice, P.C. to apply for 2013 grant funding through the Onondaga County Community Development Grant Program on behalf of the Village for curbing and sidewalk rehabilitation work on Scotch Hill Road. 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.

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the special meeting and regular board meeting for the month of February 2013. The bills on Abstract Sheets #010 for General Fund in the amount of \$16,293.63, Water Fund in the amount of \$7,847.44, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$7,368.83, Capital Funds in the amount of \$2,050.94, Trust & Agency in the amount of \$7,998.00 were audited. The bills totaled \$41,558.84. The Board received the Police Report from Chief Robert Wicks for February 2013. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of February 2013 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for February 2013. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for February 2013 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.

SPRING BRUSH

DATES: Trustee Tallman made a motion designating the Spring Brush Pickup Dates. The Highway Superintendent announced that the first day for brush pickup in the Village will begin Monday, March 25, 2013 and the last day to put brush out to the curb for pickup will be Sunday, April 28, 2013. Trustee Tallman announced that in addition, the Town of Marcellus announced dates for the Trash Transfer Stations as follows: Fridays, April 26th and May 3rd, and May 10th, from Noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, April 27th, May 4th, and May 11th, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required and are issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk's Office. There is also an opportunity for residents to drop off electronic waste, including computers and printers. They are accepted free of charge, but must be separated from other trash. Tires require an additional permit, starting at \$2.00, as well as items that contain freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers - these require another permit that costs \$30. Some items are not accepted including garbage, OCRRA recyclables, liquids or hazardous waste including paint, oil tanks, fuel tanks, motor vehicles, roofing shingles and brush over 6 inches in diameter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the dates for spring brush pickup. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

HAZARD MITIGATION

RESOLUTION: Trustee Cox made a motion to authorize a resolution whereas all of Onondaga County has exposure to natural hazards, that pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property, and whereas the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs, and whereas a coalition of Onondaga County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Onondaga County, and whereas the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the

impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy, now be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus adopts in its entirety, the Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction. Trustee Cox let everyone know that copies of supporting documents are on file at the office of the Village Clerk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the hazard mitigation resolution. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motions carried.

BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS:

Trustee Tallman 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 Cox. 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.

B & L STORMWATER

PROPOSAL: Trustee Cox made a motion to table the Annual Storm Water Report proposal until the regular meeting of the Village Board in April. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the proposal. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

VILLAGE/TOWN

IMA-SEWER: Trustee Tallman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Marcellus for the transportation and treatment of normal domestic sewage delivered by the Town through the Village Sewer System to the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant. This new agreement will lead to the consolidation of operation, maintenance, repair, and billing of both systems under the direction of the Village. Having been awarded a \$600,000 Local Government Consolidation Grant, monies will be used to pay for several system-wide improvements as well as priority sewer repairs (Targeted Improvements) throughout the system. The length of this agreement shall be ten years, from July 1, 2012 until December 31, 2022, unless superseded by an agreement to transfer ownership of the Town Sewer System to the Village sooner. Trustee Tallman let everyone know that copies of agreement are on file at the office of the Village Clerk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the IMA. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motions carried.

VILLAGE/TOWN

IMA – PARK

PUMP:

Trustee Cox made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a new Inter-municipal Agreement between the Village and Town of Marcellus regarding the Marcellus Park sewage line and pump station that service the Town of Marcellus Fire Hall – whereby the Town of Marcellus retains ownership of the Sewage Line and Pump Station including any right-of-way or easement for the pipe leading westerly from the fire hall to the Village main line and whereby the Village of Marcellus agrees to monitor and oversee the operation, maintenance and repair of the Marcellus Park pump station and sewage lines, and whereby the Town agrees to reimburse the Village for any reasonable costs incurred by the Village in providing such service and whereby in the event a line breaks or other significant repairs are needed to the Marcellus Park pump station and sewage lines beyond the capabilities of the Village, the Town shall pay for such repairs directly to the respective vendor(s). The Term of this agreement shall be one (1) year from the date of execution of the same and shall continue to extend for additional one (1) year terms, unless notice of cancellation is provided in writing by one party to the other upon ninety (9) days notice. Trustee Cox let everyone know that copies of agreement are on file at the office of the Village Clerk. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the IMA. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motions carried.

ANNOUNCE

ANNUAL MTG/

TENT. BUDGET:

Trustee Tallman announced that the Annual Meeting will take place on April 1, 2013 and includes the appointment of non-elected officials, establishing regular meeting dates, as well as designating official newspapers and depositories. In addition, a Public Hearing will take place on April 1, 2013 to consider the tentative budget for the Village for the next fiscal year. Approval of the final budget will probably take place at the next regular Board meeting, on April 22, 2013.

ANNOUNCE

VILLAGE

MEETINGS:

Trustee Cox made note of a list of meetings scheduled for April 2013 had been prepared and was available to the public. He also asked everyone to please note that the Village Office would be closed on Good Friday, March 29th, and on Memorial Day, May 27th. Also, the Olde Home Days Committee will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month, in the Village Board Room and that the next such meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2013.

Updates by the Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. No Parking – regulations during the winter months, which calls for no parking on any Village streets from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., ends on April 1st.
- b. Village Earth Day Participation – the Board would also like to announce that the Village will again participate in an Earth Day clean up on Friday, April 19, 2013. Third grade students from Heffernan Elementary School will participate in this event and we welcome any individuals or groups to join us in helping clean the Village of any litter lying along the roadside and village rights of way. We will meet in front of the Village Hall to distribute bags and gloves. If you're interested in participating, as a group or an individual, please show up about 1:30 p.m. and contact the Village Clerk at 673-3112 for more information.
- c. Village Banners – new banners have been ordered and we expect them to be installed in the near spring
- d. Utility Bills – the utility bill that residents receive this month is the last bill for our fiscal year. Residents should note that if this bill is not paid by April 30, 2013, it will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2013. If those bills for tenants who pay their own utilities are not paid by April 30, 2013, these too will be re-levied onto the owner's taxes for June 1, 2013. Please note that, unlike previous utility bills, payment for this final bill for the year must be made within the month.
- e. Notice of Sign Placement – the highway department has re-installed the pedestrian crossing signs on Main Street in the Village. The signs are again placed in the road, near the crosswalks, warning motorists that all vehicles must yield to pedestrians who are walking in the crosswalk – a New York State law. It is hoped that the signs will make it easier for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren, to cross Main Street safely as well as cause motorists to slow down as they approach these crosswalks.
- f. Creek Walk – we continue to move ahead with the Creek Walk Project. The engineers are in the process of finalizing design plans and NYS DOT is in the process of securing property rights for the creek walk. While there has been some opposition, most of the responses have been most positive and encouraging. While the project is not as complete as originally envisioned, this is a start and one which we hope will enhance our Village in a number of ways.
- g. Officer Bob Pittman – I would like to announce that Officer Bob Pittman has been singled out by Chief Wicks for his recent efforts in solving a series of burglaries that have occurred not only in the Village and Town, but in the County as well. On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to extend congratulations to Officer Pittman for his dedication to service and as an excellent representative of our professional police force.
- h. Local Government Consolidation Grant – to improve the Village sewage collection system was awarded in the amount of \$600,000 last October. These monies will be used to make repairs to those portions of the collection system that are jointly used by the Village, the Town and the School District, effectively addressing the inflow and infiltration of storm water into the treatment plant, as well as address the new DEC requirement for phosphorus removal at the plant and to bring about targeted improvements to several parts of the sewer system in the Village, Town and School District. Eventually, it is expected that the operation, maintenance, repair and billing of the entire sewage system will lead to a consolidated arrangement, under the sole ownership and responsibility of the Village
- i. Budget – the Village Board is working to finalize the 2013-14 Village Budget in preparation for the Annual Meeting. In January, Village residents received their County and Town tax bill and that bill reflected a tax reduction for Village residents, on average about \$25 for a house valued at \$100,000 in the Village. The County, similar to last year, has been able to drop that tax because, having slashed by more than half the sales tax revenue that used to go to the Village, the County was then able to pass on those tax savings to Village property owners in the form of reduced County taxes. Ever since, the Village has had to make up for the revenue taken by the County and then passed onto Village property owners in the form of reduced County taxes. This year will be no different, and the savings that Village residents saw in their County tax bill will, most likely, be offset by an increase in Village taxes – about \$25 for a house valued at \$100,000 in the Village.
- k. Compost Project – last spring, the Village's Water Pollution Control Plant began composting its first piles of bio-solids/wood chips on-site and the residents were able to obtain some of this natural compost for their individual gardens. Continuing to educate the community about the composting process, an official open house is being planned for May 18th, from 9 to Noon, at which time compost will also be ready for pick-up by residents. In addition, the tree nursery begun several years ago by our WPCP operators has been quite successful, and while some trees will be used on our Village streets, the operators have a limited number of trees available for residents to pick up and plant in their yards. Like the compost, these will be available on the day of the Open House. We also urge residents to carefully review the "Trash NOT Sewer" flyer that is available for pickup at this evening's meeting. The information is invaluable and will help residents understand the importance of putting items in the trash, and not into the sanitary sewer system.

1. Disconnect Illegal Sump Pumps, Roof Downspouts, Exterior Drains – in a continuing effort to eliminate high flows at the Village Treatment Plant, and continuing demands from the DEC to prevent high flows, the Village began inspections in homes and businesses within the entire collection system to verify that no sump pumps, roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, or areaway drains are directly or indirectly connected to the Village sanitary system. The vast majority of residences have been inspected, but there are a number that the Village needs to inspect to verify compliance. There may be no illegal connections, but an inspector must verify this. A letter has been sent to those individuals whose homes still need inspection, along with a phone number to call to make an appointment as soon as possible. The law requires an inspection and we urge that an appointment be made as soon as possible.

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 Shields inquired again about the possibility of having funding put in the 2013 – 2014 budget designated for the resurfacing of the Wilson Tract (Wilson Drive, Baker Road, Hillside Drive, Dunlap Avenue) as had been previously requested by several of the residents in the Fall of 2013. Mayor Curtin let Peg know that if any street rehabilitation is done on the Wilson Tract for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, it would be limited – probably to the street that is least expensive to fix. Mayor Curtin also mentioned that the Highway Superintendent let him know that priority street repairs needed to be done on Chrisler Street, Park Street and Kelly Avenue. Mayor Curtin let Peg know that if more CHIPS money come through from the state budget than originally anticipated, the Board could consider doing more of the Wilson Tract. Kerrie Simms wanted to thank the highway department for fixing the pothole at the end Baker Road and Wilson Drive. Trustee Cox gave a brief explanation to those in attendance as to how the budget process works with regard to street repairs. 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 7:36 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk