

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

**PRESENT:** John P. Curtin, Mayor See List  
Patrick W. Cox, Trustee  
Sally Tallman, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Jeff Brown, Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the special meeting and regular board meeting for the month of October 2013. The bills on Abstract Sheets #006 for General Fund in the amount of \$75,902.81, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$30,997.54, and Capital Funds in the amount of \$9,119.73 were audited. The bills totaled \$116,020.08. The Board received the Police Report for October 2013 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of October 2013 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for October 2013. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for October 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.

**SEWER PLANT**

**RESOLUTION:** Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a resolution whereby the Village of Marcellus elects to move forward with Alternative #2 of said report as prepared by and submitted by MRB Group in order to meet the TMDL requirements and other improvements as mandated by the NYSDEC. 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.

**WQIP**

**RESOLUTION:** Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a resolution whereby the Village of Marcellus agrees to provide the matching fund component (15%) as part of any grant funding that is awarded by the NYSDEC, for waste water treatment plant improvements, through the Water Quality Improvement Program, the application for which program is due December 13, 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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.

**SEWER ADJ.**

**REQUEST:** Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a sewer adjustment for the property located at 12 Dunlap Ave in the Village, similar to those granted in the past. The Village Clerk would hereby be directed to make said adjustment as recommended by the Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on approving the request. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**CHANGE DEC.**

**BOARD MTG:** Trustee Cox made a motion to change the December regular Board meeting from the fourth Monday in December, December 23, 2013 to the third Monday in December, December 16, 2013, because of the Christmas holiday. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the changing the meeting. 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.

**ANNOUNCE  
TREE**

**LIGHTING:** On behalf of the Board, Trustee Cox announced that the annual Marcellus Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2013 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall and then moving uptown to the Point for the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. There are many different activities and participants in this year's ceremony and a flyer has been prepared for residents who wish to pick one up.

**ANNOUNCE  
VILLAGE:**

**MEETINGS:** Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates of the Village for the benefit of residents. She asked residents to please make note that the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Village, at the Point. She also mentioned that the Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday. In addition, the Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Years' Holiday.

**Updates by the  
Mayor:**

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Announce No Parking – November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> – the public should continue to be aware of the fact that as of November 1, 2013, no parking is allowed on any street in the Village of Marcellus from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. so that the Highway Department can plow snow. The no parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2014.
- b. Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency – has initiated a new system for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off. A flyer has been printed for residents. In addition, two new items can now be added to the blue bins for recycling including soft-cover books and #5 plastic tubs (often used for dairy products and take-out containers). Textiles cannot be added to the blue bins and may be donated to local collection agencies. The Board also urged residents to check some quick links on the OCRRA website (OCRRA.org) for turkey grease and greeting card recycling.
- c. Sewer Consolidation Project – another major phase of the project has been the relining, in the last few weeks, of sewer infrastructure in the Village, Town and School District by Green Mountain Co, at a cost of over \$163,000. The next phase of the project will be the replacement of sewer lines as well as the Orange Street pump station, bids will be advertised in January or February, with construction planned for early spring. This will also provide additional time for the Town to secure the easements in the Town Sewer Districts that are necessary before consolidation of the system can take place.
- d. Compost Project – continues to be successful and the operators are building a stockpile of compost over the winter months. Compost will be ready to distribute to residents in the spring. Residents will be notified in the spring newsletter as to when it will begin.
- e. Highway Work – in recent weeks, the highway department has been very diligent in picking up leaves, long beyond the cut-off period. This is largely due to the fact that there has been little snow and the workers have had time to pick them up. The Village Board has received some very nice compliments from residents for their efforts and the Board appreciates the response. With the coming of the winter snows, the memorial benches and pedestrian signs were also removed until spring by the department. They are currently working on putting up and decorating the Village Christmas Tree at the Point, to be ready for lighting on December 5<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas decorations will soon be put up as well. The Board would like to thank members of the Highway Department for all of their efforts as the Village prepares for the winter months, knowing how especially dedicated the highway employees are with the removal of snow and ice.
- f. The Sump Pump Redirection Program – which will help the Village to reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration into the Treatment Plant, continues. Some residences in the Village, approximately 20, have not yet been inspected despite the efforts of Village inspectors to make contact with them to arrange for evening and/or Saturday inspections. Another letter to these residents will soon be sent from the Village Attorney, encouraging them to schedule an inspection. This inspection is an obligation of the Village in order to comply with mandates from the NYSDEC. The Board urges residents to make a call to the Village Inspector at 414-8299.
- g. Health Care Costs – continue to rise, and both the Village and its employees will be required to pay, on average, an increase of about 4% for coverage, beginning in January 2014. However, coverage is not as good as it has been, particularly in the area of co-pays.
- h. Pension Costs – for next year have been projected by the Village Treasurer to be within the allotted budget amounts, approximately 4% increase over last year.

- i. Creek Walk – The Village Board continues to work on the proposed creek walk, and B & L engineers met again with the NYSDOT regarding the right of way (ROW) acquisitions for the project, which will possibly be a combination of permanent easement (PE) or Fee Acquisition (Fee). The Village will end up owning the ROW after acquisition by the NYSDOT, which will soon order a title search for the affected properties. The schedule for the project has been extended to some extent and now calls for Design Approval to be finalized by January 15, 2014, all Rights of Way to be acquired by August 2014, and the project being put out to bid in September 2014.
- j. 315 Area Code Exhaust – the New York State PSC has notified the Board that the slowing demand for new central office codes in the 315 area code region has extended the exhaust date for such codes to the third quarter of 2016. Therefore, the matter of a new or extended area code is being held in abeyance until a more immediate need for area code relief exists.
- k. New Rental Law – calls for increased inspections by the Code Enforcement Officer of all Village properties that are rental in nature, including one-family, two-family and multi-family houses so as to promote and protect the environment of the Village as well as the public health, safety and general welfare of its residents.
- l. Code Enforcement – work on the Laundromat on East Main Street continues to progress, although slowly, the side vents having been removed recently. In addition, the temporary canvas structure on Slocombe Ave has been removed as directed by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- m. The Board would like to call your attention to several new businesses located at 16 East Main, now called Marcellus Commons. These new businesses include the Walnut Cottage Soap Company, Hand-Me-Down Treasures and Wildflower Boutique. The Board urges residents to patronize these establishments.
- n. Grease Traps – as the holiday season approaches, the Treatment Plant Operators continue to urge residents to become more aware of the problems with grease in the sewer system. Grease will stick to household and sewer pipes, and over time, grease buildup can block pipes and cause sewage backups. Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system – they only shred solid material into smaller pieces. The operators urge residents to scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put them in the trash or compost them. **Do not** put grease, fats or oils of any type down your drain or garbage disposal. **Do** put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids – and then empty them in the trash for disposal. In recent weeks, there has been an increase of calls from residents who have had sewer backups, and these have been attributable, for the most part, to grease buildup and blockage.

After concluding with his updates, Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none.

**Items from the Floor:**

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Curtin welcomed Supervisor – Elect Mary Jo Paul to the meeting and pointed out that the Board looks forward to increased cooperation between the Town and Village as a result of Mary Jo being elected. Mayor Curtin then opened up the floor to the public and asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Mary Jo Paul complimented Mayor Curtin, as well as previous Mayor Plochocki, on their dedication in continually providing updates to community members at the monthly board meetings in order to keep them informed of matters. Mary Jo mentioned that as Town Supervisor, she will also provide updates to community members at monthly board meetings in order to keep them informed. She also intends to use the town website as a means of communication between taxpayers and the Town Board, just as the Village does. 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 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 7:14 p.m.

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Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk