

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
DECEMBER 16, 2013 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 7:05p.m.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of November 2013. The bills on Abstract Sheets #007 for General Fund in the amount of \$27,484.22, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,881.45, Capital Funds in the amount of \$13,004.27, and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$13.03 were audited. The bills totaled \$51,382.97. The Board received the Police Report for November 2013 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors report for the month of November 2013 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for November 2013. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for November 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.

**LL # 5 OF 2013-
AMEND VETERANS**

EXEMPTION: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve Local Law #5 of 2013, which will increase the maximum alternative veterans exemption allowed by the Real Property Tax Law to \$36,000, \$24,000 and \$120,000, recognizing wartime, combat and disability categories respectively. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on passing the local law. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Trustee Cox recused himself from the vote. Mayor Curtin and Trustee Tallman voted aye and the motion carried.

ELECTION

RESOLUTION: Trustee Cox made a motion to pass a resolution to appoint Mary Martin and Patricia White as Inspectors of Election, designating Mary Martin as the Chairperson thereof, to fix the compensation for each of the Inspectors of Election and the Chairperson, at \$10.00 per hour, not to exceed \$100.00 per day, and to appoint Betty Tross as alternate Inspector. In addition, the resolution cites that there is no registration day for the Village of Marcellus, since the Village opted out of registration day by resolution on January 25, 1993, that the last day for individuals to register with the County Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in a Village election is March 7, 2014, that the last day for the Village Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to a qualified voter is March 11, 2014, that the last day for the Village Clerk to receive personal applications for absentee ballot from an applicant or agent is March 17, 2014, and that the Village Election for the Village of Marcellus shall be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Village Hall, 6 Slocombe Avenue, Marcellus, NY, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon through 9 o'clock p.m., local time. The offices to be filled on that day are that of Mayor and Trustee. 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.

LAKESHORE DRUG

TESTING: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a contract with Lakeshore Employee Testing Services, to perform drug and alcohol testing for commercial drivers who are employed in the Village Highway Department at a cost of \$55.00 per employee and authorize the Mayor to sign said contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on approving the contract. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

PLAN: Trustee Cox made a motion to continue the Village Infrastructure Program, an agreement whereby the County provides financial assistance to the Village for the construction and maintenance of public improvements, and to complete the Application for Financial Assistance provided to the Village by the County of Onondaga and to submit the application by January 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the program. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

LAKE COUNTRY

CONTRACT:

Trustee Tallman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Village of Marcellus and Lake Country Veterinary Clinic whereby Lake Country veterinary will establish a shelter to house dogs picked up by the Village Dog Control Officer. The cost for boarding and vaccinations of dogs will be billed to the owner of the dog. For stray dogs eligible for adoption, boarding and medicine will be billed to the person adopting the dog. 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 motion carried.

MARCELLUS VETERINARY

CONTRACT:

Trustee Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Village of Marcellus and Marcellus Veterinary Hospital whereby Marcellus Veterinary Hospital will establish a shelter to house dogs picked up by the Village Dog Control Officer. The contract includes hospital fees for housing, vaccinating, and caring for stray dogs. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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 motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

CONTRACTS:

Trustee Tallman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Health Insurance Contracts with Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which contracts provide health and dental benefits for Village employees. The Village will cover 90% of the cost of full time employee's benefits, while the employee will pay 10% of said cost. The new contracts and coverage will begin January 1, 2014, copies of which are available for inspection in the Village Office. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the contracts. 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. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCE

VILLAGE:

MEETINGS:

Trustee Tallman made note of the list of meetings scheduled for the remainder of December and for January 2014. Copies of the meeting dates were provided at the meeting. Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Offices would be closed on Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday, on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year's Holiday, and on January 20, 2014 to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She made note of a Special Meeting of the Board that will take place on Monday, December 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. for the purpose of passing a SEQR Resolution and Bond Resolution, which will reserve the ability of the Village to borrow from EFC the projected cost of \$6 million to pay for Waste Water Treatment Plant updates required, due to unfunded TMDL mandates for phosphorus removal, as mandated by the NYSDEC. The resolution in no way commits the Village to borrow any money, but merely reserves the right of the Village to do so. The potential downside to the Village for not passing this resolution and completing an application is that, at some future point, the Village might be forced to borrow from outside sources, and at a much higher interest rate. Trustee Tallman reiterated that the resolution will in no way commit the Village to bonding any money, but reserves the right of the Village to do so. There were also three handouts that provided – Holiday Recycling Tips, F.O.G. in the Waste Water and Weathering Storm Emergencies from NYSEG.

Updates by the

Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, Grease) – in the waste water is a topic that had been much discussed and will continue to be on the WPCP's agenda in the months ahead. The Board continues to provide a flyer that emphasizes the need to keep Fats, Oils and Grease out of the sanitary sewer system.
- b. No Parking – November 1st to April 1st – 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.

- c. Snow Plowing – The Board would also like to alert independent snow plow operators that it is illegal to plow or shovel snow or ice during snow removal operations upon a village sidewalk or other public way. While most of the independent snow plow operators in the Village comply as much as possible with the law, there are some who need to be reminded that if a driveway is being plowed, that snow **CANNOT** be plowed into the street. **NOR** can the snow be plowed out of a driveway, across the street and into the village right-of-way across from the plowed driveway. Some drivers have claimed that they have no place to put the snow. That, however, is not an excuse to put the snow into the street, nor across the street when plowing. The Village is not responsible for snow that accumulates on a resident's property and the Village is not responsible for removing snow that has been plowed onto the Village right-of-way. The Board asks that independent snow plow drivers take this into consideration when they are plowing residential properties in the village. No snow should be plowed onto a village street or sidewalk, and any that has been, accidentally, must be removed before finishing the job.
- d. Composting – continues to move along and The board would like to thank our operators as they prepare more compost for pickup in the spring.
- f. Sump Pump Program – will continue throughout the winter months – there are about 20 residences in the Village left to inspect and certify.
- g. Community Development Application – \$50,000 for Scotch Hill sidewalks will be addressed during our January meeting and as part of the infrastructure projects to be made in the spring and summer.
- h. Code Enforcement – violations at several Village properties, have been addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer and are listed in his monthly report.
- i. Sewer Consolidation Project – in recent weeks, Green Mountain Pipe has completed the cured-in-place lining of almost 4,000 LF of sanitary sewer pipe in various parts of the Village, Town and School District, a contract that totaled \$163,834. A recent meeting of the participants took place last week and plans are now being made for the repair and replacement of other sewer infrastructure as well as the Orange Street pump station. The Board hopes to bid the project in January 2014, with construction planned for early spring.
- j. Christmas Tree Lighting – on behalf of the Board, Mayor Curtin extended special thanks to all who were instrumental in conducting a very successful Tree Lighting on December 5, 2013, in particular the Village Clerk, Dawn O'Hara, and the Highway crew and Police Department.
- k. Police Warning – residents should be aware of the fact that some thieves have been active in the Village and Town, following FedEx and other vehicles delivering and leaving packages unattended at various locations and then stealing such packages. Chief Wicks urges residents to be vigilant about such activity and to notify the police if they have suspicions.
- l. Other – on behalf of the Board, Mayor Curtin extended a Merry Christmas and wished all of the Village residents the joy of family, the gift of friends and the best of everything for the New Year.

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 asked if there were any items from the floor. There were 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 7:16 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk