

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
APRIL 28, 2014 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.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of March 2014. The bills on Abstract Sheets #011 for General Fund in the amount of \$20,071.42, Water Fund in the amount of \$5,994.00, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,239.89, Capital Funds in the amount of \$8,384.50 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$170.19 were audited. The bills totaled \$44,860.00. The Board received the Police Report for March 2014 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of March 2014 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for March 2014. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for March 2014 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.

ADOPT 2014 – 2015

BUDGET: Trustee Tallman mentioned that there had been no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Tentative Budget Hearing on April 7, 2014 and made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Village budget and to set the Tax Rate at \$6.63 /\$1,000 assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on adopting the budget. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNUAL
STORMWATER**

REPORT: Trustee Cox made a motion to again table the Annual Storm Water Report until the May Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the report. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CHANGE MAY BD.

MTG DATE: Trustee Tallman explained that the regular May Board meeting falls on Memorial Day and made a motion to change the date of that meeting from the 4th Monday of the month, May 26th, to the 3rd Monday of the month, May 19th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on changing the date. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJUST SEWER

BILLING: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a sewer rate adjustment for the property located at 7 Reed Street in the Village, similar to those granted other residents in the past. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the sewer billing adjustment. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Mayor Curtin and Trustee Cox voted aye and the motion carried. Trustee Tallman recused herself from the vote. The Village Clerk was directed by the Board to make the adjustment as recommended by the Board.

8 PAUL STREET-

DEV. PLAN: Brian Ciota and Scott McClurg provided the Board with a Concept Plan for 8 Paul Street Development and gave details about the proposed development of the property. Trustee Tallman made a motion to pass a resolution approving the conceptual plan for the redevelopment of property at 8 Paul Street, and to authorize the Village Planning Board to review and report back to the Board of Trustees, its recommendations for development of the site. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the conceptual plan for the development of 8 Paul Street. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

FIRST ST. RESIDENT

REQUEST: Trustee Cox stated that the Board wanted to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Ryan Hoey of 29 First Street in the Village. Mr. Hoey requested that the stump from a tree removed by

the Village last year also be removed, and that the large depressions in the Village right of way, caused by removal of large trees several years ago, also be filled with top soil. This request was forwarded to the Highway Chief for his attention. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the request. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

TOWN PARK-

REFUSE CHGS: Trustee Tallman explained that refuse charges for the Marcellus Town Park had never been levied and there was no record of the charge having been forgiven, despite the fact that large amounts of trash are picked up during the summer months. Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the levying of refuse charges to the Marcellus Town Park in the amount of 1 unit, the charge will be effective with the next quarterly billing cycle and throughout the calendar year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the refuse charge. 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 Water Funds. 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 VILLAGE: MEETINGS:

Trustee Tallman announced that a list of Meeting Dates for the month of May had been published. Included were the dates for the meeting of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as announcements of the Town Dump days, and the Compost Facility Open House on May 17th. Also included was a notice that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, and that the Olde Home Days Celebration is planned for June 6th, 7th and 8th in the Village and in Marcellus Park. Also, so that it can be given proper advertisement, the Village Board decided that the annual Village-wide Garage Sale will be scheduled for July 12th this year.

Updates by the Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Scotch Hill Project – may be done this summer, provided funds are made available, it is hoped that granite curbing on the south side of Scotch Hill Road, from North Street to the Village line will be installed, eliminating roadway and drainage deficiencies, as well as creating additional green space and snow storage between the street and the sidewalk. Hopefully, monies will be available next year from Community Development so that new 5-foot sidewalks may be installed on Scotch Hill Road from North Street to the Village line. It has become necessary to split the project into two separate phases because of the uncertainty of funding.
- b. Code Officer and Fire Inspection – the new rental registration and inspection law has been implemented this year, the inspection of rental units spread out over a three-year cycle. Inspection fees will be \$25 per unit for a three year period.
- c. Storm Water Report – is almost complete by the Storm Water Designee and will be on file in the Village Office as well as on the Village web site when complete.
- d. Flags – new American flags have been donated – just in time for Memorial Day and Olde Home Days.
- e. Pedestrian Signs and Benches – have been re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department.
- f. Planning Board – Laundromat is still trying to complete its façade treatment – the Planning Board and the CEO have also approved a new business in town – Mo's Pit Bar BQ and Cowboy Cuisine. The Board urged residents to patronize the business.
- g. Compost Project – an Open House is scheduled for 9 a.m. to Noon on May 17th at the Treatment Plant – at that time, residents will be able to tour the facility, pick up compost and also pick up a tree that has been grown at the plant nursery. These trees are extras that will not be used in the Village and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- h. Phosphorus limit at WWTP – is an issue that continues to complicate sewer matters. A recent newspaper article in April indicated that phosphorus levels in Onondaga Lake have fallen in half, and that Onondaga Lake is now cleaner than some Finger Lakes, and better than Otisco Lake in water quality. This now brings into question the state mandate that the phosphorus emissions from our WWTP be reduced and will be discussed with the DEC at a meeting to be held in mid-May.

- i. Sewer Consolidation Agreement – with the completion of the final phase of construction this summer, it is expected that a new sewer consolidation agreement will be developed between the Village, the Town and the School District that will be satisfactory to all parties. It is hoped that by the end of the calendar year, the agreement will be in place, and the entire sewer system consolidated and under the sole control and responsibility of the Village
- j. Olde Home Days – banners, placemats will be ready for installation and distribution during the first week in May
- k. Sidewalks – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some new sidewalk will be installed on Slocombe and First Streets, pending budgetary considerations
- l. Creekwalk – The Final Draft Report was sent to FHWA and the NYSDOT is waiting for a response from them. With a new area engineer, it may take longer for them to get caught up, according to the NYSDOT. The project is continuing to move forward, and it is expected that rights of way will be secured during the summer in time for construction in the fall. In addition, if some residents are not familiar with the project, the Board urged them to check out the home page of the Village website – <http://villageofmarcellus.com>
- m. Street repairs – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, repairs will be made on Baker Road, Hillside Drive, Orchard Circle and Highland Circle, pending budgetary considerations.
- n. Tree Plantings – WWTP operators might be able to use some of the trees growing at the WWTP nursery this year, probably on side streets so that they are not damaged by vandals
- o. Tree Removals – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some trees on Meadow Street, and First Street need to be removed, pending budgetary considerations
- p. Flower Boxes – will be filled again this year, using compost from WWTP, giving a good indication of the value of the compost. Kathy Welsh will again be instrumental in the plantings in the boxes using flowers secured from Bill Manchocci of the Town of Marcellus Parks Department.
- q. Earth Day Cleanup – in the Village took place on April 17th – the 2nd graders at Heffernan Elementary School spread out across the Village to help in the cleanup, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Village provided gloves and bags for the cleanup and the Board thanked, once again, Nojaims Grocery Store for providing some refreshments for the students. The Board sincerely thanked the students as well as the staff and faculty at KCH for all of their help in making this annual event so successful.
- r. SRO Contract – with the Marcellus Central School District has been completed and is in the hands of the Marcellus School Board. Details of the contract, which will provide Village police officers (SRO) on the Marcellus Central School Campus, are provided in the agreement, and may be subject to change before final approval by both parties.
- s. Radon Test Kits Available – from the Onondaga County Health Department. If interested, a pamphlet was available explaining what steps should be taken.
- t. The Value of Water – another pamphlet also available for residents, compliments of New York Rural Water. The Board urged residents to become more informed of one of the most valuable natural resources.

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. Supervisor Mary Jo Paul informed the Village Board that Town Councilor Peter Hakes had resigned from his position on the Town Board and that the Town is advertising to fill the vacancy left by his resignation. She also informed the Board that the Emerald Ash Borer had arrived in central New York and could contaminate and destroy ash trees in the village including those on private property, which village residents could potentially bring to the Village brush pile. Because of the circumstances in the town as well, the Town may need to consider closing its brush pile during May 1 – October 1 and not allow the Village to bring its brush to the Town’s brush pile. Supervisor Paul explained that if ash trees are infected and brought to either brush pile, the disease will spread and the brush pile will be deemed contaminated. At that point, the brush pile must be burned or turned into mulch. Supervisor Paul will continue to keep the Board informed. Mayor Curtin asked if there were any further items from the floor. 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 7:51 p.m.