

Monthly Updates – from the Mayor – November 2017

Since the minutes from our regular monthly Board meeting are not formally approved and posted on the Village website until the following month, it seems that our residents might be more fully informed of Village affairs by having regular updates posted on our website sooner, rather than later. To that end, it has been decided to provide our readers with some monthly updates, and if there are any concerns or a need for more information, please call (673-3112) or email (marboard@twcny.rr.com) the Village Office.

Re-levy of Unpaid Village Taxes – a motion to re-levy all unpaid Village Taxes, as of November 1, 2016, to the County of Onondaga for payment was approved.

Public Hearing – Local Law #4 of 2017 – Amend Local Law #3 of 2016 – Currently, Local Law #3 of 2016 is the local law for floodplain protection in the Village of Marcellus. Because a physical change to the VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS' Flood Insurance Rate Map has been made by FEMA and the NYSDEC, as the enforcing agency, recommends that the Village formally adopt a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), it is necessary for the Village to formally adopt the LOMR before permits based on the information on the Letter of Map Revision can be issued.

Local Law #4 of 2017 – a motion to approve Local Law #4 of 2017 amending Chapter 89, Flood Damage Prevention by adding Subsection 3.2(3), a Letter of Map Revision was approved, following the Public Hearing.

Installation of “No Parking Here To Corner” Signs – a motion to authorize the D.P.W. to install “No Parking Here To Corner” Signs at the end of First Street and Reed Parkway was approved.

Change December Board Meeting – the Board approved a motion to change the December regular Board meeting from December 25, 2017 to December 18, 2017, because of the Christmas holiday.

Spectrum Cable Franchise Agreement – a motion to table the Spectrum Cable Franchise Agreement until the Village Attorney has been able to negotiate successfully, the terms of the agreement, with Spectrum Communications was again approved.

Budget Modifications – as requested by the Village Treasurer transferring revenues and appropriations in the General Fund and Sewer Fund were approved.

Christmas Tree Lighting November 30, 2017 – the Board announced that the annual Marcellus Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 30, 2017 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.

Reminder – No Parking – November 1st to April 1st – the public should be aware of the fact that as of November 1, 2017, there is no parking 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. This no parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2018. If ticketed by Village Police, the fee will be \$35.00. We urge residents to use the Village parking lots for any overnight parking situations.

Leaf and Brush Pickup – brush pickup ended on October 9th and if any residents have missed the deadline, they are welcome to utilize the Village composting site behind the Village Hall. Leaf pickup was extended until mid-November, but is now ended. With snowstorms that may occur, any leaves that are still in the Village right-of-way, between the sidewalk and the road, will remain there until the snow melts and the DPW has an

opportunity to remove them. That might not be until the spring of 2018. Residents are welcome to bag their leaves and bring the bags to the compost site at the rear of the Village Hall.

Other DPW Work – in recent weeks, the DPW has been very diligent in picking up leaves, long beyond the cut-off period. We have received some very nice compliments from residents for their efforts and we appreciate the response. With the coming of the winter snows, some of the memorial benches and pedestrian signs will be removed until spring by the department. The Department will also put up and decorate the Village Christmas Tree at the Point, ready for lighting on the 30th and the Christmas decorations will soon be put up as well. The Board would like to thank members of the DPW for all of their efforts as we prepare for the winter months, knowing how especially dedicated they are with the removal of snow and ice.

Health Care Costs – continue to rise, and both the Village and its employees will be required to pay, on average, an increase of about 9% for health coverage and about 4% for dental coverage, beginning in January 2018. However, coverage is similar to last year, with increase in premiums.

Compost Project – continues to be very successful and please remember that composting continues all year round even though the demand obviously lulls through the fall and winter. Some residents might want to secure compost this fall, since it can be stored outside, without cover, through the fall and winter for its intended use next spring.

Planning Board – the Board plans to meet in December to discuss several items. Public hearings are planned for December 13, 2017 regarding the use of dumpsters and expansion of parking at the North Street Apartment complex, as well as discussion of a proposed B-B-Q installation, in the spring, in the rear of #14 Main Street

School's Open – we continue to ask residents to 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.

Police – within the past month, several thefts from cars parked in Marcellus Park. The Chief continues to warn residents that cars should always be locked, even if your driveway, and anything in the car's interior that might attract the attention of a thief should not be visible. If thieves view something in a car is worthwhile taking, they will and have smashed car windows. So, please lock your car doors. In addition, the Chief continues to encourage residents to call the Police Department if they have any concerns about solicitors or contractors they may employ. The Police Department would be happy to do background checks so as to alleviate these concerns. Also, if there are any snowbirds who would like to have their properties checked while they are out of town, please notify the Police Department.

Prescription / Drug Drop-Off Box – Chief Wicks would again like to announce that a prescription/drug drop-off box, similar to a mailbox, is now located in the lobby of the Village Hall and is available for use by any residents who would like to dispose of any prescription or other drugs anonymously. The County Health Department stops by monthly to pick up and properly dispose of such items. In the next few months, it is hoped that there will also be a drop-off box for needle and syringe disposal. In the meantime, if some residents need to disposal of needles or syringes, the Police Department is willing to collect and dispose of them.

Creekwalk Project – is in its final stages of completion and it is mostly paper work. For an update, photos as well as a video, check the Village website: <http://www.villageofmarcellus.com/creekwalk-news.html>

WWTP Phosphorus Removal and Upgrades – at its August meeting, the Board authorized the Mayor to close on EFC financing for the mandated phosphorus removal and WWTP upgrades. This closing date guarantees that the Village will be able to obtain interest free financing for a 30-year loan of \$4,220,100 as well as an EFC grant of \$1,379,900 for a total expenditure of \$5.6 million. We continue to look for more funding from other revenue streams so as not to overburden Village, Town and School District sewer users with hefty sewer rents. With the design package in place, a legal notice was published in the Observer to solicit bids for the project. Bids will be solicited and received in November and December, with the opening of bids in the Village Office on December 5, 2017, at 11 a.m. A review of the bids will take place in December 2017 and January 2018, and awarding or rejecting of those bids at the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting. Construction should begin the spring of 2018, and completion of the project should take about a year.

Announce Village Meetings for December 2017 – Trustee _____ – the Village Clerk has printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the benefit of residents. Please make note that the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 30th, in the Village, at the Point, that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. In addition, the Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st for the New Years' Holiday.