

## Monthly Updates – from the Mayor – April 2021

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 (315-673-3112) or email the Village Office (clerk@villageofmarcellus.com).

**Adopt 2021-2022 Budget and set the Tax Rate** – since there have been no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 5, 2021, a motion was made to approve the 2021-2022 Village budget and to set the Tax Rate at \$6.85 /\$1,000 assessed valuation.

**Proposal – W-M Engineering for Annual Storm Water Report** – a motion was approved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal from W-M Engineering to prepare the Annual Storm Water Report at a cost not to exceed \$600

**Intermunicipal Agreements with Onondaga County** – a motion was approved to table the Intermunicipal Agreements with Onondaga County regarding both the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Operation and Maintenance Charges and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

**Annual Storm Water Report** – a motion was approved to table the Annual Storm Water Report until the May Board Meeting, when W-M Engineering will have completed it.

**Utility Bills** – the utility bill that residents received this month is the last bill for our fiscal year. Residents should note that if not paid by April 30, 2021, the bill will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2021. If those bills for tenants who pay their own utilities are not paid by April 30, 2021, these too will be re-levied onto the property owner's taxes for June 1, 2021. Please note that, unlike previous utility bills, payment for this final bill for the year must be made within the month. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Village Office at 315-673-3112.

**School Resource Officer Contracts** – a motion was approved to table until the next Board meeting the School Resource Officer Agreements between the Village of Marcellus, the Marcellus Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Free School District, and the Onondaga Central School District whereby the School

**Inter-municipal Agreement with Town of Marcellus** – a motion was approved to authorize the Mayor to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Marcellus whereby the Marcellus Police Department would provide security services at the Marcellus Town Park on certain days of the week during the summer months, a copy of which agreement is on file in the Village Office for public inspection.

**Budget Modifications** – a motion was made to approve budget modifications requested by the Village Treasurer, transferring revenues and appropriations in the General and Sewer Funds.

**Announce Village Meetings for May 2021** – a list of Meeting Dates for the month of May has been published. Included is a list of dates for the meeting of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as an announcement of the Town Trash Days schedule. Also included is a notice that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, and there will be an abbreviated Memorial Day ceremony at the Point on this date, beginning at 11 a.m. The Olde Home Days Celebration originally planned for June 4th, June 5th, and 6th in the Village and in Marcellus Park has been canceled due to the continuing health crisis throughout the nation. Finally, so that it can be given proper advertisement, the Village Board has decided that the annual Village-wide Garage Sale will be scheduled this year for July 10th.

### Updates – Mayor

**Utility Bills** – If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Village Office at 315-673-3112.

**Code Officer and Fire Inspection** – fire inspections and rental inspections continue, along with vacant house registrations, code violations being issued for litter and rubbish piles, as well as change of occupancy at several sites.

**Pedestrian Signs and Benches** – have been re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department. The flags are also displayed in time for Memorial Day.

**Compost at the Treatment Plant** – will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, residents are able pick up compost but they should also be aware of the fact that construction at the plant still might hinder their ability to pick it up. It would be best for residents to call the treatment plant ahead of time (315-673-4491) to determine when it would be most convenient to pick up compost.

**Olde Home Days** – unfortunately, has been canceled, but we are grateful that our local American Legion Post is hoping to resume a limited public Memorial Day Commemoration in the village on Monday, May 31, 2021, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at The Point. It is a tradition unbroken prior to 2020, the pandemic year, since 1926. We welcome the return of this great tradition.

**New Business in the Village** – look for an early summer opening of new businesses in the Village at #2 and #4 E. Main Street. Details are still being planned for a Nano Brewery and an ice cream and deli shop on these sites. We welcome new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them.

**America Rescue Plan** – Funding for State and Local Fiscal Relief is part of this plan. Senator Schumer announced recently “. . . that Village and town governments will be receiving a direct allocation of federal assistance, . . . but village amounts are not included because of the complications of calculating those amounts until a process is put in place to divvy up funds between overlapping governments.” We have been told that the Town of Marcellus has been granted approximately \$660,000, but we do not know anything about the process to divvy up funds between overlapping governments.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Trees** – monies have already been set aside from the previous budget to complete some highway resurfacing, the repair of at least four (4) light poles and to share in the cost of brush and tree removal and street sweeping with the Town of Marcellus. The new DPW budget also calls for resealing Reed Parkway, along with sidewalk repair in several locations in the Village, a continuation of street sweeping and repainting of crosswalks, assisting MCS students in the development of the Green Gateway Project and implementing a changeover from head-in to parallel parking on the south side of East Main Street. A major item in this budget year is a capital improvement project on Meadow Street and this will require a significant investment, not only for reconstruction of the road itself but also for significant sanitary sewer and storm drainage reconstruction. Also tree removals are planned, per the DPW Superintendent’s schedule, pending budgetary considerations.

**Village Parking Improvements** – we again mention the plan for changing the parking situation in front of 2-6 East Main Street (Reagan Building and Village Tavern) from a perpendicular to a parallel configuration. This is the final spot in the Village that has perpendicular parking, and is a dangerous traffic hazard, trying to park and then back out onto Main Street. There will probably be a loss of 4 (four) parking spots as a result of this change, but the businesses that border this area have come to realize the importance of eliminating this dangerous parking situation and have agreed to the change. We had expected this project to be completed last year, but unexpected difficulties have delayed that construction until this summer. The Board applauds the efforts of MCS students who created a most appropriate design for this area on East Main, and all involved in the project and looks forward to its implementation soon.

**Earth Day Cleanup** – the Village was hopeful that an Earth Day clean up of the Village in April, an annual event that involved students from Heffernan Elementary School would again take place. Fortunately this event took place, and we thank KCH students and their teachers for helping to clean up the Village on April 23, 2001. Employees at Reagan Insurance also participated in helping to clean up the Village for Earth Day and we thank them as well for their involvement on this annual event.

**Spring Brush Pickup** – the Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy from last year for the 2021 Brush Pickup. Brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on Mondays from April 5th to May 10th. Also, during the summer months (June, July, and August), brush may also be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on the first Monday of each month during those summer months.

**Spring Town Trash Dates** – the Town of Marcellus announced that the Town has scheduled the 2021 dates for the Trash Transfer Stations as follows: Fridays, April 23rd, April 30th, and May 7th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, April 24th, May 1st, and May 8th, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required and issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk’s Office. The rates are \$20

for a passenger vehicle, \$35 for a pickup truck, \$45 for a trailer, \$10 for a one-time passenger car, \$3 for tires and \$15 for anything with Freon (such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers). The Town Board agreed to also have a shred day during the Spring Trash Days. The cost to the Town is \$600 for four (4) hours and the Village will share in that cost. There will be no cost to the residents for the shredding, but there is a limit of five boxes per car. There will also be an Electronics Waste Disposal Day included with the trash days this year and that will require a special fee. The cost will be \$40 for televisions and monitors over 27", \$20 for televisions and monitors less than 27" and a \$5 fee per load for all other electronics. This year there will be a charge for flat screen televisions. Some items are not accepted including garbage, OCRRA recyclables, liquids or hazardous waste including paint, oil tanks, fuel tanks, motor vehicles, and contractor debris (home projects only), All items must be secured and covered when transporting to the Town Transfer Station.

**SRO Contracts** – with the Marcellus Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Freed School District and the Onondaga Central School District have been tabled and will be approved at a later Board meeting.

**Baltimore Ridge Development** – the Planning Board reconvened its Public Hearing on April 21, 2021, at St Francis Xavier Parish Hall at 7 p.m. to address Site Plans, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), engineering reports and SEQR documentation relative to the Baltimore Ridge Project and listened to comments by area residents. In addition, a response to the Onondaga County Planning Board's Recommendation and Comments was completed, thus satisfying the requirements of GML 239. The Planning Board also granted, by resolution, the Preliminary Sub-Division and Site Plan Approval for the Baltimore Ridge Development to Camex Realty. Final approval of the subdivision cannot occur until after the final plat has been approved by the Planning Board and the developer has complied with the provisions of Article III, Par. D of the Sub Division Regulations, specifically the Required Improvements and Performance Bond. Meeting information is available on the Village website: <https://www.villageofmarcellus.com/baltimore-ridge.html>. Copies of supporting documents are on file at the Village office

**Meadow Street** – this major project, to provide storm water drainage and road improvements to the Meadow Street area, is moving along. Mapping and design has been completed and both NYSEG and OCWA have been at work replacing gas mains and the installation of new hydrants and replacement of the water main prior to repair of the sanitary sewer line, with cured-in-place relining and improvements to roadside swales and road re-paving. Some improvements will also extend north onto Second Street. While we wait to note what the spring rains will bring, we are cautiously optimistic that our efforts in helping to address the flooding in this area will have been met with some success. The Board wants to make you aware of the fact that there will be some inconvenience in the coming months but we are confident that this new project will be most positive. If there are any concerns regarding this project, please contact DPW Superintendent – Greg Crysler – 315-506-9253 or Deputy DPW Superintendent – Jim LaRose – 315-569-2718