

Monthly Updates – from the Mayor – April 2023

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 2023-2024 Budget and set the Tax Rate – there have been no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 3, 2023. A motion was made to approve the 2023-2024 Village budget and to set the Tax Rate at \$5.89 /\$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 – a motion was approved regarding the utility bill that residents received this month, which is the last bill for our fiscal year. Residents should note that if not paid by April 30, 2023, the bill will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2023. If those bills for tenants who pay their own utilities are not paid by April 30, 2023, these too will be re-levied onto the property owner's taxes for June 1, 2023. Please note that, unlike previous utility bills, payment for this final bill for the year must be made within the month of April. 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, the Onondaga Central School District and the Tully Central School District whereby the School Districts and the Village have determined that it is in their mutual best interests to enter into these Agreements to continue to provide for the assignment of officers of the Marcellus Police Department to serve as School Resource Officers in those School Districts. A copy of the agreements is on file in the Village Office for public inspection.

Inter-municipal Agreement with Town of Marcellus – a motion was approved to continue the 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. This agreement will continue on an annual basis without the necessity of renewal unless terminated by either party. A copy of the agreement, first initiated in 2021, is on file in the Village Office for public inspection.

Appointments – following some training by our Codes Enforcement Officer, Bill Reagan, the Village is pleased to announce the appointment as a part time Codes Official, Paul Stacey to fill the position. Paul has been sworn in as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Safety Inspector on a part-time basis, for approximately 20 hours per week, at a salary of \$24 per hour. Upon certification, Paul’s salary will increase to \$28 per hour. In addition, the Village also appoints Paul Stacey as a part-time Records Management Clerk on a part-time basis, for approximately 15 hours per week, at a salary of \$27 per hour.

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.

Proclamation - Professional Municipal Clerks Week – a motion was made to approve a proclamation honoring the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, to wit: - copy of which is on file in the Village Office

Announce Village Meetings for May 2023 – Trustee ____ - 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 on May 17, 2023, to discuss the Design Standards, 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 29, 2023, and there will be a Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. and a ceremony at the Point on this date, beginning at 11 a.m. The Olde Home Days Celebration are planned for June 2nd, June 3rd, and 4th in the Village and in Marcellus Park. 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 8th.

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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 will also be displayed in time for the Memorial Day celebration.

WWTP Monthly Updates for Village and Town Board Meetings – Last month’s average daily flow at the wastewater treatment plant was a bit elevated at 0.407MGD. With the spring rains and snow melts, the treatment plant operators would like to remind all Village and Town sewer users to disconnect any and all sump pumps from their sanitary sewer. Instead, connect them to a storm sewer, drainage ditch, or dry well. There is also compost available at the treatment plant. Please bring your container(s) to the plant at 6-Mile-High Drive weekdays 8am-3pm. First come, first serve. For confirmation on compost availability or if you have questions regarding sump pump connections, please leave a message for us at 315-673-4491

Memorial Day – Olde Home Days – American Legion Post 297 is planning to resume a public Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration in the Village on Monday, May 29, 2023, with the Parade

beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the Ceremony ay 11 a.m. at The Point. A tradition unbroken since 1926, prior to 2020, the pandemic year, we welcome the return of this great tradition. Olde home Days will also return on June 2nd, June 3rd, and 4th and we welcome that great celebration as well.

New Business in the Village – we welcome new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them, including Holy Cow Restaurant at 3 North Street and Stack Construction & Design at 6 West Main Street. Also, look for an early May opening of a new business in the Village at #2 East Main Street. Details are still being planned for an ice cream and deli shop on this site.

Streets, Sidewalks, Trees – the Village DPW and our Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent are always very sensible in planning for each budget year. Monies have already been set aside from the previous budget to complete some capital improvements, namely the repaving or reconstruction of certain Village streets, yet to be exactly determined at this time, other highway resurfacing, perhaps to purchase a new Bobcat (skid-steer) at an estimated cost of \$40,400, 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 sidewalk reconstruction in several locations in the Village (along First Street and South Street), a continuation of street sweeping and repainting of crosswalks, and assisting MCS students in the development of the Green Gateway Project.

Village Parking Improvements – last year, the changeover of the parking situation in front of 2-6 East Main Street (Reagan Building and Village Tavern) from a perpendicular to a parallel configuration proved to be most successful. Earlier in this month, the DPW along with a contractor removed the brick pavers on the corner of South and Main Streets and installed stampcrete, a project that not only dressed up the area but removed several trip pedestrian hazards. Last year, several of the businesses in this area applied for and received special permits to operate a sidewalk café for outdoor seating in front of their establishments. The recent nice weather has enabled residents to enjoy outdoor seating once again and to patronize our local businesses.

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 21, 2023. We also want to thank Nojaims, Calley’s Hardware and Finders Keepers for their donations to the students in celebration of our Earth Day Cleanup. 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 2023 Brush Pickup. Brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on Mondays from April 3rd thru May 8th. Also, during the summer months brush may also be placed at the curb on the first Saturday and Sunday for pickup on the following Mondays of each month – June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th.

Spring Town Trash Dates – the Town of Marcellus has tentatively scheduled the 2023 dates for the Trash Transfer Stations as follows: Fridays, April 28th, May 2nd, and May 12th from 8 a.m. to Noon and Saturdays, April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits, prices for which will be

determined, are required, and issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk's Office. The Town Board has also agreed to have an Electronic Waste Collection and to also have a Community Shred day during the Spring Trash Days. This latter event will only be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Town of Marcellus Highway Garage. The cost to the Town is to be determined, 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. 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

The Town Board agreed to also have a **shred day** during the Spring Trash Days on May 14th 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 a list of acceptable items is available on the Village and Town websites. 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). A list of unacceptable items is LSO available on the Village and Town websites. 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, the Onondaga Central School District, and the Tully Central School District have been tabled and will be approved at a later Board meeting.

Planning Board – the Planning Board and Village Board will meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, to review and discuss the Design Standards proposal developed by MRB, a proposal that would assess the current codes from a standpoint of alignment with best practices and desired outcomes, work with Village leadership to identify issues with current guidelines and identify opportunities for codification. MRB would develop language to address gaps between current guidelines and community expectations, and update language to ensure alignment with current best practices, and potential future needs and New York State law. The proposal would update the design guidelines as well as prepare the required SEQR documentation to adopt these updates.

The 2022 Main St Grant Program – the Village Board is again pleased to announce that the Village was awarded almost \$500,000 for the 2022-2023 Main St Grant Program. There are 11 projects included in the Village Center and this is sure to make a significant impact on the community. These projects will have to follow all normal application and permitting requirements, and some may be referred to the Planning Board as the process unfolds. The Village is most grateful to County Executive Ryan McMahon and the Office of Community Development as well as the Onondaga County Legislature for providing funds to help revitalize and beautify many parts of the Village of Marcellus, as they did in previous years under the County Main Street Façade Grant program.

Baltimore Ridge Development – continues to move along quite well, and as of this date, all permits have been issued, and more development at the site has begun with building construction on four lots. In addition, sight distance conditions on South Street Road, as required by Onondaga County DOT, are being met while utilities, roads and sewer infrastructure have not yet been turned over to the Village, and probably not until the summer will this take place.

Tefft Meadows Senior Apartments at 8 Paul St in the Village of Marcellus – is the proposed project that will offer affordable living for those 62+ years of age. The project calls for the construction of a new 60-unit senior apartment building with all site amenities including a 60-space parking lot and stormwater facility on the same parcel at 8 Paul St. in the Village of Marcellus. The property amenities include a community room, elevator service, laundry facilities, and a secure entry and is convenient to shopping, restaurants and local businesses. Tefft Meadows Senior Apartments will be professionally managed and maintained by Christopher Community and at present is waiting for the NYS budget to pass so as to determine if funding will have been approved. This \$19M development will not only address a critical housing need for seniors in Onondaga County but also provide an economic boost to the entire Marcellus community. The plans and other detail on the proposed Tefft Meadows project can be found on the Village website at <https://www.villageofmarcellus.com/tefft-meadows.html>

From the Marcellus Police Department: Please be advised that there is a nationwide trend where scammers contact the elderly via disposable cellphones and attempt to trick people into giving out their personal information (D.O.B., SS#, etc.). Sometimes, they tell people that they are potentially the victim of fraud and attempt to persuade them to purchase gift cards from stores such as Target or Walmart and provide them with the activation codes. Unfortunately, there have been several recent cases of this type of fraud in Onondaga County. Please speak to your elderly family members and neighbors to warn them of this scam. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact the Marcellus Police Department at (315) 673-2079.