

Monthly Updates From the Mayor

October 2024

- Hauler Contract- the current hauler contract for refuse collection within the Village will expire on 11/30/24. The 2024-2027 Request for proposals have been sent to the 4 major haulers in the area as well as published in the Press Observer. The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 @ 11:00 am. Due to increasing costs associated with collection and disposal, it is expected that the cost to the Village residents will increase.
- Sewer Rates to increase- Due to rising operational and maintenance costs associated with the Sewer system a rate increase will take effect on 1/1/2025. Residents will see the new rates, expected to increase by 2%, in the first quarter utility bill sent in April.
- NYF Application- The Village's application for the NY Forward grant was submitted in mid-October. Representatives from the Village are scheduled to meet with the State to present the application on November 8. Thank you to Emma Falkenstein, Matt Horn and the team at MRB for all of the efforts put into this endeavor.

DPW

- The DPW is working with Tyler Cooper and Marcellus Highschool students on their Independent Projects this semester. Two students are interested in wastewater analysis.
- Town Board Member and Marcellus High School teacher Terry Hoey and a group of high school students came down to the treatment plant for a tour as a part of their wellness days.
- W2O performed annual Fall Maintenance on the treatment plant, Orange pump station, Platt road pump station and the Park pump station.
- Compost is available at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for Village residents free of charge. Please call 315-673-4491 to make an appointment for pickup.
- Village Board and DPW met with Town Board and DPW to discuss changes in Town Sewer agreement renewals.
- The state certified lab we have used for the past 25+ years has lost their certification in August. We have since been working with Pace Labs out of Long Island but haven't been satisfied with their services. We are now setting things up with Microbac in Cortland in hopes for a better setup. There are only a handful of state certified labs in New York State.
- DPW has been picking up leaves throughout the Village. Leaf pickup will continue till November 14th. After November 14th, residents may collect leaves into large brown paper bags (No plastic) and place the bags at the curb. Residents can also drop off brush and leaves anytime at the compost site behind the Village Hall.
- DPW repaired the historical light poles and reinstalled the double pole on West Main Street to ensure proper functionality and safety.
- A new plow truck has arrived, and the DPW is currently outfitting it with a new sander and plow to ensure its fully prepared for the winter season. This truck will be replacing the old 550, which is currently listed on Auctions International until October 29, 2024
- The village was awarded a CREST grant of \$187,000 from Senator's May Office for the new construction of a pavilion and handicap-accessible fishing platform along Nine Mile Creek at the Green Gateway Park
- Restore NY application was submitted by MRB for Paul Street & LOI was accepted.
- NY Forward grant application for Downtown area was submitted by MRB.

CODES

- Baltimore Ridge: 1 New building permit issued for Baltimore Ridge (20 Baker Road) with excavation starting 29 October (hopefully)
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued.
- Stewarts Shops: Whelan & Curry Construction Services has the frame of the building enclosed and is currently doing the wiring inside as well as putting in the merchandise coolers.
- Brillo Excavating has been working on storm water piping, and site work. The fence separating The Randalls (3 Orange Street) and Stewarts is in place, They are in the process of making the new curb cuts for Orange Street. This week they will be connecting the sewer and grease trap to the village's sewer line.
- Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting has laid the tanks in the ground and connected all ancillary wiring and hoses. The canopy frame has been installed and the cement pad is being poured.