SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 28, 2016

PRESENT: John P. Curtin, Mayor See List

Sally Tallman, Trustee Jeff Brown, Attorney

ABSENT: Patrick W. Cox, Trustee

Mayor Curtin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Tallman made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Mayor Curtin. Both board members voted aye, and the public hearing was opened.

The notice of the public hearing was read by the Village Clerk.

Mayor Curtin explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2016 application for funding through the Onondaga County Development Grant Program for Paul Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation and update the Village's Consolidated Five-Year Plan.

Mayor Curtin mentioned that the Village Board is required by law to conduct a public hearing to inform the public about the Board's request for funding through the Onondaga County Community Development Grant Program. The estimated cost of the project is about \$52,800 and the grant would provide 75% (\$39,600) of the funding for the project, while the Village would have to provide for 25% (\$13,200) of the funding because there is a limit of \$50,000 for a CDBG application.

Mayor Curtin explained that the project will include the installation of approximately 450 feet of new 5-foot wide ADA compliant sidewalk to replace deteriorated sidewalk located on the north side of Paul Street. Improvements will begin near the intersection of Paul Street with North Street (NYS 174) and will extend east approximately 450 feet to Austindale Avenue. Minor drainage improvements such as cleaning existing drainage pipes and replacement of catch basins were also included in the application for funding. The new sidewalk will eliminate a gap in the existing Village sidewalk system, by connecting to existing sidewalks at North Street and Austindale Avenue. The entire project lies within an area eligible for CDBG funding.

Presently, there are no sidewalks along Paul Street. Pedestrians, including senior citizens from Nine Mile Landing Apartments and school children, are forced to walk along the edge of the active travel way. The proposed sidewalk would provide an accessible route between Austindale Avenue and North Street, eliminating the need for walking in the street.

It is expected that the project will result in minimal disturbance to the surrounding environment, as well as eliminate the potential for contaminated storm water runoff.

The sidewalk project would be designed during the fall and winter of 2016 and construction would commence in the spring of 2017, with completion scheduled for Summer 2017 – provided the monies are awarded by CD and the Village is able to provide additional and adequate funding.

The Village of Marcellus will be responsible for the long-term maintenance of the sidewalk.

Mayor Curtin then asked if there were any comments or questions from the public regarding the CDBG application or the amended Five Year Plan. A village resident inquired about the installation of sidewalks altering the parking for tenants at the townhomes located at the corner of North and Paul Streets. Currently, residents of the townhomes double park their vehicles, one behind another, extending to the very edge of the Paul Street. Mayor Curtin explained that installing new sidewalks will take care of this problem. The originally approved design for the townhomes allowed 1½ vehicles per space, but tenants are now squeezing two vehicles into each parking space. The owner of the property is considering alternatives, including relocation of parking spaces to another area of the townhomes. Mayor Curtin asked if there were any further comments or questions. There were none.

Trustee Tallman made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Mayor Curtin. Both board members voted aye and the motion to adjourn the public hearing carried.

Dawn M. O'Hara Village Clerk