

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
JULY 27, 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: John P. Curtin, Mayor See List
Sara N. Tallman, Trustee
Jeff Brown, Attorney

ABSENT: Patrick W. Cox, Trustee

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin opened the regular board meeting at 7:00p.m.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of June 2015. The bills on Abstract Sheets #002 for General Fund in the amount of \$14,351.80, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$14,429.07, Capital Funds in the amount of \$50.28 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$153.11 were audited. The bills totaled \$28,984.26. The Board received the Police Report for June 2015 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board received the monthly report for May 2015 and June 2015 from Building Inspector Mark Taylor. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for June 2015. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for May year-end 2015 and June 2015 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried.

NORTH SHORE CONTRACT –

HISTORICAL: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a contract with North Shore Solutions whereby North Shore Solutions will provide hosting services for the Historical Society with 99% uptime for \$200 per year as well as provide a maintenance package for 3 hours for \$90 per year and transfer the existing historical site to its server. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on awarding the contract. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried.

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to again table the Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement until the Village Attorney has been able to negotiate successfully, the terms of the agreement, with Time Warner Cable. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement again. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried.

PERMA PROGRAM

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman again mentioned that the Village signed a contract agreement with PERMA in 1997 when it originally joined PERMA and the Village has not been required to sign another one since then. However, a consequence of PERMA's audit by the Workers Compensation Board last year, required that a revised program agreement had to be signed by all members and the Village was required to sign a new agreement last year. According to a PERMA representative, it appears as if the WCB will be making PERMA revise the agreement again this year, but the agreement is still with the lawyers. Until PERMA has something finalized, the agreement signed in 2014 is completely valid. Once finalized, PERMA will forward a revised contract to be signed. Mayor Curtin again made a motion to table the agreement until the attorneys have finalized said agreement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement with PERMA. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**BUDGET
MODIFICATIONS:**

Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve budget modifications requested by the Village Treasurer transferring revenues and appropriations in the General and Sewer Funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the budget modifications. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCE
VILLAGE
MEETINGS:**

Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the benefit of residents.

**Updates by the
Mayor:**

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Coon's Pond – the Highway Department will again, this summer, complete a dredging of the pond, but silt continues to build up and there does not appear to be any end to it.
- b. Highland Ditches – the ditches on Highland Drive appear to be holding back most of the water that the Village has seen this summer. An overflow did occur early in July but none since and the Board hopes that this continues. The Highway Chief has plans to have the County come in and try to remove some of the silt that continues to clog the pipes that carry water under the driveways on the west side of the road.
- c. Striping of crosswalks and parking lots – the Highway Chief also has plans to stripe the Village parking lots, along with some of the crosswalks on Village streets. The Board hopes that the NYSDOT will also stripe the crosswalks on Main and North Streets, since they are State roads, before the school year begins although it doesn't appear that it will be done until 2016.
- d. Code Enforcement – the addition to construction of the Reagan Building on South Street, which has moved ahead well this summer, plans for the renovation of 3-7 North Street have been submitted. The reconstruction should be complete in late fall. There are some buildings in the village that have currently received notice from the CEO of need to repair, painting in particular.
- e. Sign Permits – there was a rant going on last week about how the Village has made all of the businesses on West Main take down their outdoor advertising signs. Mayor Curtin wanted to clarify that perception. The Village has a Code, which sets forth the Sign Control issues in the Village. One part of the Code allows A-frame sandwich signs or similar symbols to be placed in front of a business during business hours. Such signs must be placed so as not to obstruct pedestrians and vision of drivers, and only one such sign shall be permitted per business and during business hours only. Several businesses, including Rebound Physical Therapy and First Cup, have used these signs for years. An application must be completed and filed with the Village Clerk and the fee is determined by resolution of the Board of Trustees. So far, the Board has not charged a fee for any such application. The Board will hold a Public Hearing next month, prior to its regular Board meeting, to amend and more fully interpret the Sign Control Chapter of the Village Code.
- f. Creekwalk – the Board has had a setback with the trail. Because two trees along the proposed trail could be nesting areas for the Northern Long-eared Bat, and because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency has declared this bat to be an endangered species, construction of the Creekwalk trail has been delayed, at least, until the fall of 2015.
- g. Sidewalks – on South Street and some isolated patches on Bradley and First Streets will soon be reconstructed and completed within a few weeks.
- h. Street Repairs – will be made this summer to several streets in the Village, including Hillside Drive and Baker Avenue. If funds become available, some repair to Beach Road may also be done. Several catch basins have already been repaired by the Highway Department. It is expected that Suit-Kote Company will be in the Village Friday, July 31 to begin some repaving.
- i. Trees – some tree removals have been or will be done on Orchard, South, and Bradley Street, along with some tree trimming. There is also a need to grind a number of tree stumps from last year's tree removals. About six tree plantings will take place in late summer or early fall.
- j. Scotch Hill Sidewalks – the Board received notice from Community Development that they have yet to reach the required number of income survey responses necessary for the Board to adequate funding for the sidewalks on Scotch Hill. The Village will reach out once again to see if those who have failed to respond will do so. If Community Development does not receive a response from at least 12 of the 15 residents on Scotch Hill, the Village will be unable to fund the construction of new sidewalk on Scotch Hill. Mayor Curtin also noted that Scotch Hill Road was entirely repaved last week by the County, helping to beautify this important gateway to the Village. With new sidewalk, the area would be even more enhanced.
- k. Phosphorus Removal – the Board has not heard back from the Regional DEC regarding thier letter about the TMDL and phosphorus removal. Attorney Brown will follow up with a phone call this week to the DEC and inquire about the delay.

- l. Planning Board – is currently reviewing the renovations taking place at 3-7 North Street.
- m. New Website – is now live and Mayor Curtin urged residents to visit the site, which is the same link as in the past.
- n. Other – EEE Virus alert in Onondaga County and there was spraying in the Cicero Swamp. Residents should be aware of the seemingly common threat that occurs every summer and take sufficient precautions.

After concluding with his updates, Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none.

**Items from the
Floor:**

Mayor Curtin asked if there were any items from the floor. Kurt Field, Deputy Codes Inspector, made additional comments regarding the signs on West Main Street and the reaction of some businesses to his enforcing the law. Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tallman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Curtin. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Both board members voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Curtin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk