

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
NOVEMBER 23, 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to open the regular board meeting at 7:08pm, after a public hearing was held on Local Law #3 of 2015, which pertained to a change in the Village of Marcellus Zoning Ordinance. Trustee Cox made the motion, seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

SEQR - ZONE

CHANGE: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve a Short Environment Assessment Form determining that Amending Chapter 250, Zoning, an unlisted action, will not result in any significant adverse impact on the environment. Trustee Tallman stated that the Village of Marcellus would be the Lead Agency and that the negative declaration would require no further environmental review. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the SEQR Form. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

LOCAL LAW

#3 OF 2015: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve Local Law #3 of 2015, to amend Chapter 250 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Marcellus to permit libraries and associated parking in Residential Class C (RC) and to change the zoning of a parcel from Residential Class A to RC for a proposed library parking lot, contingent upon review by the Onondaga County Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on adopting the local law. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of special meetings and the regular board meeting for the month of October 2015. The bills on Abstract Sheets #006 for General Fund in the amount of \$1,563,709.45, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$76,435.53, Capital Funds in the amount of \$48,845.21, Trust & Agency in the amount of \$2,000.00 were audited. The bills totaled \$1,690,989.19. The Board received the Police Report for October 2015 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of October 2015 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for October 2015. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for October 2015 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

AWARD 36 MONTH HAULER

CONTRACT: Trustee Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a 36-month contract, beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2018, with Superior Waste Removal, Inc., for refuse and recycling pickup with in the Village of Marcellus. The three-year cost of the contract was bid at \$273,456.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on awarding the hauler contract. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

REED PKWY DRAINAGE AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to approve an amendment to the Reed Parkway Drainage Agreement. The details of the agreement are on file in the Village Office, whereby the property owners at 7 and 9 Reed Parkway and the Village agree to share the cost of repairing a pipeline in the rear of the properties, a precedent was set by a Village Board decision in May 1969 to repair the same pipeline, following a petition by then property owners Lyndon Bishop and Charles Barry. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the amendment. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. Mayor Curtin recused himself from the vote. Trustee Cox and Trustee Tallman voted aye and the motion carried.

OCDOT FUEL PURCHASE CONTRACT

RENEWAL: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a contract amendment extension with Onondaga County DOT for the purchase of fuel from Onondaga County DOT for the Village of Marcellus vehicles through December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the renewal. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CHANGE DEC.

BOARD MTG: Trustee Tallman made a motion to change the December regular Board meeting from December 28, 2015 to December 21, 2015, because of the Christmas holiday. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on changing the board meeting. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT: Trustee Cox 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 Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement again. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

PERMA PROGRAM

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman mentioned that the Village had signed a contract agreement with PERMA in 1997 when it originally joined PERMA. The Village has not been required to sign another agreement since then. However, a consequence of PERMA's audit by the Workers Compensation Board last year required that a revised program agreement 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. Trustee Cox made a motion to table the agreement until the agreement has been finalized. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement with PERMA. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS:

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

ANNOUNCE CHRISTMAS TREE

LIGHTING: Trustee Tallman announced that the annual Marcellus Town and Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall and then move uptown to the Point for the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. Trustee Tallman mentioned that there would be several activities are planned for the evening.

ANNOUNCE VILLAGE

MEETINGS: Trustee Cox announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the residents. He asked residents to make note that Village Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place on Thursday, December 3rd, in the Village, at the Point, that the Village Office will be closed on Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. In addition, the Village Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Years' Holiday.

Updates by the

Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Announce No Parking – November 1st to April 1st – the public should be aware that as of November 1, no parking is allowed on any street in the Village of Marcellus from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. in order for the Highway Department to plow snow. The no parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2015.
- b. Switch to Solvay Bank - is now complete
- c. Increase in refuse rates (from \$41 to \$45) is in effect as well as the sewer rates (from \$51 to \$63/quarter – this will become evident with January billing)
- d. Solar and/or Battery Power – looking into solar and/or battery as part of Intermunicipal Agreement with Town and School – particularly for the Treatment Plant

- e. Creekwalk - the trees, possible nesting areas for the Northern Long-eared Bat, in back of McClurg's were cut on November 11th. The Board should now be able to bid the project during the winter and construct in the spring of 2016
- f. Code Enforcement – refer to accompanying log of activity from Bill Reagan
- g. Compost Project – continues to be very successful – treatment plant cannot keep in stock. Composting continues all year round. It can be stored outside, without cover, through the winter for use next spring.
- h. Scotch Hill Project – the Board again thanked Onondaga County Community Development for awarding a Grant of \$47,000 for the sidewalk project on Scotch Hill. The sidewalk reconstruction project was awarded to Nu-Crete Inc., and the project is now complete. The Board again also thanked Scotch Hill residents and village residents for their patience and understanding during the project, and apologized for any inconvenience that the work caused. The Board also again thanked several residents on Scotch Hill for their assistance in helping the Board secure the funding for the project, helping to beautify the important gateway to the village.
- i. TMDL and Phosphorus Removal - the Board had a visit from SUNY ESF Professor Neil Murphy and five of his students. As part of their senior thesis project, the students have agreed to help the Village work on some solutions to the phosphorus removal mandate at the plant. They were given a tour and an explanation of what is going on, and they will have return visits as well. The Board is excited that their young minds are working for the Village (at no cost). There will be more to come on this.
- j. New businesses - North Street Diner is coming – The Board does not know the new owner, nor when it will open – there is much excitement about the project – site plan review by Planning Board will be required.
- k. Highway Work – in recent weeks, the highway department has been very diligent in picking up leaves, beyond the cut-off period. The Board has received some very nice compliments from residents for their efforts and the Board appreciates the response. With the coming of winter snows, the memorial benches and pedestrian signs have been removed until spring by the department. The Department will also put up and decorate the Village Christmas Tree at the Point, ready for lighting on December 3rd, as well as the Christmas decorations. The Board thanked members of the Highway Department for their efforts as the Board prepares for the winter
- l. Health Care Costs – continue to rise, both the Village and its employees will be required to pay, on average, an increase of about 10% for coverage, beginning in January 2016. However, co-pays appear to be identical to last year, and the Treasurer budgeted an amount to cover the increase.
- m. Pension Costs – for next year have been projected by the Village Treasurer to be within the allotted budget amounts, a decrease of approximately 8% over last year, attributed to fewer police officer contributions by the Village.
- n. Village Clock – John Holmes, a Highway Department member, was able to change the time on the Village Clock to reflect the change from Daylight Savings to Eastern Standard Time.
- o. Grease Traps – as the holiday season approaches, the Treatment Plant Operators continue to urge the residents to become more aware of the problems with grease in the sewer system. Grease will stick to household and sewer pipes, and over time, grease buildup can block pipes and cause sewage backups. Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system – they only shred solid material into smaller pieces. The operators urge residents to scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put them in the trash or compost them. Do not put grease, fats or oils of any type down drains or garbage disposal. Do use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and then empty them in the trash for disposal. During the holidays, there seems to be an increase of calls from residents who have sewer backups, and these have been mostly attributable to grease buildup and blockage.
- p. Holiday celebrations - Village Christmas Tree lighting is at 6 p.m. on December 3rd, at the Point and the Board noted that the December Board meeting was changed to December 21st
- r. Prescription / Drug Drop-Off Box – Chief Wicks announced that a prescription/drug drop-off box, similar to a mailbox, is located in the lobby of the Village Hall and is available for use by any residents who would like to dispose of any prescription or other drugs anonymously. The County Health Department will stop by monthly to pick up and properly dispose of such items.

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. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tallman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Curtin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk