

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
APRIL 25, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

ABSENT: Jeff Brown, Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to open the regular board meeting at 7:00pm. Trustee Cox made the motion to open the regular board meeting, seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of March 2016. The bills on Abstract Sheets #011 for General Fund in the amount of \$30,280.17, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$5,994.00, Capital Funds in the amount of \$10,392.88 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$148.27 were audited. The bills totaled \$46,815.32. The Board received the Police Report for March 2016 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of March 2016 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for March 2016. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for March 2016 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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.

ADOPT 2016-2017 BUDGET/

SET TAX RATE: Trustee Tallman announced that there were no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 4, 2016 and made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Village budget and set the Tax Rate at \$6.85 /\$1,000 assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the budget or tax rate. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ENG. PROPOSAL - STORMWATER

REPORT: Trustee Cox made a motion 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 \$450. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the proposal. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNUAL STORMWATER

REPORT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to again table the Annual Storm Water Report until the May Board Meeting, when the report will have been completed by W-M Engineering. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the report. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

WPCP VOLUNTEER

AGREEMENT: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a Volunteer Agreement with the Village of Marcellus whereby individuals agree to work on a volunteer basis for the Village and will be required to sign a general liability release form. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the agreement. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION – NYS WORKERS COMP

ALLIANCE: A motion was made by Trustee Tallman, seconded by Trustee Cox approving a resolution authorizing membership of the Village of Marcellus in NYS Workers Compensation Alliance. The following resolution was offered:

“**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Marcellus hereby elects, pursuant to Subdivision 3-a of Section 50 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, to become a self-insurer as to Workers’ Compensation claims against this Municipality; and be it further

“**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of said Workers’ Compensation Law, notice of such election shall be filed forthwith with the Chairman of the Workers’ Compensation Board, Self-Insurance Section; and be it further

“**RESOLVED**, that this election shall become effective on June 1, 2016.

Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the resolution. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

AGREEMENT – NYS WORKERS COMP

ALLIANCE: Trustee Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Workers Compensation Agreement with the NYS Workers Compensation Alliance for the time period, June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016 at a cost of \$2,352.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the agreement. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All 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 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.

BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS:

Trustee Cox 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 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

VILLAGE

MEETINGS:

Trustee Tallman announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates of the Village for the residents for the month of May, which included dates for the next Planning Board and the announcement of Town Dump Days. She asked residents to also please note that the Village Office would be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day. The Olde Home Days Celebration is planned for June 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the Village and in Marcellus Park and the Annual Village-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for July 9th this year.

Updates by the

Mayor:

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Trucks in the Village – The Board received complaints that a large number of trucks, loaded with gravel, stone and dirt, were coming through the Village recently, often spilling some of their loads on Main and North Streets and sometimes leaving a mess for the Highway Department to clean. For the previous three years trucks have been hauling dirt through village to Onondaga Lake in an attempt to create a new lake bottom by covering acres of contamination. The attempt was not successful, the dirt basically sliding downhill like a landslide or avalanche. Mayor Curtin mentioned that it now appears that the capping needs to be redone. Last year, the Highway Chief convinced the truck dispatcher to have the trucks take a Scotch Hill Road route, but residents on Scotch Hill registered complaints with the County and the trucks are back in the Village, using North Street, which is a State road. The trucking company has a State permit, and if the trucks are overloaded, a state road must be used. The Board registered complaints with the County DOT and the County DOT forwarded the Board's concern to Honeywell, the company behind the cleanup of Onondaga Lake, and to the State DOT, but the Board had not yet heard back.
- b. Utility Bills – the utility bill that residents receive this month is the last bill for the Village fiscal year. If the bill is not paid by April 29, 2016, it will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2016. Bills for tenants who pay their own sewer and refuse that remain unpaid on April 29, 2016, will also be re-levied onto the owner's taxes for June 1, 2016. Unlike previous sewer and refuse bills, payment for the final bill for the Village fiscal year must be made by the end of April.
- c. Code Officer and Fire Inspection – A rental registration and inspection law was previously adopted and implemented and Mayor Curtin explained that this is the fourth year for the mandatory inspections of rental units, spread out over a three-year cycle. The inspection fee remains \$25 per rental unit for a three-year period. The Board is very pleased with the positive outcome that has resulted from the implementation of the law.
- d. Pedestrian Signs and Benches – have been re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department.
- e. Compost – at the Treatment Plant, residents are able pick up compost and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- f. Phosphorus limit at WWTP – is an issue that continues to complicate sewer matters and the Board continues to work on how to adequately address the issue. The Board will meet with State officials to discuss funding and is in discussion with the engineers regarding the cost of preparing a design.

- g. Olde Home Days – banners, placemats will be ready for installation and distribution during the first week of May.
- h. Sidewalks – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some new sidewalk will be installed on First Street, South Street and Bradley Street, pending budgetary considerations.
- i. Creek Walk Project – The Board continues to consult with the engineers and NYSDOT to determine if part of the trail could be constructed at this time, and the remainder constructed when more funds become available. The Board is also looking into having some of the highway department employees complete a portion of the clearing involved. The Board is still hopeful that construction of the trail would begin this spring. For residents who are not familiar with the project, the Board urged them to click on the home page of the Village website <http://villageofmarcellus.com/> and then on Village News.
- j. Street repairs – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, repairs will be made on Orchard Street and Austindale Avenue, and, pending budgetary considerations, South Highland Drive as well.
- k. Tree Removals – per the Highway Chief’s schedule, some trees on Meadow Street, and First Street need to be removed, pending budgetary considerations
- l. Flower Boxes – will be filled again this year, using compost from WWTP, giving a good indication of the value of the compost. Kathy Welsh will again be instrumental in the plantings in these boxes using flowers that she has grown from seed, as well as some that will be purchased at a local retailer.
- m. Earth Day Cleanup – in the Village was canceled by school officials because of inclement weather on April 22nd – the Board is hopeful that the cleanup will be rescheduled for May 5th or May 6th and that the 2nd graders at Heffernan Elementary School will be able to spread out across the Village to help in the cleanup, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Village provided gloves and bags for the cleanup and thanked, once again, Nojaims grocery store for providing refreshments for the students. The Board also thanked, in advance, the students and staff at KCH for all of their help in continually making the annual event a success.
- n. Spring Brush Pickup Dates – the last day to put brush out to the curb for pickup will be Monday, May 9, 2016. After that date, residents may bring brush to the compost pile in back of the Village Hall. The Board asked that residents make sure that brush or grass clippings are loose, not bagged, when using the Village site.
- o. Town of Marcellus Transfer Station - Fridays, April 29^h, May 6th, and May 13th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, April 30th, May 7th, and May 14th, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required and are issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk’s Office. Tires require an additional permit, as well as items that contain Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers, which require another permit. Items that are not accepted include garbage, OCRRA recyclables, liquids or hazardous waste including paint, oil tanks, fuel tanks, motor vehicles, roofing shingles and brush over 6 inches in diameter.
- p. SRO Contract – with the Marcellus Central School District was completed and is in the hands of the Marcellus School Board. The contract, which provides Village police officers (SRO) on the Marcellus Central School Campus, are itemized in the agreement, and may be subject to change before final approval by both parties.

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 Cox made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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 7:23 p.m.