

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
APRIL 25, 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: John P. Curtin, Mayor See List
Timothy P. Manahan, Trustee
John J. Murphy, Trustee
Jeff Brown, Attorney
Charnley A. Abbott, Clerk

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Curtin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for the month of March 2022, the 2022 Annual Meeting, and the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Hearing. The bills on Abstract Sheet #011 for General Fund in the amount of \$14,172.56, Water Fund in the amount of \$0.00, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$13,482.45, Capital Funds in the amount of \$135.00 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$186.75 were audited. The bills totaled \$27,976.76. The Board received the Police Report for the month of March 2022 from Chief Bernie Podsjedlik and the Building Inspectors Report for the month of March 2022 from Code Official Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for March 2022, and the financial statements for March 2022. Trustee Manahan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ADOPT 2022-2023

BUDGET: Trustee Murphy mentioned that there were no changes made to the tentative budget that was approved at the Annual Meeting on April 4, 2022 and made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Village budget and set the Tax Rate at \$5.82/\$1,000 assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

STORMWATER

REPORT: Trustee Manahan 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 \$600. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

IMA WITH ONONDAGA

COUNTY: Trustee Murphy made a motion to table Intermunicipal Agreements with Onondaga County regarding both the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Operation and Maintenance Charges and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System until the Village Attorney has had the opportunity to review. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

ANNUAL STORMWATER

REPORT: Trustee Manahan made a motion to table the Annual Storm Water Report until the next regular meeting of the Village Board in May, when W-M Engineering will have completed it. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

UTILITY

BILLS: Trustee Murphy stated that the utility bill that residents received this month is the last bill for our fiscal year. Residents should note that if not paid by April 30, 2022, the bill will be re-levied to the tax bill for June 1, 2022. If those bills for tenants who pay their own utilities are not paid by April 30, 2022, these too will be re-levied onto the property owner's taxes for June 1, 2022. Please note that, unlike previous utility bills, payment for this final bill for the year must be made within the month. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Village Office at 315-673-3112.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

CONTRACT: Trustee Manahan made a motion to table until the next Board meeting the School Resource Officer Agreements between the Village of Marcellus, the Marcellus Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Free School District, Tully Central School District and the Onondaga Central School District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

IMA-PARK

SECURITY: Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to continue the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Marcellus whereby the Marcellus Police Department would provide security services at the Marcellus Town Park on certain days of the week during the summer months. This agreement will continue on an annual basis without the necessity of renewal unless terminated by either party. A copy of this agreement, first initiated in 2021, is on file in the Village Office for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

BUDGET**MODIFICATIONS:**

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

ANNOUNCE**VILLAGE****MEETINGS:**

Trustee Murphy announced that a list of meeting dates for the month of May has been published. Included is a list of dates for the meeting of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as an announcement of the Town Trash Days schedule. Also included is a notice that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, and there will be a Memorial Day ceremony at the Point on this date, beginning at 11 a.m. The Olde Home Days Celebration are planned for June 3rd through June 5th in the Village and in Marcellus Park. Finally, so that it can be given proper advertisement, the Village Board has decided that the annual Village-wide Garage Sale will be scheduled this year for July 9th.

UPDATES BY THE**MAYOR:**

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a) Utility Bills – If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Village Office at 315-673-3112.
- b) Code Officer and Fire Inspection – fire inspections and rental inspections continue, along with vacant house registrations, code violations being issued for litter and rubbish piles, as well as change of occupancy at several sites.
- c) Pedestrian Signs and Benches – have been re-installed on Main Street and elsewhere by the Highway Department. The flags are also displayed in time for Memorial Day.
- d) Monthly Updates for Village and Town Board Meetings- Last month's daily flow at the wastewater treatment plant was a bit elevated at 0.407MGD. with spring rains and snow melts, the treatment plant operators would like to remind all Village and Town sewer users to disconnect any and all sump pumps from their sanitary sewer. Instead, connect them to a storm sewer, drainage ditch, or dry well. There is also compost available at the treatment plant. Please bring your container(s) to the plant at 6-Mile-High Drive weekdays, 8am-3pm. First come, first serve. For confirmation on compost availability or if you have questions regarding sump pump connections, please leave a message for us at (315) 673-4491.
- e) Memorial Day/Olde Home Days – American Legion Post 297 is planning to resume a public Memorial Day Commemoration in the Village on Monday, May 30, 2022, beginning at 11:00 am and The Point. It is a tradition unbroken since 1926, prior to 2020, the pandemic year, and we welcome the return of this great tradition. Olde Home Days will also return on June 3rd, 4th and 5th and we welcome that celebration as well.
- f) New Business in the Village – look for an early summer opening of new businesses in the Village at #2 E. Main Street. Details are still being planned for an ice cream and deli shop on this site. We welcome new businesses to the Village and encourage our residents to patronize them.
- g) America Rescue Plan – The Village of Marcellus was awarded \$176,102.03, half of which has been received by the Village Treasurer as of this date. The Village has utilized the ARP funds for a road, stormwater, and drainage project in the Village to alleviate flooding and other issues for residents. These are services normally provided by the Village and qualify as government services. The Meadow Street project made improvements to drainage and the street in the Village of Marcellus. The project consisted of installation of new storm sewers to address frequent flooding, which was a result of absent sewers or existing sewers in very poor condition. The project scope included the installation of approximately 860 linear feet of new storm sewer pipe in the 12” to 24” diameter range and approximately 11 pre-cast concrete catch basins. The project also included street improvements to address existing deteriorated conditions,

including full depth reconstruction of the existing roadway. Full depth reconstruction included installation of concrete gutter and street under drain.

- h) Streets, Sidewalks, Trees – monies have already been set aside from the budget to complete some highway resurfacing, particularly Slocombe Ave, and spot repairs on Kinderwood as well as to share in the cost of brush and tree removal and street sweeping with the Town of Marcellus. The DPW budget also calls for starting a design for capital improvement project on Paul St., along with sidewalk repairs to Orchard St. and other various locations in the Village, a continuation of street sweeping and repainting of crosswalks, assisting MCS students in the development of the Green Gateway Project and working with students on a design for Flower Lane improvements. Also, tree and stump removals are planned, per the DPW Superintendent's schedule, pending budgetary considerations.
- i) Village Parking Improvements – we again mention the changeover of the parking situation in front of 2-6 East Main Street (Reagan Building and Village Tavern) from a perpendicular to a parallel configuration. This was the final spot in the Village that had perpendicular parking, and was a dangerous traffic hazard, trying to park and then back out onto Main Street. There was a loss of 4 (four) parking spots as a result of this change, but the businesses that border this area have come to realize the importance of eliminating this dangerous parking situation and agreed to the change. Several of the business in the area have applied for and received a special permit to operate a sidewalk café for outdoor seating in front of their establishments when the weather turns favorable. We encourage residents to patronize these businesses and we again applaud the efforts of MCS students and their mentor, TDK Engineer Joe Durand, who created a most appropriate design for this area on East Main.
- j) Earth Day Cleanup – the Village was hopeful that an Earth Day cleanup of the Village in April, an annual event that involved students from Heffernan Elementary School would again take place. Fortunately, this event took place, and we thank KCH students and their teachers for helping to clean up the Village on April 22, 2022. Employees at Reagan Insurance also participated in helping to clean up the Village for Earth Day and we thank them as well for their involvement on this annual event.
- k) Spring Brush Pickup – the Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy from last year for the 2022 Brush Pickup. Brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on Mondays from April 4th to May 9th. Also, during the summer months brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on the following Mondays of each month- June 6th, July 5th, and August 1st.
- l) Spring Town Trash Dates – the Town of Marcellus announced that the Town has scheduled the 2022 dates for the Trash Transfer Stations as follows: Fridays, April 29th, May 6th and May 13th, from 8 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays, April 30th, May 7th, and May 14th, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required and issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk's Office. The rates are \$20 for a passenger vehicle, \$35 for a pickup truck, \$50 for a larger vehicle, \$45 for a trailer, \$10 for a one-time passenger car, \$3 for tires and \$15 for anything with Freon (such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers). The Town Board agreed to also have a shred day during the Spring Trash Days on May 14th. The cost to the Town is \$600 for four (4) hours and the Village will share in that cost. There will be no cost to the residents for the shredding, but there is a limit of five boxes per car. There will also be an Electronics Waste Disposal Day included with the trash days this year and that will require a special fee. The cost will be \$40 for televisions and monitors over 27", \$20 for televisions and monitors less than 27" and a \$5 fee per load for all other electronics. Some items are not accepted including garbage, OCRRA recyclables, liquids or hazardous waste including paint, oil tanks, fuel tanks, motor vehicles, and contractor debris (home projects only), All items must be secured and covered when transporting to the Town Transfer Station.
- m) SRO Contracts – with the Marcellus Central School District, the Lyncourt Union Freed School District, the Onondaga Central School District and the Tully Central School District have been tabled and will be approved at a later Board meeting.
- n) Planning Board- the Planning Board met recently to approve two site plan applications. The property owner at 16 East Main Street proposed renting space along the driveway and in the back beyond parking lot, to provide a place for people with cottage businesses to sell their products, hopefully attracting more people to the Village Center. In addition, the Marcellus Free Library has proposed a project which will include outdoor improvements to that site- a Creekside patio to be built which would enhance the existing creek path and a modular concrete seating wall along the patio, with new plantings.
- o) 2022 Main Street Grant Program- the Village Board is again pleased to announce that the Village was awarded almost \$500,000 for the 2021-2022 Main Street Grant program. There are 18 projects included in the Village Center and this is sure to make a significant impact on the community. These projects will have to follow all normal application and permitting requirements, and some may be referred to the Planning Board as the process unfolds. The Village is most grateful to County Executive Ryan McMahan and the Office of Community Development as well as the Onondaga County legislature or providing funds to help revitalize

and beautify many parts of the Village of Marcellus, as they did last year when 14 Village properties were awarded almost \$300,000 under the County Main Street Façade Program.

- p) Baltimore Ridge Development- continues to move along quite well, and as of this date, all permits have been issued, and development of the site has begun with the construction of an entrance road, the clearing of several trees, and the building of the required storm water detention pond. In addition, sight distance conditions on South Street Road, as required by Onondaga County DOT, have been met and the installation of storm and sanitary sewer pipes are complete. Other utilities, water, cable, telephone, electric and gas are now in the process of being installed. While the roads into the development have been stoned, and some asphalt installation has been done, the latter is not yet complete. We might note that all of the lots have been sold and building construction might begin this summer.

- q) Tefft Meadows Senior Apartments at 8 Paul Street in the Village of Marcellus- is a proposed project that will offer affordable living for those 62+ years of age. The project calls for the construction of a new 60-unit senior apartment building with all site amenities including a 60-space community parking lot and stormwater facility on the same parcel at 8 Paul Street. The property amenities include a community room, elevator service, laundry facilities, and a secure entry and is convenient to shopping, restaurants and local businesses. Tefft Meadows Senior Apartments will be professionally managed and maintained by Christopher Community. The Village of Marcellus is in full support of this project. Not only does it provide affordable senior housing in the Village on a site that is dilapidated and in desperate need of repair, but the site will also provide a 20-foot-wide walkway easement that extends from Paul Street to Tefft Meadows property line adjacent to the creek to connect to the existing Creek Walk. In addition, this \$19M development will not only address a critical housing need for seniors in Onondaga County but also provide an economic boost to the entire Marcellus community. The easement will also provide a more community-oriented project given the close proximity of community assets. No zone changes were needed, SEQR long form review and site plan approvals were completed, and the Village supports a Tax Exemption Agreement and a shelter rent calculation that will provide affordable senior living. The plans and other detail on the proposed Tefft Meadows project can be found on the village website at <https://www.villageofmarcellus.com/tefft-meadows.html>.

- r) From the Marcellus Police Department- Please be advised that there is a nationwide trend where scammers contact the elderly via disposable cellphones and attempt to trick people into giving out their personal information (D.O.B., SS#, etc.). Sometimes, they tell people that they are potentially the victim of fraud and attempt to persuade them to purchase gift cards from stores such as Target or Walmart and provide them with the activation codes. Unfortunately, there have been several recent cases of this type of fraud in Onondaga County. Please speak to your elderly family members and neighbors to warn them of this scam. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact the Marcellus Police Department at (315) 673-2079.

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. Village resident Bob Dean addressed the board regarding concerns with the detention ponds that are being constructed as part of the Baltimore Ridge project and the potential for increased numbers of mosquitoes due to standing water. Mayor Curtin shared with Mr. Dean that he has been in communication with the Village Engineers regarding this concern, and that the engineers have assured the Village that these and any other concerns will be addressed and remedied prior to the Village taking responsibility for the stormwater management system. Mr. Dean also inquired about the site distance at the entry road for Baltimore Ridge and if the Village has considered lowering the speed limit in the area. Mayor Curtin stated that he would check with the developer to see if the clearing for site distance is complete, and will also look into what, if anything, the Village can do the assist with lowering the speed limit on South Street Road.

Mayor Curtin asked if there were any other items from the floor. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Murphy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk