

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON
AUGUST 22, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

ABSENT: Jeff Brown, Attorney

CONSENT

AGENDA: The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of July 2016. The bills on Abstract Sheets #003 for General Fund in the amount of \$35,930.12, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$12,063.06, Capital Funds in the amount of \$5,276.60 and Trust & Agency in the amount of \$108.94 were audited. The bills totaled \$53,378.72. The Board received the Police Report for July 2016 from Police Chief Robert Wicks. The Board also received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of July 2016 from Building Inspector Bill Reagan. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for July 2016. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for July 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.

MONTHLY CELL PHONE STIPEND – F/T

EMPLOYEES: Trustee Tallman made a motion offering a fixed monthly cell phone stipend of \$30.00 per month, for full-time employees only. The motion was offered to allow full time employees of the Village to have the option of carrying only one phone, rather than two phones – one for the Village and one for personal use. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the stipend. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

SALE OF WPCP 2004

P/U TRUCK: Trustee Cox made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the sale of the 2004 WPCP F-250 Truck and Boss Plow attachment by Auctions International. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tallman. 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.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT: Trustee Tallman made a motion to again table the Charter Communications Cable Franchise Agreement, because of the change in ownership from Time Warner Cable, and until the Village Attorney has been able to negotiate successfully the terms of a new agreement with Charter Communications. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on tabling the agreement. 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 CROWN MILL

DEMO BAN: Trustee Tallman announced that the sale of a \$100,000 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to finance the demolition of the unsafe structures on the property located at 71 North Street had been finalized. The demolition project is scheduled to begin very soon, and should take less than a week to complete. After the demolition, Village Treasurer Provvidenti will invoice Vito W. Lucchetti/Crown Mill Restoration, LLC for the cost of the demolition expenses. Attorney Brown recommended that Treasurer Provvidenti should have the invoice delivered in person to Mr. Lucchetti. If Mr. Lucchetti does not pay the invoice, it will be re-levied to his Village property tax bill, which will come out in June 2017. If Mr. Lucchetti does not pay the Village tax bill with the re-levied expenses of the demolition by October 2017, the Village taxes will then be re-levied to the Town and County taxes which will be mailed in January 2018. If Mr. Lucchetti does not pay the Town and County taxes, the County will make the Village whole in April 2018, unless regulations for reimbursement by the County change prior to April 2018.

**POLICE DEPT.
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS:**

Trustee Cox announced that Village Police Officer Raymond Herrick will soon be stepping down as School Resource Officer, but his replacement has not yet been selected. Officer Herrick will continue to serve as an SRO until his replacement is finalized and Officer Herrick will continue to serve as a patrol officer with the Police Department. Trustee Cox also mentioned that Chief Wicks is in the process of hiring a new officer for the department and that an announcement will be made at next month's Board meeting.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

GRANT:

Trustee Tallman announced that last Monday that Governor Cuomo's office had announced that \$14.6 Million would be provided in grants to support for Central New York Water Infrastructure Improvements. In addition to grants, the State is also providing interest-free and low-interest loans to further reduce the cost of infrastructure projects. The Village of Marcellus was fortunate to be awarded \$1,379,900 in grant funding and \$4,139,700 in loans, which will help the Village upgrade its Waste Water Treatment Plant and address the phosphorus removal mandate levied against the Village. The total estimated project cost of this mandate is \$5,600,000. The grant will provide 25% of the cost. Trustee Tallman mentioned that the Board is grateful for the funding and will continue to look for additional funding in order to pay for the remaining cost of the mandated project. Trustee Tallman made a motion authorizing the Mayor to acknowledge and accept the grant award, as well as provide the milestone information requested, pending approval by the Village engineer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**DEPUTY CODES RESIGNATION/
PROCLAM-**

ATION:

Trustee Tallman made a motion to accept with regret, and because of health-related issues, the resignation of Kurt Field as Deputy Codes Enforcement Officer, effective September 7, 2016. Kurt has been an employee of the Village for almost ten years and has done an outstanding job for the community. His years of service are very much appreciated by the Village Board and the residents of the community. Trustee Tallman read a Proclamation recognizing Kurt's service to the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin asked if there was any discussion on resignation or Proclamation. Hearing none, Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCE
VILLAGE**

MEETINGS:

Trustee Cox announced that the Village Clerk had printed copies of future meeting dates of the Village for the residents. He asked residents to please note that the Village Office would be closed for Labor Day, September 5th, and that there will be a one-day delay in trash pickup that week. He also commented that Fall Trash Days are usually scheduled for the last weekend in September and the first weekend in October but the Town Board had not yet approved the fall schedule.

**Updates by the
Mayor:**

Mayor Curtin provided updates on the following subjects:

- a. Lower Mill Demolition – At the board meeting, the Board authorized, as a public emergency, and at the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer, the immediate demolition of the remaining structures of the lower mill. At the July 25, 2016 board meeting, the Board awarded the bid to Scanlon Trucking and Excavation in the amount of \$85,250.00 and to a third party air monitoring company in amount not to exceed \$700 per day, not to exceed ten days. The Board also approved a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the financing of the demolition of the unsafe structures at 71 North Street. Combining the demolition expenses with the legal, engineering, bonding and administrative (mailing, etc.) costs, the amount, billed to the owner, Mr. William Lucchetti, will total approximately \$100,000. If the Village does not receive payment after the Village Treasurer has invoiced the owner for the total cost of demolition expenses, the Village will take immediate steps to re-levy the costs against the property at 71 North Street to the village tax bill. If the Village tax bill, along with the re-levied expenses of the demolition, is not paid by October 31, 2017, the Village taxes will be re-levied to the Town and County taxes which will be mailed in January of 2018. If those Town and County taxes are not paid, the County of Onondaga will make the Village whole in April 2018 as long as County law with regard reimbursement to municipalities does not change before April 2018.
- b. Trucks in the Village – it appears that the trucks, which have been coming through the Village for the past two years, have stopped and the Board is grateful.
- c. Creekwalk – the Board continues to consult with Village engineers and NYSDOT to determine if part of the trail could be constructed now, and the remainder constructed when more funds become available. The Board is also looking into having highway department employees, from the Village and Town, through an Intermunicipal Agreement, complete some of the work involved, particularly the clearing that is necessary. The Board hopes that construction may begin in the fall, provided new funding can be obtained and Village/Town employees can be utilized to reduce the cost. For residents not familiar with the project, the Board urged them to access the Village website <http://villageofmarcellus.com/> and then on News.

- d. Code Enforcement and Officer – several properties have been cited for lack of property maintenance including some buildings on Main Street.
- e. Compost Project – compost continues to be available for residents. Residents who unable to pick up compost during normal business hours may call the Treatment Plant (673-4491) to make an appointment with one of the operators. The operators are available to answer questions and help load compost for residents.
- f. Sidewalks – per the Highway Chief’s recommendations, repairs have or will be made to selected areas on South Street, Bradley Street and First Street pending budgetary concerns.
- g. Street repairs – acting upon the Highway Chief’s recommendations, repairs to Austindale Avenue and Orchard Street have been reconstructed. Budgetary constraints limited the Village Board’s plans to add other street repairs in this year’s budget.
- h. Trees – some tree removals and stump removals have been or will be done on South, and Bradley Streets, and possibly another on Orchard Street, along with some trimming. Some tree plantings are expected to take place in late summer or early fall, but the locations have not yet been determined.
- i. School Begins – in two weeks, the Board urged residents to be aware that there will be students walking to school, particularly on First Street. The State DOT will restart operation of the flashing lights on North Street and the Village Police Department will be even more vigilant in their enforcement of the traffic laws on that street.
- j. Striping of Crosswalks – on Village streets (by the Village), as well as the Village parking lots and some parking spots on North Street has taken place. Road striping on North Street (by the State) and on Main Street (by the State) will not take place this year because it does not fit into their schedule.
- k. Village Taxes – most have been paid, while the amount of unpaid taxes at present, including penalties, totals \$37,633.96, from 26 property owners, which is slightly more than last year. Residents may continue to pay unpaid taxes to the Village until October 31, 2016, when they will be turned over to the County for reimbursement.
- l. V.I.P. Monies – infrastructure grant payments received by the Village of Marcellus from Onondaga County, as part of the Village Infrastructure Improvement Project have totaled \$180,450 this year, with no increase, similar to last year. While the amount represents only about half of what the Village used to be provided, until the County took the sales tax revenue from the Villages back in 2010, the Board considers half to be better than nothing.
- m. Paul Street Project sidewalks – Community Development has notified the Board that the sidewalk project on Paul Street will be eligible for partial funding. The project will include the construction of 450 feet of new concrete sidewalk along the north side of Paul Street, between North Street (NYS 174) and Austindale Ave. Minor drainage improvements such as cleaning existing drainage pipes and replacement of catch basin grates are also included. The new sidewalk will eliminate a gap in the existing Village sidewalk system by connecting to existing sidewalks at North Street and Austindale Avenue. Pedestrians, including Seniors who live at Nine Mile Landing and school children, are currently required to walk on the pavement of the roadway. Design is expected to take place over the winter of 2016 and construction completed by July 2017.
- n. TMDL and Phosphorus Removal – at its June meeting, the Board approved a motion to address the DEC mandate to remove phosphorus from the WWTP effluent to a 1.0 mg/L (12 month rolling average) limitation, which will require extensive and very expensive upgrades to the existing WWTP. In anticipation of this expense, the Village Board increased the sewer rents significantly within the past year. It is expected that the sewer rate increases will begin to offset the cost of design while the Village continues to search for new funding for the project.
- o. Planning Board – has not met recently due to few issues being considered. The Paul Street Project appears to currently be on hold.

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 7:27 p.m.