

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON  
MARCH 25, 2024 AT THE MARCELLUS SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Murphy made a motion to open the regular meeting following the public hearing held regarding an application for hardship exception to Local Law #1 of 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan and the meeting was opened at 8:00pm.

**27 EAST MAIN ST**

**HARDSHIP:** Village Attorney Jeff Brown led the Board of Trustees through discussion about the five criteria for consideration in regards to granting an exception to Local Law #1 of 2024 due to extraordinary hardship. Following the discussion, Trustee Curtin made a motion to approve the application for exception due to extraordinary hardship submitted by the owner of 27 East Main street. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

Mayor Murphy	Aye
Trustee Manahan	Aye
Trustee Curtin	Aye

The hardship exception for 27 East Main Street was granted.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the regular board meeting for the month of February 2024. The bills on Abstract Sheet #010 for General Fund in the amount of \$69,884.89, Water Fund in the amount of \$8,696.21, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$14,954.21, Capital Funds in the amount of \$3,101.00 and Trust and Agency Funds in the amount of \$0.00 were audited. The bills totaled \$96,636.31. The Board received the Police Report for the month of February 2024 from Police Chief Bernie Podsiedlik. The Board received the Building Inspectors Report for the month of February 2024 from Code Official Paul Stacey. The Board received the minutes of the Town Board meetings for February 2024. The financial statements as submitted by Village Treasurer Nino Provvidenti for February 2024 were given to the Board for their review. Trustee Manahan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Murphy asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Murphy called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ELECTION  
RESULTS:**

Trustee Curtin stated that the General Election of the Village of Marcellus was held on March 19, 2024 and there were 471 ballots cast by registered voters and made a motion to accept the results certified by the duly appointed election inspectors as submitted by the Village Clerk. Chad Clark was duly elected Mayor as a write in candidate, for the remaining two years in the term of office vacated by Mayor Curtin in August of 2023, beginning April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2026. Jamie Curtin, a trustee since November 2023, was re-elected as Trustee for a 4-year term, beginning April 1, 2024, and will serve until March 31, 2028. Detailed results and other election information can be found on the Village website. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Murphy asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Murphy called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
STEERING**

**COMMITTEE:** Trustee Manahan announced that the Village Board has been working closely with the MRB group to revise and update the Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is a vision of the future, comprised of base information, vision statements, and a set of master plans that have implications for land use, transportation, and public facilities, including possible future capital improvements, development regulations, or major policies. The existing Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2007 and has not been reviewed or updated since its adoption 17 years ago. The project relies heavily on a volunteer steering committee, as well as various focus groups, comprised from members of the community. A flyer will be circulated for those who are interested in being involved in the project. The flyer will be posted on the Village website, social media platforms, and available at the Village Hall, and residents are encouraged to consider taking part in this important project, one that will take a 20 year look into the future of the community.

**SPRING BRUSH**

**DATES:** Trustee Curtin announced that the Village Board and DPW are going to continue the policy from last year for the 2024 Brush Pickup and made a motion to allow brush to be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on Mondays from April 1 to May 6. Also, during the summer months (June, July, and August), brush may be placed at the curb on Saturdays and Sundays for pickup on the first Monday of each month during those summer months. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Murphy asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Murphy called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**TRASH DAYS:** Trustee Manahan reminded residents that the Village and Town of Marcellus Trash Days have been scheduled for the following dates: Fridays, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to Noon and Saturdays, May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to Noon. Permits are required, and issued through the Town of Marcellus Clerk's Office. There will also be an Electronic Waste Collection for the duration of the event. The Town Board has also agreed to have a Community Shred day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Marcellus Highway Garage. There will be no cost to the residents for the shredding.

**EARTH DAY  
2024:**

Trustee Curtin announced that the Village of Marcellus plans to participate in the Earth Day observance on April 12, 2024, in conjunction with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from the KCH Elementary School in the Marcellus Central School District. The students will gather at the Village Hall after policing the area and the streets north of Main Street, and the Board of Trustees would like to thank the students and MCS staff members, as well as our own staff, for their participation in this event. This event is subject to cancellation because of weather, and due to testing scheduled to take place in the School District, there will be no rain date. Any other groups or organizations that would like to participate in Earth Day clean-up may reach out to the Village Clerk for more information.

**AIM FUNDING**

**RESOLUTION:** Trustee Manahan made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, AIM funding plays a pivotal role in funding essential municipal services such as water, sewer, public works, police, fire and ambulance for cities and villages across New York State and,

**WHEREAS**, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, New York's local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

**WHEREAS**, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Marcellus urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Rachel May, Assemblymember John Lemondes, and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

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

**EV**

**CONNECT:**

Trustee Curtin stated that the Mayor signed a contract in 2021 with EV Connect, the service provider for the electric vehicle charging station installed in the Village as part of a NYSEDA Clean Energy Community grant, for a period of 4 years, April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2025. EV Connect provides network management software that includes pricing and rate management, technical support, and station performance data. For the first four years of the

electric charging station, 2017-2021, 88% of the revenue generated from electric use by ZEV drivers was allocated to the VOM and 9% was allocated to NYSERDA. Under the new agreement, the Village will receive 97% of the revenue moving forward, at a cost of \$398.00 per year (\$199 per port x 2 ports). Based on usage and net revenue data compiled since the 2017 installation of the charging station, the VOM has seen a substantial increase in usage due to the increasing popularity of ZEVs over the last few years and will continue to provide this valuable service to our community. The total cost to the Village for the 4-year contract will be \$1592.00, and the Board anticipates the revenue generated to outweigh that cost.

## **BUDGET**

### **MODS:**

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

## **ANNOUNCE ANNUAL MTG. & TENTATIVE BUDGET**

### **HEARING:**

Trustee Curtin announced that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place at 7:00 pm at Village Hall on April 1, 2024 and will include the swearing in of elected officials, appointment of non-elected officials, establishment of regular meeting dates, and designation of official newspapers and depositories. In addition, a public hearing will take place immediately following the Annual meeting on April 1, 2024 to consider the tentative budget for the Village for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Approval of the final budget is anticipated to take place at the next regular Board meeting, on April 22, 2024. Immediately following the Tentative Budget Hearing, a public hearing will be held to enact proposed Local Law #2 of 2024, which would authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. All interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard at the scheduled hearing. Copies of supporting documents are on file at the office of the Village Clerk.

## **ANNOUNCE VILLAGE**

### **MEETINGS:**

Trustee Manahan announced that a list of those meetings scheduled for April 2024, is provided for those so interested, including the Annual Meeting, Tentative Budget Hearing, and public hearing regarding proposed Local Law #2. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet on April 17, 2024, and at this time there are no meetings scheduled for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The office will be closed on March 31<sup>st</sup> for Good Friday. Trustee Manahan made a motion to close the Village offices at noon on April 8<sup>th</sup> so that our employees can experience the once in a lifetime solar eclipse. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Murphy asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Murphy called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

## **UPDATES BY THE**

### **MAYOR:**

The following updates are available on our website, [www.villageofmarcellus.com](http://www.villageofmarcellus.com)

- a. Replaced floats and relays in Platt Road Pump Station
- b. Removed 3 stumps on Reed Street
- c. Marcellus Highschool students are continuing to work on their Independent Studies projects with the Village Highway and the Town Highway
- d. New Sewer Contract has been received by the School – waiting to be signed
- e. New F550 was delivered to the treatment plant. This truck was ordered two years ago. Part of the cost of the F550 was covered by a NYSDEC grant the Village received.

## **LETTER FROM**

**THE MAYOR:** Mayor Murphy read the following letter to those in attendance:

“It has truly been my honor to serve the Village of Marcellus for the past three years in the capacity of Trustee and most recently, Mayor. When I was asked to fill these roles due to vacancies, I did so with nothing but good intentions. Marcellus has been my home my entire life and I have proudly raised my family here. Nearly every major life event that I can think of has taken place in Marcellus and because of that, I have nothing but deep respect for this Village and the people who call it home.

Recently, some tough decisions were put before this Village Board. As Mayor, it was always my goal to get as much information surrounding all aspects of the plan before rushing to a decision. The decision of the moratorium was made in order for us to gain more understanding of all of the moving parts of the situation and was meant to allow us the ability to ensure that the right decisions were made for the Village. Having more time gave us the ability to speak with more people, gather more facts, and collect the information required to protect the Village community and its taxpayers. My motivation in all of this was solely to do the best for the village that we love so dearly.

I want to congratulate both Chad Clark and Jamie Curtin on their new positions. I can see that they too have a love for our community and are determined to help our Village

grow and thrive. This recent situation has brought out many views and opinions about the future of our Village. I hope that the interest and excitement can be harnessed into positive action and community involvement.

With great sincerity,  
John J. Murphy

**ITEMS FROM THE**

**FLOOR:**

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

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

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