

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON JUNE 26, 2017**

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

**ABSENT:** Jeff Brown, Attorney

Mayor Curtin made a motion to open the special informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Trustee Cox. All board members voted aye, and the informational meeting was opened.

Mayor Curtin explained that the purpose of the informational meeting was to discuss the NYSDEC mandate with Town and Village sewer users, requiring that the Village upgrade its sewage treatment plant in order to reduce the amount of phosphorus in its effluent, and to consider the next to be taken in order to fund the \$6,000,000 upgrade.

Mayor Curtin introduced several representatives from the Village, as well as some local elected officials who were in attendance to possibly help the Village with funding for the mandatory upgrade. Mayor Curtin explained that the Village had increased sewer rates significantly within the last year to pay for an engineering design for the upgrade, which cost \$300,000. Mayor Curtin then turned the meeting over to Village Waste Water Treatment Plant Employee Ryan Riefler and Engineer Jim Oberst from MRB Group Engineering.

Ryan and Jim gave a Power Point presentation on the Onondaga Lake TMDL for Phosphorus. The presentation included the history of the TMDL and an explanation of the next necessary steps that the Village will need to take regarding the TMDL. Funding details for the \$6,000,000 cost of the upgrade was also discussed. Ryan and Jim informed the public that the Village had been able to secure partial funding for the TMDL, including some grant funding and a zero-percent interest line of credit, however, a \$2,000,000 gap remains in order to fund the upgrade. If no further grants are secured, sewer users will be required to make up the \$2,000,000 cost to fund the upgrade and additional sewer rate increases will become necessary. Ryan then turned the meeting back over to Mayor Curtin.

Mayor Curtin asked for questions or comments from the public. There were several questions raised pertaining to the TMDL by the NYSDEC, along with questions about additional increases in sewer rates to fund the upgrade. After answering all of the questions, Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the informational meeting. Trustee Tallman made the motion, seconded by Trustee Cox. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the meeting was closed at 8:14pm.

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Dawn M. O'Hara, Village Clerk