

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on June 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Daniel J. Ross, Supervisor
James A. Sheridan, Councilor
Thomas C. Lathrop, Councilor
Donald G. Sherman, Councilor
Kevin F. O'Hara, Councilor

Also present: Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk; Sandy Taylor, Deputy Town Clerk; Wendy Reese, Counsel; Tracie Barnes, Bookkeeper; Donald MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Leader; William Reagan, Codes Enforcement Officer; Chris Christensen, Member of Planning and Zoning Boards; Ron Schneider, Mike Lollis, Jeff Berwald, John Calley, Anita Williams, Teri Lore, Peg Kronen, Kristin Ryan, Mary Menapace, Chuck Paul, Mary Jo Paul, John Scanlon, Charles Black and Ed LaRose.

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Copies of the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on May 9, 2011 and the Workshop Meeting held on May 26, 2011 was given to the Board Members. Councilor Sheridan made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk, Abstract #6 as of June 13, 2011, Claims #201100376 – 201100437 and Highway Claims #20110097 - 20110120.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$36,575.82
General Fund – Part Town	490.33
Highway – Town Wide	12,570.97
Highway – Part Town	17,769.00
Sewer	7,543.19

Bills paid between meetings:

Fitts Appraisal (May Annual Reassessment – per contract)		
	201100369	\$ 900.00
NYSE&G (Town Hall)	201100370	641.87
NYSE&G (24 E. Main Street)	201100371	354.96
NYSE&G (Town Street Lighting)	201100372	1,088.60
Marcellus Fire Department (3 rd and Final Payment per contract)		
	201100373	213,000.00
Jack Jones Jr. (After the Ball DJ per contract)		
	201100374	450.00
NY State Unemployment Tax	201100375	211.68

Excellus BCBS (March, April, May Retiree Insurance)	N/A	6,564.00
Excellus BCBS (June Insurance Premium-Employees)	N/A	17,694.44
Simply Prescriptions (June Prescriptions Coverage – Retirees)	N/A	1,026.18

Board Members were given copies of the Activity Report as of May 2011 and monthly statement of bank balances as of June 13, 2011.

	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
General Fund	\$1,016,934.37	331,197.49
General Fund – Part Town	106,163.02	37,795.55
Highway – Town Wide	428,381.79	290,968.10
Highway – Part Town	314,274.12	68,619.82
Fire	2.73	1,823.47

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of May 2011 and the monthly statement of bank balances as of June 13, 2011. All voted aye. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Department Liaisons: Councilor Lathrop reported that Councilors O’Hara, Sherman and himself recently toured the Marcellus Sewage Treatment facility on invitation from the Village of Marcellus. Storm water and illegally hooked up sump pumps discharging into the sewer system causes increases in the flow which push the plant to capacity. A smoke test was done in the Sewer District No.1 in 2004, Marcellus Knolls area, but not in Sewer District No. 2. Supervisor Ross advised the Board that the Town could move ahead with the testing in District No. 2.

Agreement with Popli Design Group for Installation of Oil and Water Separator and Holding Tank at Highway Garage: Highway Superintendent MacLachlan requested that this issue be removed from the agenda as more information is needed before moving ahead. There was no objection from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Agreement: Summer Concert-Thomas Barnes; Skaneateles YMCA-Summer Swim Lessons; Finger Lakes Wrestling Club Camp: Councilor O’Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the following agreements for the Marcellus Recreation:

Concert in Park	Thomas Barnes	August 4	\$550.
Swimming Lessons	Skaneateles. YMCA	July 5-July 28	\$55/student
Wrestling Camp	Finger Lakes Wrestling	April 6-June 1	\$45/student

All voted aye. Carried.

Agreement with Barton & Loguidice: Phase II MS4 Reporting: Barton & Loguidice presented to the Town a fee amendment request in the amount of \$3500 for engineering assistance in support of the Phase II MS4 Stormwater Program - 2011 MS4 Reporting.

The rate is the same as 2010. This should be the last year Barton & Loguidice performs this service for the town. Councilor Sheridan made a motion seconded Supervisor Sherman to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for 2011 engineering assistance in support of the Phase II MS4 Stormwater Program not to exceed \$3500. All voted aye. Carried.

Highway: Authorize to Advertise Bid for Excavator: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to authorize the Highway Superintendent MacLachlan to advertise for bids for the purchase of an excavator. Bids will be opened on July 13, 2011 at 2:00pm at the Marcellus Town Hall. All voted aye. Carried.

Highway: Truck Purchase: Highway Superintendent MacLachlan asked for Board approval for the purchase of a new truck. The truck in question is on state bid. He advised the Board that the truck presently used by the Highway Department would be transferred to the Marcellus Park staff. The Park truck would be sold. The funds for the purchase would be taken from Highway Equipment. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department from state bid with the funds coming from Highway Equipment, also the present highway truck to be transferred to the Marcellus Park and the surplus truck to be sold. All voted aye. Carried.

Highway: Permission to Assist Cemeteries Oil and Stone Driveways: Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to allow the Highway Department provide the labor and equipment to oil and stone the driveways of the local cemeteries. All voted aye. Carried.

Park: Directional Signs: The Town Board discussed the placement of directional signs for Marcellus Park. The signs would be place at the corner of Main Street and South and at the intersection of Platt and South. Since both these locations are in the Village of Marcellus the Town Board has no objection.

Policy for Community Sign Use: Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to approve the Guidelines for Community Bulletin Board Announcements as provided by Marcellus Village Clerk Dawn O'Hara. All voted aye. Carried.

Town Hall: Replace Railing and Paint Exterior: Supervisor Ross suggested that this issue be tabled until the July meeting. There was no opposition from the Board.

Justice Court Request for Parking Space: A request was received from Town Justice Mary Reagan Dailey concerning the possibility of having a reserved parking space for the Court Justice. After a discussion, Councilor Sherman made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to have a parking space reserved for the Court Justices for a time period of after 5pm on Tuesdays. The exact wording of the sign is subject to approval. All voted aye. Carried.
Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to remove the "stop" sign that is at the bottom of the entrance steps and replace it with a sign saying "yield to pedestrians". Also have the Highway Superintendent mark the driveway appropriately. All voted aye. Carried.

Codes: Reappointment of Deputy Codes Officer: Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to appoint Stephen Rudolph to the position of Deputy

Codes Enforcement Officer effective July 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.contingent upon the approval of an intermunicipal contract with the Village of Marcellus. All voted aye. Carried.

Town Insurance Renewal: Supervisor Ross advised the Town's insurance policy through Reagan Insurance is up for renewal in July. The Reagan Agency has provided a proposal for the renewal of our insurance policy that reflects an approximately a \$1000.00 increase in the premium. Councilor Sherman made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to accept the proposal for the insurance renewal with the Reagan Agency. All voted aye. Carried.

Sewer Contract Revisions: In order to fully investigate the terms of the Sewer Agreement between the Village and the Town, Councilor Sheridan made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to authorize the Town Supervisor enter into a sixty (60) day extension of the Sewer Agreement which expired June 1st. All voted aye. Carried.

Hydrofracking Moratorium Status: In September of 2010 the Town of Marcellus enacted a local law to impose a six (6) month moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and/or hydrofracking. This moratorium now has expired. The question is now does the Town of Marcellus desire to extend this moratorium. After several attendees spoke to the Board on this issue, Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to have counsel prepare the necessary documents to extend the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and/or hydrofracking and hold a public hearing on July 13th at 7:00pm. All voted aye. Carried.

Discussion Agenda

Items from the Board

Councilor Lathrop led the Board in a discussion concerning the Sewer Agreement with the Village of Marcellus. There are a number of questions arose during this discussion, such as (but not limited to): how are the unit charges figured; how do the charges get on the tax bill and who and how are the inspections of the system done. Supervisor Ross advised the Board that he suggested to the Mayor to have an outside entity conduct a review of the charges.

It was reported that Tracie Barnes, Bookkeeper is slowly making progress with the accounting issues.

Items from the Floor

Phil Coccia wanted to thank Bill Reagan for installing the new recreation computer and recognize the Marcellus Park Staff for their efforts during Olde Home Days.

Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 9:03 P.M. All voted aye. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk