

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on August 8, 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

Absent: Kevin F. O'Hara, Councilor

Also present: Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk; Sandy Taylor, Deputy Town Clerk; Donald MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Leader; William Reagan, Codes Enforcement Officer; David Card, John Calley and Margaret Nolan.

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 July 11, 2011 and the July 28, 2011 Workshop Meeting was given to the Board Members. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman 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 #8 as of August 8, 2011, Claims # 20110529 – 20110589 and Highway Claims #201139 - 2011153.

| | <u>Expenses</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$ 44,420.50 |
| General Fund – Part Town | 934.16 |
| Highway – Town Wide | 3,786.02 |
| Highway – Part Town | 25,589.56 |
| Sewer | 345, 56 |
| Trust & Agency | 55.85 |

Bills paid between meetings:

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| AFLAC – July Premium | \$ 246.80 |
| Excellus BCBS (Aug Retiree Insurance) | 1,969.20 |
| Excellus BCBS (Aug Insurance Premium- Employees) | 17,694.44 |
| Simply Prescriptions (Aug Prescription Coverage – Retirees) | 1,026.18 |

Board Members were given copies of the Activity Report as of August 8, 2011 and monthly statement of bank balances as of August 8, 2011.

| | <u>Total Revenue</u> | <u>Total Expense</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,192,630.62 | \$ 558,727.38 |
| General Fund – Part Town | 108,849.02 | 51,608.12 |
| Highway – Town Wide | 477,316.59 | 298,796.25 |
| Highway – Part Town | 314,274.12 | 132,376.72 |
| Fire | 535,353.68 | 1,180,847.33 |

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of and the monthly statement of bank balances as of August 8, 2011. Councilor Sherman brought to the Boards attention that voucher #20110568 payable to NYSE&G should be noted as paying 24 East Main not 23 East Main . All voted aye. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Department Liaisons:

Supervisor Ross extended an invitation to the Board for the upcoming celebration of the Town of Spafford's Bicentennial on August 27th at 2pm to dusk at Lourdes Camp.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement: Shepard Settlement: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Town of Skaneateles to furnish fire protection service to the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District for the years 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$6500.00 per year. All voted aye. Carried.

Recreation Agreements: ER Lacrosse Camp: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the following agreement for the Marcellus Recreation:

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| ER Lacrosse Camp | 7/18 thru 7/22 | \$55/student without Lacrosse stick |
| | 8/1 thru 8/5 | \$35/student with Lacrosse stick |

All voted aye. Carried.

Sewer Agreement Extension: Councilor Sherman made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Sewer Extension Agreement with the Village of Marcellus. This agreement will extend the current sewer agreement from June 1, 2011 for ninety days. All voted aye. Carried.

Highway: Lease of Excavator: The Highway Superintendent MacLachlan suggested if there was no objection to hold this issue until the September 2011 Town Board Meeting. With no objection this issue will be addressed at the September Board meeting.

Schedule Fall Trash Days: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to hold the fall Trash Days on Fridays, September 30 and October 7 from noon to 3:00pm and Saturdays, October 1 and October 8 from 8:00am to noon. All voted aye. Carried.

Syracuse Time and Alarm: Maintenance Agreement: Councilor Sherman made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to renew the maintenance contract with Syracuse Time & Alarm, Inc. for a period from 9/01/2011 to 8/31/2012 for the fire alarm system in the Town Hall for an annual fee of \$480. All voted aye. Carried.

Appointment: Assessment Board of Review: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to reappoint Wayne Norris to the Assessment Board of Review with a term of ending September 30, 2016. All voted aye. Carried.

Contract for Repair of Front Steps: This item will be held until the September 2011 meeting.

Authorize Bookkeeper and Supervisor to Attend GFOA Summer Seminar in Geneva on August 11, 2011: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to authorize Bookkeeper Tracie Barnes and Supervisor Ross to attend the GFOA Summer Seminar in Geneva on August 11, 2011. All voted aye. Carried.

NYS Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant Request (additional item):
The Town Court has received notification from NYS Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) that there are grant funds available this year and are seeking support from the Town Board to apply for a grant. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to support the application for a grant by the Town of Marcellus Justice Court in the amount of \$20,000 from the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for heating/air conditioning and drapes for the meeting/court room. All voted aye. Carried.

William Reagan, Codes Enforcement Officer, presented to the Town Board a Report of Violations concerning the property located at 4198 Hall Ave, Tax map #014-06-12. Mr. Reagan informed the Board that this property is in foreclosure with Bank of America. Complaints have been received about the household trash, pet cage, papers and full trash bags in the yard. There is also a screened in porch that has a number of trash bags among other discarded items. Mr. Reagan has been unsuccessful getting any response from the bank as to when the property will be cleaned up. Mr. Reagan advised that he has notified the owners of the property of the public hearing to be held on this date. It is Mr. Reagan's recommendation to have our highway department clean up the property and apply the cost to the property owner's tax bill. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to have the Marcellus Highway Department proceed to remove the debris from the property located at 4198 Hall Ave and to add the cost of such removal to the property tax bill. All voted aye. Carried.

Discussion Agenda

Items from the Board: Nothing at this time.

Items from the Floor

Dave Card from the Marcellus Fire Department discussed with the Board revised numbers on the service award program the department is proposing. Mr. Card requested to be on the August 25th Workshop Agenda.

Councilor Sheridan made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 7:49 P.M. All voted aye. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk