

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2012

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Daniel J. Ross, Supervisor
 Thomas C. Lathrop, Councilor
 Donald G. Sherman, Councilor
 Kevin F. O’Hara, Councilor
 Peter Hakes, Councilor

Also present: Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk; Sandy Taylor, Deputy Town Clerk; Donald MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Philip Coccia, Recreation Leader; Peg Nolan, Bernard Montgomery, Chuck Paul, Mary Jo Paul, Linda Wilcox, Gary Wilcox, John Scanlon and Dawn O’Hara

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 March 12, 2012 and the Workshop Meeting held on March 22, 2012 was given to the Board Members. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Hakes 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 #4 as of April 9, 2012, Claims #20120201 – 20120256 and 201101015 – 201101017 and Highway Claims #20120042 - 2012056 and 20110258 - 20110259 and Limeledge Water District Abstract No. 3.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$16,535.69
General Fund – Part Town	504.76
Highway – Town Wide	19,186.63
Highway – Part Town	1,510.00
Sewer	63.56

Board Members were given copies of the Activity Report as of April 9, 2012 and monthly statement of bank balances as of April 9, 2012.

	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
General Fund	\$941,632.17	\$252,105.42
General Fund – Part Town	98,626.00	26,062.22
Highway – Town Wide	374,475.00	150,469.45
Highway – Part Town	330,740.28	7,069.35
Capital Projects	8,557.50	59,627.72
Fire District	571,840.16	330,155.01
Hydrant Fund	1,900.11	825.39
Ambulance Fund	261,532.78	74,836.50
Sewer District	133,417.77	50,728.73

Water District

186,961.17

89,070.44

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of April 9, 2012 and the monthly statement of bank balances as of April 9, 2012. All voted aye. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Department Liaisons: Councilor Lathrop reported that the Highway Department has been working in the lower part of Marcellus Park doing drainage work to elevate wet spots.

Supervisor Ross advised the Board that the carpet has been installed upstairs and the painting is nearing completion.

Authorize HR Consultants for Salary Update: Supervisor Ross informed the Board that he contacted the Association of Towns concerning the question of them providing salary guidelines for our use. They indicated that due the wide variety of jobs throughout the state it would be impossible for them to provide such information. Mr. Ross also provided to the Board a salary comparison for elected officials from 2010 that was provided by the towns in Onondaga County. Supervisor Ross made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to authorize HR Consultants to complete a salary update for twelve (12) positions at \$500/per position. Councilor O'Hara informed the Board that he has sent out e-mails to the towns in the county and has received five (5) responses so far and he will be sending out a follow up survey. Councilor Hakes questioned the time frame for both HR Consultants and doing it in house. Councilor O'Hara thinks another month or so would be sufficient. Supervisor Ross feels that if HR Consultants starts midsummer they couldn't complete the survey by budget time. Supervisor Ross and Councilor Sherman voted aye. Councilors Hakes, O'Hara and Lathrop voted nay. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Agreement: Concert in Park- Joe Whiting; Tennis Lessons- Ministero

Ministries Inc.: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Hakes to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreements for the following recreation classes and trips:

Joe Whiting	Thursday, July 9	\$750.00
Tennis Lessons	July 16 through 19	\$40/student
	August 13 through 16	

All voted aye. Carried.

Intermunicipal Agreement for Sewer District #1 with Village of Marcellus:

Supervisor Ross advised the Board that Counsel Gascon has informed him that the final agreement is not ready at this time. This issue will be placed on the May agenda.

Permissive Referendum for Playground Mulch: Supervisor Ross pointed out to Recreation Leader Coccia that the purchase of the mulch is an every year expense and should be purchased from the park contractual instead of the reserve account. After a short discussion, the purchase of playground mulch will be expensed out of the park contractual. No action is necessary by the Board.

Discussion Agenda

Items from the Board

Supervisor Ross informed the Board that the budget adjustments and amendments that were included in their board packets is informational and will be discussed at the May town board meeting.

Items from the Floor

Peg Nolan, Town Historian, questioned what happened to the web cam that is associated with the town's web site. Supervisor Ross informed everyone that since the painting and carpets that were recently installed the camera has been down.

Highway Superintendent MacLachlan questioned that when the Village of Marcellus takes over the whole sewer system, it is his understanding the Town will be responsible for checking the system that is in the town. Supervisor Ross assured Mr. MacLachlan that the procedures will have to be discussed and worked out.

Councilor Hakes made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 7:45 P.M. All voted aye. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk