

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2013

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Monday, April 8, 2013, 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
John Scanlon, Councilor
Kevin F. O'Hara, Councilor
Peter Hakes, Councilor

Also present: Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk; Susan Dennis, Deputy Town Clerk; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Garth Snyder, Park Director; Kevin Zimmerman, Shawn M. Rush, Jeff Till from the Onondaga County Health Department; Leonard & Pat Freeborn, Mark & Pat Edmonds, Sam & Robin Coffey, Sheila Muters, Nancy Calley, Diane Thompson, Ted W. Taylor, Linda Muters, Diane Piorkowski, Tom & Cindy Carter, Richard Thompson, Wayne Norris, Steve Lloyd, Steve & Kara Casselbury, Elizabeth Burton, Peg Kronen, Chris Christensen, Mike Alexander, Conni Wolcott, Calvert & Patricia Jones, Mary Jo Paul, Nancy Bunn, Chris Poole and numerous other residents.

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

Amber Road Update: Kevin Zimmerman, Shawn M. Rush and Jeff Till from the Onondaga County Health Department were here to answer resident's questions about the contaminated well issues in the Amber Road, Brewer Road, and Hayden Road area. The informational meeting lasted until approximately 8:15.

Copies of the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2013 and the Special Town Board Meeting held on March 21, 2013 and the Workshop Meeting held on March 28, 2013 was given to the Board Members. Councilor O'Hara 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 8, 2013, Claims # 201300183-201300267 and Highway Claims #201300038-201300059.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$41,574.04
General Fund – Part Town	19.34
Highway – Town Wide	10,499.52
Highway – Part Town	826.64
Hydrant	825.33
Sewer	44,281.44
Water	12,554.16

Board Members were given copies of the Activity Report as of April 8, 2013 and monthly statement of bank balances as of April 8, 2013.

	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
General Fund	\$892,200.40	\$270,559.73
General Fund – Part Town	90,025.00	22,724.33
Highway – Town Wide	420,280.90	156,172.73
Highway – Part Town	298,642.09	8,497.99
Capital Projects	8,557.50	59,627.72
Fire District	590,329.33	201,852.00
Hydrant Fund	1,900.84	825.33
Ambulance Fund	275,274.24	143,435.50
Sewer District	127,200.21	86,052.50
Water District	181,296.40	87,915.44

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Hakes to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of April 8, 2013 and the monthly statement of bank balances as of April 8, 2013. All voted aye. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Department Liaisons:

Councilor Lathrop noted that Peter Black checked out the door at the Allen Building. The door is sound, and he just suggested a new lock. The hinges are hinge bound and the door doesn't close properly. TDK is also looking at more lighting outside the Allen Building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Agreements- Marcellus Bluegrass Artists, Letizia & the Z Bank; John Spillett Band; Belhurst castle; Niagara Falls; Old Forge; Scranton PA; The beeches in Rome, NY and Sebasco harbor Resort, Phippsburg, Maine.

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor O'Hara to approve the following contracts for the summer concerts in the Park. All voted aye. Carried.

Marcellus Bluegrass Artists	June 13, 2013	\$400.00
Letizia & the Z Band	June 27, 2013	\$800.00
John Spillett Band	August 1, 2013	\$600.00

Councilor O'Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Hakes for the Supervisor to sign the contracts for the following trips. All voted aye. Carried.

Belhurst Castle	June 6, 2013	\$67.00 per person
Niagara Falls	July 10, 2013	\$61.00 per adult
		\$55.00 per child
Old Forge	Sept. 18, 2013	\$58.00 per person

Scranton, PA	Oct. 9, 2013	\$75.00 per person
The Beeches, Rome NY	Dec. 4, 2013	\$65.00 per person
Maine	Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2013	\$100.00 deposit

Permission for Supervisor to attend PERMA Conference:

A motion was made by Councilor Lathrop for Supervisor Ross to attend the PERMA Annual Conference in Bolton Landing, NY from May 22 – 24, 2013. This motion was seconded by Councilor Hakes. All voted aye. Carried.

Contract- Marcellus Central Schools Teen Institute: A motion was made by Councilor O’Hara and seconded by Councilor Hakes to approve the contract with Marcellus Central Schools for Teen Institute. The Town will pay Marcellus Central Schools \$980.00 for the year 2013. All voted aye. Carried.

Permission for accountant to attend Town Finance School: A motion was made by Councilor O’Hara to allow the accountant to attend the Annual Town Finance School May 8 – 10, 2013, in Rochester, New York. The cost for the conference is \$200.00. The Hotel is \$270 for two nights. Councilor Hakes seconded this motion. All voted Aye. Carried.

Boy Scout use of Marcellus Park: Councilor Lathrop made a motion to allow The Boy Scouts the use of Marcellus Park from October 4 - 6, 2013. This motion was seconded by Councilor Scanlon. All voted aye. Carried.

KVS Information: Councilor O’Hara made a motion to have KVS Information Systems, Inc. convert the years of 2010 and 2011 on the software system for the Accountant. The cost is \$750 per year for a total of \$1,500. This motion was seconded by Councilor Hakes. All voted aye. Carried.

Discussion Agenda

Items from the Board: The Supervisor and Councilors all mentioned what a good, informational meeting the County put on regarding the water issue on Amber, Brewer and Hayden Roads. Supervisor Ross welcomed back Garth Snyder, Park Director, from Florida.

Items from the Floor: Mr. Michael D. Alexander, 7 Park Street, made mention that the entrance to Marcellus Park from Park Street could use some enhancing. Mr. Alexander presented Mr. Ross with a letter about his concerns.

April 5, 2013

Supervisor Daniel J. Ross
Marcellus Town Hall
24 East Main Street
Marcellus, NY 13108

Re: Park Street Gateway into Marcellus Park

Supervisor Ross,

I wish to support the beautification of the Park Street gateway used by local families who walk into and out of Marcellus Park. I seek your support to: 1) rebuild the entrance at Park Street for pedestrian use only, but in a style similar to the Lower Park entrance (see photo below), and 2) I have asked the Village to repave and beautify Park Street as it is in an extremely poor state of disrepair. I understand that other streets in the Village are being considered for improvements and I suggest that the condition of Park Street places it as an extremely high priority for reconstruction.

Park Street serves as the Village's gateway for local families to walk into and out of Marcellus Park. As the only entrance from the Village into the park it should serve as a beautiful gateway that welcomes all residents who wish to walk to the park. Unfortunately, the current entrance is tired and old. It is not welcoming and it is not a symbol of pride. It consists of a gap between an old, damaged chain link fence that is flanked by two tall and rotting tree stumps. As a local resident who shares this community's passion for Marcellus Park, I urge the Town, the Friends of Marcellus Park, and the Village to support the beautification of this area.

On Easter Monday, I attended a Friends of Marcellus Park Meeting. The Friends Group indicated that they have funds available to implement enhancement projects. They are currently seeking feedback to determine which projects are community priorities. I encourage the Town of Marcellus, the Friends of Marcellus Park, the Village of Marcellus, the Village Beautification Committee, and any other civic organization to work together to beautify and enhance the only village gateway into Marcellus Park.

Most sincerely and appreciatively,


Michael D. Alexander
7 Park Street
Marcellus, NY 13108



Request to enter Executive Session for a Personnel matter pertaining to the Highway Department:

Motion by Mr. Hakes, seconded by O'Hara, all voted aye.

On a motion by Mr. Hakes, seconded by Mr. Scanlon, all voted aye, the board adjourned executive session after a discussion with the Town Attorney regarding an ongoing investigation .

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Scanlon, seconded by Mr. Hakes. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Executive Session Minutes submitted

By Supervisor Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk