

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26, 2012
5 PM**

Supervisor Ross called the meeting to order at 5 PM. Those in attendance were Supervisor Ross and board members Hakes, Lathrop, O'Hara and Sherman. Also Town Clerk Pollard, Highway Superintendent MacLachlan and Town Attorney Gascon. Also residents C and MJ Paul, J Scanlon, Jr., P. Kronen and A. Williams. Items discussed were:

- I. Sewer Inspections
Supervisor Ross reported that he attended a Village public hearing regarding the maintenance of the village sewer system including the town extensions. Also in attendance were representatives of TDK Engineering. The town will be required to inspect residences in the extensions for illegal sump pump hookups. These hookups must not be connected to the sanitary sewer line. This requirement comes from the DEC directive to the village to reduce flows in the sewer system. The village will be doing the same inspections in the village. TDK will provide a proposal to assist with the inspection process. Highway workers commencing in the fall will do inspections.
- II. Village Banner Update
Village Beautification Committee has inquired if the Town would like to continue in the village banner program. The cost is \$150. Board expressed no objections. Matter will be on August agenda.
- III. Hydrofracking
Board discussed the recently adopted Spafford Law banning Natural Gas and/or Petroleum extraction, exploration or production wastes. Supervisor Ross expressed the opinion that the law went beyond banning hydro-fracking. Board member Lathrop expressed opposition to hydro-fracking saying the process presented to many risks to water supplies. Board will move ahead with plans for a fall forum on the subject.
Anita Williams was present to discuss a lease workshop. There are currently 186 leases in the town. Many landowners who entered into lease agreements would like to terminate their leases. This workshop will provide some assistance.
- IV. Highway
Superintendent MacLachlan informed the board that DEC had denied his request to continue to maintain a construction and debris pile. Board requested that he provide the Town Attorney with copy of the letter. Town Attorney will investigate if there is any way to appeal the decision. C&D pile is a valuable service to town residents.
- V. Other matters
Resident Chuck Paul inquired as to the possibility of lighting the mural on the side of the Town Hall. Board will investigate.

Town Clerk Karen Pollard announced to the board that she planned to retire on October 1st. After thanking Town Clerk Pollard for 12 years of exemplary service to town residents, the board discussed the procedure for filling the vacancy. Board will appoint a replacement to serve until 12/31/2013. A special election will be held in November 2013 to serve the remaining 2 years of the Town Clerk's current term. Board member Lathrop expressed a desire to fill the vacancy quickly so as to make a smooth transition. The board expressed no interest in advertising the vacancy. Supervisor Ross and Town Clerk Pollard both thought the Deputy Clerk Taylor was well qualified to assume the Town Clerk duties.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.