

# TOWN OF MARCELLUS

## WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

**September 27, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Supervisor Ross. Those in attendance were Supervisor Ross and board members Lathrop, Hakes and Sherman. Also, Town Attorney Gascon, Highway Superintendent MacLachlan and Recreation Director Coccia. Also, residents C and MJ Paul, M and J. Scanlon, Jr. and MB Rayfield. Items discussed were:

- I. Town Website  
Ms. MB Rayfield presented the board with a prototype of a new town website. This website will be easier to maintain than the current site and can accommodate external sites and web cams. At the Boards request, she will provide a written cost proposal for the Town's consideration.
- II. Hydro-Fracking Forum  
The Board reviewed the September 26<sup>th</sup> informational forum on hydro-fracking and discussed the way forward to the expiration of the current moratorium. Atty. Gascon advised the Board that continuing to extend the moratorium could weaken our position if the moratorium was challenged. The town could justify an extension given the continued inaction of the State on this issue. Mr. Lathrop expressed his opposition to hydro-fracking because of the heavy industrial nature of the activity and its negative impact on town residents. Mr. Hakes requested some time to review the DEC SEIGIS report.
- III. Town Hall Modifications  
Supervisor Ross reported that the town engineers had begun a study of an expansion of the Town Hall meeting room in request from the Court to improve security in the Court Room. The current concept would expand the Court Room to the west with a new corridor to connect the Court office to the expanded Court Room in the proximity of the Bench. The corridor would also include a holding area. Mr. Lathrop also requested that a public restroom be added as well.
- IV. Sewer Study  
HS MacLachlan reported that JAMKO had completed the videoing of the Sewer extensions with a few minor problems discovered. The biggest issue is oil and grease in the line from the Fire Station through the park. An oil separator will need to be installed at the fire station.

Atty. Gascon reviewed the Sewer Ordinance and reported the town is not responsible for repairs to the laterals. TDK will issue a final report to the Town and the Village when the home inspections are complete. The Home inspections are nearly complete with only a small number of corrections needed.

V. NYSERDA Rebates

Supervisor Ross reported that NYSERDA is offering up to 75% rebates to municipalities on Energy Star rated appliances including lighting. He will explore the possibility of Town Hall lighting and a new copier for the first floor of the Town Hall.

VI. Political Signs

Based on some questions raised, Supervisor Ross asked Atty. Gascon to review the constitutionality of the town sign ordinance as it pertains to political signs. Based on his review, the Board can consider changes to the ordinance.

VII. Highway

HS Superintendent MacLachlan inquired if there was any agreement on a new snowplowing agreement with the County. The County had revised their proposal to include an increase in rate and a revised method for determining severity of winter weather.

VIII. Parks

Mr. Coccia reported that the Fall Festival will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a dedication of the Wilson memorial by the Welcome Center at noon.

IX. Attorney

Atty. Gascon reported that he had completed the drainage easement agreements and was awaiting the signed documents from the 2 property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

