

Marcellus Town Board

Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 5PM by Supervisor Ross.

Attending were Supervisor Ross and board members Lathrop, Hakes and Sherman. Also, T. Barnes, G. Snyder, and P. Coccia. Also S. Knapp, K. Lanning, J. Berwald, Jo. Rossiter, MJ Paul and J. Scanlon, Jr.

The Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation budget request. Mr. Coccia and Mr. Snyder explained that the request contained no major changes from the 2012 budget. Most increases were the result of working with the Town Accountant to move expenses to a more appropriate object of expense and therefore were offset by decreases in other lines. The Board discussed replacing some equipment through the use of Park Capital Reserve and fund balance. Current equipment will be advertised for online auction.

The Board reviewed the Marcellus Volunteer Fire Department proposal. Chief Rossiter explained that the increase in their request was generated by the need to replenish medical supplies for their mandated role as first responder. With MAVES moving to separate quarters, the VFD needs to stock some supplies to be able to provide BLS services. The estimated cost is \$3,000. The VFD was also to obtain a cost savings \$3,500 with the replacement of the Chief's car in 2012. They are requesting an additional \$1,500 for vehicle repairs. Chief Rossiter explained the communications tower that carries their radio signal has been sold. The new owner wants the VFD to lease space when it had been free previously. He has not reached an agreement as yet but it could be as much as \$150 per month. He is also exploring the possibility of moving the equipment to the tower on Stump Rd. It was suggested that this money be removed from the 2013 request and if there was an eventual resolution, the Town will agree to amend the contract to cover the cost. The VFD also requested a \$10,000 increase in the contribution to Truck Reserve line. The Board discussed the need to try to hold the line in light of the increases caused by the Services Awards program.

The meeting was adjourned 7:10 PM