

# **TOWN OF MARCELLUS**

## **WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**March 28, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Supervisor Ross. Those attending were Supervisor Ross and board members Lathrop, O'Hara, Scanlon and Hakes(7:13). Also Town Attorney Gascon and Recreation Director Coccia. Also, Friends of Marcellus Park President Carey and residents MJ Paul and M. Whipper. Matters discussed were:

- I. Friends of Marcellus Park  
Ms. Carey presented plans of the Friends project to replace the flooring in the Welcome Center with new carpet in the main area and linoleum in the kitchen area. The project is funded by the Friends and is scheduled to be completed by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- II. Emerald Ash Borer Beetle  
Supervisor Ross informed the board members that Bartlett Tree Experts would guarantee their fee for treating Emerald Ash Borer Beetles but would have to increase the fee by \$110 per year. Also, the Friends of Marcellus Park has offered to raise funds to offset the \$3890 annual fee. The board thanked Ms. Carey for the efforts of the Friends on behalf of the Park.
- III. Town Hall Expansion  
The board reviewed the drawings of a proposed expansion of the boardroom/courtroom prepared by TDK Engineers based on input from the board and justices. It was the feeling of the board that the project was getting too big and too costly. The board then reviewed a drawing prepared by board member Hakes that expanded the size of the current board/court room as opposed to a completely new room. The Supervisor will share the concerns of the board with TDK.
- IV. Website Update  
Mr. Hakes updated the board on the progress of the website development. The website artwork is nearly complete and the web designers are beginning the programming for the site. They are still on schedule to be up and running by the first of May.
- V. Highway

Supervisor Ross shared a letter from Sen. DeFrancisco informing the Town that CHIPS funding had been increased by 21% in the final state budget.

Board member Scanlon reported that the new loader would be delivered on 4/1/2013, Black Glass Co. will take look at the doors on the Allen Building and make recommendations to improve the security of the building and that town signs at selected entry points need to be repaired or replaced. Supervisor Ross will inquire as to availability of any grant money for beautification projects.

VI. Parks

Rec. Director Coccia informed the board that through the efforts of Ms. Erica Leubner, the Monsanto Foundation had awarded \$2500 to the Marcellus Fire Department and Marcellus Open Air Market. Mr. Coccia also discussed upcoming events including a Boy Scout camp out in October, the Fall Festival and an event sponsored by Stop the Hate. Also, the Memorial Map is nearing completion and should be up soon.

VII. Other Matters

Ms. Marjorie Whipper inquired if the board had any additional information regarding the Boil Water Directive for Amber Rd. residents. Supervisor Ross had spoken to the County Health Department earlier in the day. They hoped to have test results back from the State on 3/29. The County would notify each affected resident in writing as soon as the results are available. Ms. Whipper inquired about the possibility of public water. The Supervisor projected the cost would be prohibitive without help from grants which would be easier to obtain if the DEC found permanent damages to the aquifer. Supervisor will invite County Health to our April board meeting.

VIII. Executive Session- Personnel Matter (Highway Department)

On the motion of Mr. Hakes, seconded by Mr. Scanlon and all voting aye, the board to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Highway Department.

On motion of Mr. Hakes, seconded by Mr. O'Hara al voting aye, the board returned to public session and authorized Mr. Gascon, Scanlon and O'Hara to meet with the Sheriff's Department to be updated on the investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

