

Workshop Meeting Thursday, May 23, 2013

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County Of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, 24 E. Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Those present were:

Thomas Lathrop, Deputy Supervisor
John Scanlon, Councilor
Kevin O'Hara, Councilor

Also present were; Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Don MacLachlin, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Bernie Montgomery, Mary Jo Paul, Chuck Paul, Dalton Ackerman, Terry Ackerman, John Houser, Codes Enforcement Officer.

The meeting was opened up at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Matters Discussed were:

Eagle Scout Project: Dalton Ackerman, from Troop 133, requested the use Of the Park one day on a weekend to demonstrate Flag Etiquette. He would Like to explain to people the proper way to display and properly Dispose of the American Flag. This is a project for him to achieve his Eagle Scout Award. It was discussed with Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, The date that was available is Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Annex.

Sewer Update TDK : A representative from TDK was here and explained That the I & I update is going well. He handed out the report with the TDK Findings. The report explains what needs to be done from the Towns viewpoint. Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, suggests that we prioritize with what funds are available. We also need to find out what are the responsibilities of the Town and What are the responsibilities of the residents. Each Board Member was given a Copy of the report from TDK to read through it.

Limeledge Water District: It has come to the Boards attention that Michael Minet of 2415 Lawrence Road has been charged a water District Change for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The town needs to reimburse him a total of \$1,074.16. The money would come out of the Water District Fund.

Peter Hakes entered at 7:25 pm.

Capital Projects - Grants: Dan Ross, Supervisor, has been contracted by Senator Defrancisco's office about "possible" funding for a small grant (<\$50,000).

Here are the four projects that Supervisor Ross came up with:

1. Park – Park stairs to upper park, front entrance and upper park fence and entryway.
2. Fire Station parking lot repave and drainage improvements.
3. Fire Station repair of cracked walls and structural issues
4. Town Hall boiler replacement to include elimination of second floor Electric baseboard heating.

It was suggested that we go with the Park project due to the fact that would Be a great "ribbon cutting ceremony". Jim Gascon also mentions that residents Are already being taxed for the Fire Department and suggests using grant Money for the Town or Park.

CNY Storm Water Coalition: Councilor Lathrop explained that the Town Pays approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000 per year to belong to the CNY Stormwater Coalition. The cost to join for 2014 is \$3,600. John Houser, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that the CNY Storm coalition keeps each Town in compliance With the Law. They also provide training, staff support, annual reporting and A newsletter.

Highway – activity report: Donnie MacLachlin, Highway Superintendent, stated That the Trash Days went very well. The Highway employees have started rebuilding on Amidon Drive. Donnie did mention that the Highway Department Could use a newer computer. The one they have is very outdated.

Park – activity report: Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, mentioned that there Has been a lot of activity at the park. He also stated that the park could use Some newer computers. The park is getting busy with "Old Home Days" coming up. The fire inspectors were there last week. Just finishing up working with

The recreation help on who is doing cleanup.

Town Website: Peter Hakes, Councilor, has been working with Maribeth Rayfield And Nate Rooke on our website. They are just about ready to roll out the Site publicly. Doing some last minute edits. Maribeth met with the Rec Dept., Codes Dept., and Zoning Dept. to make sure their sites are ready and will be Meeting with the Town Clerk sometime soon. The web cam will be coming. Not all the community sites are on the web page yet, and the Town should Set up a policy as to how many pages each community group receives.

Attorney – beyond retainer: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, mentioned That he receives a retainer every month for basic legal fees. He has been Above that retainer for a couple of months with all the extra work he Has been doing. He will be submitting an outlined bill, but wanted the Town Board to be alerted to the fact that a bill would be coming.

Town Office – addition: There was some discussion as to where we stand with the Addition for the Town Hall. It was suggested that the Board meet with each Department Head to see what their needs are. The Town has to do something for a courtroom. We are close to the bottom of The list for safety in the courtroom.

Other Matters-board/floor: Councilor O’Hara, liaison for the Codes Department Mentioned that John Houser has been swamped.

The house that burned down on Scotch Hill was discussed. At this point Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, is going to start condemnation proceedings.

Adjournment to Executive Session: A motion was made at 8:45pm by Councilor O’Hara to enter into executive session. This motion was Seconded by Councilor Lathrop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor

Executive Session: Councilors Lathrop, O'Hara, Hakes and Scanlon along with Town Attorney Gascon were at the Executive Session. The discussion was On Section 75 and 75B of the Civil Service Law. A motion was made by Councilor Lathrop to adjourn The Executive Session at 9:15. This was seconded by Councilor Hakes.

Submitted by
Thomas Lathrop