

**Town of Marcellus
Special Meeting
October 24, 2013**

At a Special Meeting of the Town Board, of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, 24 E. Main Street, Marcellus, NY 13108.

Those present were:

Daniel J. Ross, Supervisor
John Scanlon, Councilor
Peter Hakes, Councilor
Kevin O'Hara, Councilor
Thomas Lathrop, Councilor

Also present were: James Gascon, Town Attorney; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Garth Snyder, Park Director; Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk; Bernard Montgomery, Mike Ossit, Deana Fellows, Mary Jo Paul, Karen Pollard, F. M. Makein, Linda Wilcox, Dawn O'Hara, Stacey Ossit, Tom Finn, Christin Gibides, Cherise Nugent, Kristen Forte, Jon Forte, Shannon Martin, Travis Martin, Chuck Paul, Kristy Kudlick.

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting with the pledge to the Flag.

Accept Preliminary Budget and Approve the Elected Official's Salaries:

Councilor O'Hara made a motion to approve the 2014 Preliminary Budget and the Elected Officials Salaries. Supervisor read the salaries:

Supervisor \$12,000
Town Justices (2) \$15,154 each
Councilors (4) \$6,120 each
Town Clerk \$37,800
Superintendent of Highways \$54,376
Tax Collector \$9,147

Councilor Lathrop seconded the motion to approve the Preliminary Budget and the Elected Officials Salaries. Ayes – Ross, Scanlon, Hakes, O’Hara and Lathrop. Carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Hakes to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councilor O’Hara seconded this motion and the Special Meeting was adjourn. Ayes – Ross, Scanlon, Hakes, O’Hara and Lathrop. Carried.

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Park Basketball Court Update: Mr. Coccia stated that they received three quotes From different companies regarding the resurfacing of the Basketball Courts. Foundation is in excellent shape and he mentioned that most companies will Come every two years for maintenance. Councilor O’Hara feels that getting rid Of the courts is out of the question, they are the only public courts in Marcellus. Councilor Scanlon asked if they have talked with Don MacLachlan about a company coming in and redoing the basketball courts from the foundation up. They will be checking into this. It is too late to do anything this year, but Garth Snyder would like to have the Basketball Courts open by April 1, 2014.

Sewer Easements: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, spoke with the man from The Abstract Company and there is a permanent easement on the three Lines that he “spot checked”. Jim will speak to the Mayor to see where we go from here.

Electronic Recycling Services: The company that currently pickes up Our old computers, tv monitors, stereos etc. (Regional computer Recycling & Recovery) is going to start charging for CRT TVS and CRT Monitors. We have Received information from another company (Tech Reworks) which will Pick up those items for free.

Retiree Medical Plan: Supervisor Ross read over some of the plans for the Retiree’s. Would like to know if the Board would like to meet with the Retiree’s to inform them of the choices and see how they feel about them. Some of the new plans have lower rates per month, but they would be paying more out of pocket expenses.

Mailbox: Councilor O’Hara asked that we speak of the mailbox that belongs to the resident on Masters Road. Councilor Hakes would like to coordinate with the homeowner to replace the mailbox so that this issue can be resolved. Other residents asked if they can get any type of mailbox that they want, if the plow hits it.

Highway Liaison Position: Supervisor Ross suggest that we don’t have any more Liaisons between Board Members and Department Heads. Each Department

Head should be able to go to whatever Board Member they want or bring up any issues in front of the whole Board.

Sage Meadows Sidewalk: Jack Salice had a petition signed by people living on Sage Meadows stating that they don't want a sidewalk. Jim Gascon suggests that the Board talk to the Planning Board. The residents feel that Sage Meadows is like a country road. Jim Gascon stated that the sidewalk district should be dissolved. He will start the process on dissolving a Special District.

Scotch Hill Road: Councilor Scanlon asked what is going on with the demolition of the house on Scotch Hill Road. The house was suppose to be down by October 14, 2013 and we have passed that date. John Houser, Codes Officer, stated that he has been in contact with the homeowners and they are just waiting for the contractor. He had a couple of other projects before this one. Supervisor Ross thinks that NYSEG hasn't turned off the gas yet. John Houser will keep the Board updated as things progress. He has already received insurance certificate and is getting the paperwork ready for a demolition permit. He will give the Board an update at the Nov. 7, 2013 meeting.

Items from the Floor: A resident asked what the Executive Session was going to be about. Jim Gascon stated that it is regarding the return of an employee out on medical leave.

Another resident asked if there were any updates from the last meetings.

A Dublin Road resident made the suggestion that they turn in the light poles for scrap money and give that money to a food pantry here in Marcellus. Supervisor Ross stated that he is in touch with the State to make sure the state does not want claim to them.

Questions were asked from audience about the handbook, about going back into a Town Building once it is closed for the day and what the rules for time cards are.

Supervisor Ross stated that the basic rules for time cards is that No one should be touching another person's time card.

A Route 174 resident feels that doing away with liaisons is a great idea. This should prevent future problems and heartache.

There were some questions directed at Councilor Lathrop, at which point, Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that he can't talk about anything regarding the results of the HR report.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that we are not disclosing the findings of the HR Report.

Someone questioned how an employee can return to work after accusing fellow workers of these accusations.

Supervisor Ross said that hopefully all the Highway employees can start working together again.

Another resident's recommendation is that the investigation should have been done by the NY State Police, not the Sheriff's Department because Councilor Scanlon is a Sheriff.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that the investigation is still going on. The HR report has some confidential information and the Board needs to protect the employees. The only people who have seen the report are The Board, Supervisor and Town Attorney.

Councilor Hakes said that some Board Members are being targeted and he feels the report should not be seen by anyone. He feels the Board has a duty to protect the Employees of the Town.

One of the Highway Employees stated that it is very difficult to be working with all the tension. He wants to move past this.

The resident from Rt. 174 agreed that using the NY State police probably would have been a better choice, because of the conflict. Also suggests that if there is a next time with big issues , like the Highway Department now, the Board let The Town residents know about it before it gets this far.

Motion to go into Executive Session: A motion was made at 8:40 pm by Councilor Hakes and seconded by Councilor O'Hara to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue at the Highway Department. Ayes – Ross, Scanlon, Hakes, O'Hara and Lathrop. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk