

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP/MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Mary Jo Paul, Supervisor
Kevin F. O'Hara, Councilor
John Scanlon, Councilor
Karen Pollard, Councilor

Also present: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Tom Reiley, Reagan Insurance; Peter Knowles, Advanced Network Designs, Inc.; Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Jerry Ferro, John Bromka, Tom Lathrop, Peg Nolan, Kay Kershaw, Sam Dance, Mike Villa; a few town residents and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Paul opened the meeting at 5 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PARK: Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, mentioned that in July the town is sponsoring Healing Waters with the VA Hospital for veterans. This will be held on July 25th for some recreational fishing.

Councilor O'Hara reminded everyone that on July 4 the "Teal There's a Cure Race" will be held at the Marcellus Park.

INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW: Tom Reiley, Reagan Insurance, went over the insurance policy with the Board. The increase on property values is about \$215,000. The majority of the increase is due to the Welcome Center being so undervalued plus a 4% increase for the rest of the Town buildings. The Town has a \$3 million umbrella. He will look into quotes for \$4 and \$5 million dollar coverage. The total premium is \$46,562 (an increase of \$1,307).

IT- Peter Knowles: Peter Knowles, Advanced Network Designs, Inc. stated that with all the improvements the Town is making, the internet connections should be updated. The Town is contracted with Time Warner till Jan. 2015 for the Town Hall. The cost to switch our provider to Windstream would be about \$150 month cheaper, but we would still have to pay a monthly fee to Time Warner because of the contract. Supervisor Paul will check with the Assessor's Office to determine if we can hold off until January to change providers.

Highway – Equipment Review: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, had a list of equipment/trucks that he would like to auction off. He stated that trucks aren't being used and some of the equipment doesn't work. The items being auctioned off would be replaced with a medium duty truck, with a snowplow and sander.

An issue that was also discussed was the Highway Superintendent being able to install signage for the brush pile. The sign would limit how big the tree limbs are and also what can be dropped off there.

Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, also stated that they will be sealing the pavement in the lower park by the Grove the second Monday of next month.

Dogs Running At Large: Supervisor Paul asked why the current law applies to only certain areas. Councilor Pollard stated that the reason Browsing Lane has a Law is there was a vicious dog in that area. A resident thinks that Jim LaRose, Dog Control Officer, should have more authority. Supervisor Paul stated that Jim LaRose will be invited to come to a future meeting.

Handbook Review: Supervisor Paul suggested that a Special Meeting is needed to complete the handbook. It was decided that Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm there will be a Special Meeting to review and revise the Town of Marcellus Employee Handbook. The Town Clerk will advertise and post that meeting.

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk, Abstract 6B as of June 24, 2014. Voucher numbers 140609 – 140643.

Expenses	
General Fund	\$ 6,144.24
General Fund – Part Town	21.41
Highway – Town Wide	7,183.32
Highway – Part Town	1,408.51
Sewer District	<u>250.00</u>
 Total	 \$15,007.48

Board Members were given an activity report as of June 25, 2014.

	Total Revenue	Total Expense
General Fund (A)	\$905,176.62	\$645,757.34
General Fund – part Town (B)	101, 669.00	47,006.14
Townwide Highway	371,879.96	217,253.48
Townwide - Part Town	292,058.00	55,580.71
Fire District	597,763.95	423,928.00
Hydrant Fund	1,945.00	1,071.18
Ambulance Fund	277,271.00	144,483.50
Sewer District	126,800.00	35,483.00
Water District	190,819.00	81,577.59

Councilor Scanlon made a motion seconded by Councilor Pollard to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of June 24, 2014.

Ayes – Scanlon, Pollard, O’Hara and Paul. Carried

Supervisor Paul received an estimated fee from TDK Engineering Associates, P.C. regarding the DEC spill. TDK will not move forward until they hear from the Town.

Councilor O’Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Scanlon to approve the payment of approximately \$925 to TDK to comply with the DEC recommendations.

Ayes – Scanlon, Pollard, O’Hara and Paul. Carried

Supervisor Paul stated that the retaining wall by the Papermill on Nine Mile Creek is collapsing. John Houser, Codes Enforcement Officer, is working on getting grant money to remove and rebuild the wall. TDK Engineers are also aware of this situation.

Supervisor Paul has drafted a letter of support to Governor Cuomo in support of obtaining grant money for the proposed Sunset Ridge Community.

Citizens Advisory Committee: Jerry Ferro and John Bromka went through the report that the Citizens Advisory Committee has come up with for the Town Hall and Highway Garage. Their thoughts are building a wrap-a-round for the Town Hall so that everyone would be on one floor and it is the most effective way. It was suggested that for the Highway Garage, the Town consider a Pole Barn. As of right now, these are all in the preliminary stages. Supervisor Paul thanked everyone for all their time and commitment on this committee.

Board Vacancy: Supervisor Paul stated that 6 great people applied for the position on the board, one had to withdraw his name due to personal reasons. The Board then interviewed the remaining five. Supervisor Paul made a motion seconded by Councilor Scanlon to declare a vacancy on the board and appoint Mark Taylor to fill the position.

Councilor Scanlon – Aye

Councilor O’Hara – abstaining – he feels that at this point, the position should remain vacant and the voters should decide in November.

Councilor Pollard – Nay

Supervisor Paul – Aye

Motion Failed

Councilor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Scanlon to appoint Laurie Stevens to fill the position on the Board.

Councilor Scanlon – Aye

Councilor O’Hara – abstaining – he feels that at this point, the position should remain vacant and the voters should decide in November.

Councilor Pollard – Aye

Supervisor Paul – Aye

Carried

Supervisor Paul stated that Laurie Stevens will be asked to come to the July 14th meeting to take the oath.

Councilor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Scanlon to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Ayes – Scanlon, Pollard, O’Hara and Paul

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk

