

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS**  
**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

May 26, 2016

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Karen R. Pollard, Supervisor  
Kevin F. O’Hara, Councilor  
John Cusick, Councilor  
Chris Hunt, Councilor  
Laurie Stevens, Councilor

Also present: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Chris Christensen, Jerry Wickett and Bob Ciota; all from the Planning/Zoning Board; John Houser, Codes Officer; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Penny Poorman, Bernie Montgomery, Dick Thompson and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Pollard opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk, Abstract #5 as of May 25, 2016 Claims #144014-144023, 144025-144073

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$ 20,149.16
General Fund – Part Town	3,177.85
Highway – Town Wide	262,311.94
Highway – Part Town	11,554.70
Trust & Agency	<u>2,426.59</u>
 Total	 \$299,620.24

Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to approve and pay the bills.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hunt, O’Hara and Cusick Carried

**Farm Land Protection Request:** Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by councilor Stevens for Supervisor Pollard to send a letter of support stating that the Town Board supports the application of the Volles Dairy Farm, LLC and Volles Realty, LLC and their participation in the Farm Land Protection Plan.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hunt, O’Hara and Cusick Carried

**ADJOURN BUSINESS SESSION**

**WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**Discussion on Solar Panels:** Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, did an overview of a proposed law on Solar Panels. Jerry Wickett, Planning and Zoning Board, asked if a

farmer/landowner has a solar farm, would there be any benefit to the Town. Robert Ciota, Planning and Zoning Board, stated that the Town should preserve farmland here in Marcellus. Supervisor Pollard doesn't feel you can say yes/no across the board. After further discussion, it was decided that Jim Gascon will meet with Chris Christenson to go through the proposed law and fill in some of the distance requirements. After they have reviewed it, the proposed law will be presented to the Town Board again for a final review.

Dick Thompson, Slate Hill Road, stated that the Town should promote solar in the right places.

### **Discussion Agenda**

#### **Items from the Board**

Supervisor Pollard reminded everyone about the E-waste day in June. Our insurance is due in July, Supervisor Pollard will see if Tom Reilly, Reagan Insurance, can come and talk at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Items from the Floor** - None

Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hunt, O'Hara and Cusick

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk