

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2017

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

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

Also present: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney (arrived at 4:45); Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Bill Southern, Keith Ramsden, Park Crew Leader; and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Pollard opened the meeting at 4:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk, Abstract # 11 as of November 20, 2017, Claim # 146405-146424, 146435-146454.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$16,035.81
Part Town General	3,354.84
Town Wide Highway	7,789.03
Part Town Highway	912.01
Trust & Agency	<u>1,303.08</u>
Total	\$29,394.77

Bills Paid between Meetings:

<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14602	NYSEG	\$1,486.61
14603	NYSEG	425.01
14604	NYSEG	<u>290.05</u>
TOTAL		\$2,201.67

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and the Bills Paid on November 22, 2017.

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

Cooperative buying for Energy from BOCES: After much discussion regarding the buying of Energy from BOCES, it was decided that the Town would look into it for joining next year. A decision would have to be made tonight and the Board would like more time to research this, as it is a three – year contract. It was also discussed that if the Town goes with LED lighting inside the Town Hall and for the Street Lights, that would help lower the budget cost signing up with the BOCES program. Supervisor Pollard will look into if we could join next year or if we would have to wait three years.

ADJOURN BUSINESS SESSION: Councilor Cusick made a motion seconded by Councilor Hunt to adjourn the Business Session and open up the Workshop Session at 4:45 pm.

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

Carried

WORKSHOP SESSION:

Parking Lot Issue: John Houser, Codes Officer, and the Safety Committee have come up with a couple of ideas for slowing down traffic in the parking. They would like to purchase a few more Speed bumps and a couple of more signs to be placed in the Parking Lot. After a discussion, it was decided that in the spring the signs and speed bumps would be ordered. Will check with the Highway Department to see if they can paint the stipes again defining the parking spaces.

Hydrant Districts (added suggestion): Supervisor Pollard would like to consolidate all the Hydrant Districts so that everyone would pay the same amount. This would take some time. It is something to think about in the future.

Highway Department/Teamsters Union 317 (added item): Councilor O’Hara made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to accept the Teamsters Agreement that they are withdrawing as representatives of the Highway Department and to have Supervisor Pollard sign the Agreement.

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

Carried

DISCUSSION REPORT:

MAVES Report (added item): Steve Knapp, MAVES Director, dropped off the Profit & Loss Report from January through October 2017 for everyone to review.

Guard Rails at Paper Mill: Supervisor Pollard asked John Houser, Codes Officer, about the Guard Rails at the Paper Mill. John stated that the State now has a new resident engineer and didn’t know anything about this. John Houser will send Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, the new representative’s name and contact information so that Jim can send a certified letter.

Next Year: Supervisor Pollard stated that next year some of the big items that the Town may endure are the Codification of all the Local Laws, possibly combining all the Hydrant Districts and a screen and projector for the Meeting Room.

Councilor Stevens mentioned about changing the meeting days to Wednesdays and possibly starting them earlier. There will be more discussion on this at a later date.

Don MacLachlin, Highway Superintendent, stated that they are working on the addition for the Highway Garage. Once they can't work out of a bucket anymore, the work will be bid out.

Keith Ramsden, Park Crew Leader, stated that work is still being done in the cemetery to clean up the headstones.

Keith Ramsden also mentioned that the Park will be needing new signs next year.

Adjournment: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to adjourn the November 22, 2017 Workshop Meeting at 5:40 pm.

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

Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk