

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 1, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Karen R. Pollard, Supervisor
Tammy Sayre, Councilor
John Cusick, Councilor
Chris Hunt, Councilor

Absent – Laurie Stevens, Councilor

Also present: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; John Houser, Codes Officer; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Keith Ramsden, Park Crew Leader; David White, Cathie White, Chuck Paul, Chris Christensen, Gary and Linda Wilcox, Karen Cotter, Scott Blunt, Susan Dennis, Deputy Town Clerk and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Pollard opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to accept the Town Clerk’s minutes from the April 3, 2019 Town Board Meeting and the April 17, 2019 Workshop Meeting.

Ayes – Pollard, , Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Monthly Activity: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #5 as of May 1, 2019. Claim #'s 148783-148806, 148808-148818, 148828-148829.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$22,252.32
Part Town General	31.56
Town Wide Highway	2,338.00
Part Town Highway	<u>400.00</u>
Total	\$25,021.88

Board Members were given copies of the Activities Report as of April 25, 2019 for the Fiscal Year 2019, Periods 4-4

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	(1,226,063.50)	356,955.62
Part Town General	(202,880.69)	56,669.86
Town Wide Highway	(515,500.93)	175,965.51
Part Town Highway	(358,651.11)	48,266.14
Fire District	(408,705.22)	189,633.50
Hydrant Fund	(3,518.44)	1,690.77
Ambulance Fund	(312,090.24)	156,025.00
Sewer District	(157,498.07)	145,191.00
Water District	(160,903.31)	79,900.56

Bills Paid on April 18, 2019

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
148768	Excellus BC/BS	\$ 371.94
148769	Excellus BC/BS	371.94
148770	Simply Prescriptions	494.14
148771	Simply Prescriptions	494.14
148772	Excellus BC/BS	18,951.35
148773	Excellus BC/BS	<u>728.82</u>
	Total	\$1,412.33

Bank Balances for March 2019:

Total Balance: \$4,726,665.91

Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of May 1, 2019, the Activities Report as of April 25, 2019, and the Bank Balances for March and the Bills paid on April 18, 2019.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Vance Gokey – Route 20 Highway Overlay Zone: Mr. Gokey was not here to discuss what he would like to do. We will wait to hear from him to be put back on an agenda.

Monument Repair Agreement: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the following Monument Repair Agreement (as amended).

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Monument Repair Agreement

This Agreement is made effective on May 1, 2019 and entered into between the **TOWN OF MARCELLUS** (hereinafter “Town”) and **DAVID FARRELL, ROBERT FARRELL and MICHAEL FARRELL**, individually and as representative of the descendants of the Stone Family (hereinafter “Descendants”).

WHEREAS, the Town of Marcellus is the current caretaker of the cemetery located on North Street in the Town and Village of Marcellus (hereinafter “cemetery”); and

WHEREAS, located within the cemetery is a grave monument which marks the grave of several members of the Stone family; and

WHEREAS, the said grave monument is in a state of disrepair and is in jeopardy of collapsing and may create a hazard of damage to life or property within the cemetery and the adjacent sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Descendants also desire to have the monument repaired out of respect and in remembrance of their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to repair the monument but does not wish to be held responsible in the event the monument is damaged or destroyed during the process of repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

AGREED, by and between the Town and the Descendants that the Town will attempt to repair the foundation to the monument and will hire a contractor who will work with either the Town Park employees and/or the Town Highway employees to accomplish said repair; and it is further

AGREED, the Descendants request the Town to engage in said repairs and grant full access to the Town to accomplish same; and it is further

AGREED, and understood by the Descendants that the repair is difficult and the monument is in a precarious state such that the monument may be damaged or destroyed during the repair process; and it is further

AGREED, by the Descendants, that the Town, its contractor, employees and agents are hereby held free from any and all liability or exposure of any kind whatsoever and held harmless by said Descendants, the intend of this agreement is for the Descendants to fully waive any and all right of recovery against the Town, its contractor and employees and agents for any damage which may occur to the said monument as a result of the repair process.

Sexual Harassment Meeting Date: Supervisor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre to set the Sexual Harassment training for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 am. This will be held at the Marcellus Fire Department.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Peddlers Permits: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, has looked at the Permits regarding Political signs.

Auctions International Contract: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to authorize Supervisor Pollard to sign the contract with Auctions International. This is for sale of Government assets by online auction. Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, has sold many items this way.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Appoint Hearing Date/Officer – 2790-2792 Otisco Valley Road: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to appoint Jerry Wickett as the Hearing Officer for the property at 2790 – 2792 Otisco Valley Road. This hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Appoint Hearing Date/Officer – 3601 S. E. Town Line Road: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to appoint Jerry Wickett as the Hearing Officer for the property at 3601 S. E. Townline Road. This hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:45, ahead of the regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting.

At this property, the yard is full of discarded items. This is a litter issue and needs to be taken up with one of the Town Justices.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Recreation Agreements:

Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the following recreation agreements for concerts in the Park.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

The Horn Dogs	July 11, 2019	\$550
Mood Swing	July 18, 2019	\$600
Fulton Chain Gang	August 8, 2019	\$800

Appoint Supervisor to approve loans: Solvay Bank is requiring the Town to authorize from the Town to approve loans. This is a requirement from the bank in order to get the three credit cards that were approved at the April 17, 2019 Workshop Meeting. Supervisor Pollard stated that it would not only be her authorizing a loan but also the entire board.

Councilor Cusick made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre to authorize Supervisor Pollard to indicate that she has the ability to approve loans for the Town of Marcellus.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Highway Trucks for Auctions International: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, to put on Auctions International a 2010 Navistar International truck with a wing and plow. The truck has approximately 26,000 miles.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Items from the Board

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, is checking on two different insurance companies for the Cancer Insurance for the Firefighters Insurance Benefit.

Supervisor Pollard received a survey from Jeff Schultz regarding the Town Property at 24 E. Main Street. There is about 1.5 acres of land. The Town will have to determine if this would be enough land for a new Town Hall with Parking. This project is still in the very early stages. Supervisor Pollard and the Deputy Town Clerk will look into previous plans to determine what is necessary for a new building.

Supervisor Pollard received an email from a resident on Cranapple Lane regarding water that runs into her yard and then settles there, like a swamp. The resident would like to know legally what she would be able to do, and if a permit is needed. John Houser, Codes Officer, will get in touch with her regarding this issue.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, reviewed the information from General Codes. It has been returned to General Codes for their updating.

Items from the Floor

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, stated for three (3) years in a row, Veterans have been brought to Marcellus Park for fishing. They have a picnic and do some fishing in the afternoon.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, stated that someone donated seventy two (72) beds in a bag for the McClurg project “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” that is to take place on June 15, 2019.

John Houser inquired about insurance for residents who are having pools installed. He wants to make sure the Town is not liable on any part of it.

Adjournment: Councilor Hunt made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Ayes – Pollard, Hunt, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk