

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2019

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Karen R. Pollard, Supervisor
John Cusick, Councilor
Chris Hunt, Councilor
Laurie Stevens, Councilor

Tammy Sayre, Councilor - Absent

Also present: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Bill Southern, Chuck Paul, Jim Rossiter and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

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

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #7 as of July 16, 2019. Claim #'s 149224-149275, 149284-149298.

<u>Expenses</u>	
General Fund	\$ 58,638.23
Part Town General	147.00
Townwide Highway	33,046.48
Part Town Highway	80,883.23
Fire District	1,240.00
Ambulance Fund	75,937.50
Sewer District	12,300.00
Trust & Agency	<u>866.08</u>
Total	\$263,058.52

Bills paid between meetings: The following bills were paid on July 15, 2019.

<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
149220	Aflac	\$ 24.00
149221	Windstream	\$537.30
149222	Windstream	\$114.26
149223	Windstream	<u>\$ 74.01</u>
	Total	\$749.57

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of July 16, 2019 and the bills that were paid on July 15, 2019.
Ayes - Pollard, Stevens, Hunt and Cusick Carried

BUSINESS SESSION:

Amend Local Law #6 – 2008: A Local Law Relative to Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
TOWN OF MARCELLUS**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, held at the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, in said Town, County of Onondaga, State of New York on July 17, 2019, at 5:30 PM there were:

PRESENT:	Karen Pollard Chris Hunt John Cusick Laurie Stevens	Town Supervisor Councilor Councilor Councilor
	Tammy Sayre	Councilor – Absent

WHEREAS, Councilor Cusick introduced proposed Local Law Number A-2019, “A Local Law Relative to Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older,” and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Hunt.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus previously passed Local Law No. 6-2008 entitled “A Local Law Relative to Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older,” which law permits a partial property tax exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or older and pursuant to maximum income eligibility levels as set forth under New York Property Tax Law Section 467; and

WHEREAS, the State and County permit property owners who turn sixty-five years of age during a calendar year to seek qualification for the partial exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires the Marcellus Local Law to be consistent with State and County Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Local Law A-2019 be considered by the Town Board for passage which amends Local Law 6-2008 to include said persons who turn sixty-five years of age during the calendar year; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on August 7, 2019 for the purpose of discussing the merits of the passage of Local Law A-2019; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby present proposed Local Law No. A-2019 to read as follows:

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS
LOCAL LAW 1-2019**

**A LOCAL LAW RELATIVE TO PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM
REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR PERSONS
SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus as follows:

Section 1. By Local Law No. A of the year 2019, this Board proposes a new local law relative to the partial exemption from real property taxes for persons who are sixty-five years of age or older or who turn sixty-five years of age in the calendar year in which the property taxes become due, in accordance with Real Property Tax Law Section 467.

Section 2. New York Real Property Tax Law Section 467, as amended, allows municipalities to establish the maximum income eligibility levels for the exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or older from its current level to \$37,400.00, in accordance with the following schedule of exemptions:

<u>EXEMPTION</u>	<u>INCOME LIMITS</u>
50%	\$29,000
45%	\$30,000
40%	\$31,000
35%	\$32,000
30%	\$32,900
25%	\$33,800
20%	\$34,700
15%	\$35,600
10%	\$36,500
5%	\$37,400

Section 3. Local Law Number A of the year 2019 is hereby enacted to grant a partial exemption from real property taxes for persons sixty-five years of age or older or who turn sixty-five years of age in the calendar year in which the property taxes become due, at the maximum amounts authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 467 as described in Section 2 of this Local Law.

Section 4. This Local Law amends and replaces all previous Local Laws granting a partial exemption from real property taxes for persons sixty-five years of age or older or who turn sixty-five years of age in the calendar year in which the property taxes become due, at the maximum amounts authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 467.

Section 5. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with Sections 20 and 21 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

VOTE:	Karen Pollard	Town Supervisor	Yes
	Chris Hunt	Town Councilor	Yes
	John Cusick	Town Councilor	Yes
	Laurie Stevens	Town Councilor	Yes
	Tammy Sayre	Town Councilor	Absent

Resolution duly adopted.

Dated: July 17, 2019

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Department – New Members (added item): Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hunt to accept the following new members into the Marcellus Fire Department Michael Seymour and Morgan Sadler.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hunt and Cusick Carried

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Items from the Board

Town Hall: Supervisor Pollard and Town Attorney Jim Gascon drafted up a letter to be sent to local architect’s to inquire if they have any interest in their availability and willingness to offer to the Town their architectural services. The letters will be sent to the following four architects: Robert Eggleston, QPK Design, LLP, Donahoe Group and Brian Manthey Architect.

Supervisor Pollard received a report from Comp Alliance (New York State Municipal Workers’ Compensation Alliance) stating that there are no recommendations to report on at either the Town Hall or Highway Garage.

Supervisor Pollard stated that Lori Petrocci, Bookkeeper, is starting the Budget process earlier than usual. She will be getting information out to the Department Heads within the next week or two.

Items from the Floor

A resident was inquiring about Verizon Fios coming into Marcellus. Jim Gascon, Town Attorney will draft up a letter to ask if Verizon would be interested in coming to Marcellus.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, stated that there was a water main break on Saturday. It came down by the Welcome Center, the Park Department worked to get it cleaned up.

Chuck Paul, Fire Department, stated that there will be Sexual Harassment training on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. This will be taking place at the Fire Department.

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to adjourn the Marcellus Town Board meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hunt and Cusick Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk