

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
5:30 pm

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Karen R. Pollard, Supervisor
John Cusick, Councilor
Terry Hoey, Councilor
Tammy Sayre, Councilor
Laurie Stevens, Councilor

Also present: Rich Andino, Attorney for Jim Gascon; Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Mike Ossit, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Keith Ramsden, Park Crew Leader; Jim Rossiter, Bill Southern, Matt Moses, Mark Delasin and David Card, Marcellus Fire Department; Susan Dennis, Deputy Town Clerk and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Attorney Jim Gascon did join via zoom for part of the meeting.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #4 as April 20, 2021. Claim #'s 151898-151938, 151950-151952.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$19,756.80
Part Town General	3,675.24
Town Wide Highway	6,065.30
Part Town Highway	<u>8,542.22</u>
 Total	 \$38,039.56

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of April 20, 2021.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Abstract of Audited Vouchers (New Town Hall): The Abstract of Audited Vouchers (for the New Town Hall) was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #4 as of April 20, 2021. Claim #'s 151939-151942.

Expenses

Capital Project	\$25,189.04
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Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers (for the New Town Hall) as of April 20, 2021.

Ayes - Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department Request: Mark Delasin, President, and Dave Card, Chief, of the Marcellus Fire Department, presented to the Board a Notice of Capital Purchase. The Fire Department has approved the Purchase of a Rescue Pumper from Colden Enterprises. The purchase will be made from the Truck reserve account. They are looking to replace a 2001 Saulsbury Heavy Rescue based on the equity value of the vehicle and age of the apparatus. The Rescue Pumper made sense as a multi-use piece. The total of the new Rescue Pumper will be approximately \$707,000 depending on steel and what happens with COVID. It may take about thirteen (13) months until the Marcellus Fire Department receives the truck. The Board was supportive of this decision. No action from the Board needs to be taken. Per the contract, the Fire Department is obligated to inform the Town Board of any purchase.

Fire Department E-Tool Request (added item): The Fire Department requested from the Town Board (a few weeks ago) about releasing money (\$6,000) that has been earmarked for equipment. After some discussion, Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the release of the \$6,000 to use for the purchase of a compressor.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick Carried

Use of Fire Department (added item): Supervisor Pollard asked Mr. Delasin and Mr. Card about using the Fire Department so that Mr. Fitts, Town Assessor, can meet with people face to face during the revaluation. Mr. Fitts has always met with residents over at the Fire Department. Mr. Delasin, stated that there will be a Fire Department Meeting on April 29, 2021, and he will address their Board. He didn't think that there would be a problem with using the Fire Department. We just have to let him know the dates that Mr. Fitts would be meeting there.

Court Clerk Appointment: Matt Moses, Town Justice, asked the Board to approve the Judges recommendation for a Court Clerk as Judi Schneider is retiring. Mr. Moses recommends Mary Beth Lollis Barnell, at an annual salary of \$42,000 and a start date of May 10th. Ms. Barnell would be working 37 ½ hours per week which includes Court night.

Mr. Moses, then requested that the Town Board overlap some time for Ms. Barnell to work with Ms. Schneider on two Court nights and come in for up to three days to learn about what goes on in the Town Court Office. She will be paid hourly until May 10, 2021, when she starts full time.

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to appoint Mary Beth Lollis Barnell as a Court Clerk. Her starting date will be Monday, May 10, 2021, at an annual salary of \$42,000 and she will be working 37 ½ hours a week. Also, Ms. Barnell will be able to come and observe two court nights (one with each Judge) and come in for training (up to three (3) days) before Ms. Schneider retires.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Adult – Use Cannabis: The Board received a Legal Alert from Costello, Cooney and Fearon regarding the Legislation legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis. This law legalizes adult-use cannabis in New York. It also establishes the Office of Cannabis Management; expands the State’s existing medical marijuana program, establishes a licensing system and creates a social and equity program. The law also provides for a local “opt out”. This will be on the agenda for the next Workshop Meeting (May 19, 2021). There is a lot of discussion as to which way the Board would like to go with this and they have to talk to the Zoning/Planning Board regarding the zoning as to a location for a retail shop. Supervisor Pollard suggested that maybe Jerry Wickett, Planning Board, would be able to come to the next Workshop Meeting.

Mower for Park:

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
TOWN OF MARCELLUS**

SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, held at the Marcellus Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, in said Town, County of Onondaga and State of New York on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 P.M., there were:

PRESENT:	Karen Pollard	Supervisor
	Terry Hoey	Councilor
	John Cusick	Councilor
	Tammy Sayre	Councilor
	Laurie Stevens	Councilor

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus has been advised that a new mower is required for purposes of maintenance and upkeep of the Marcellus Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Recreation Supervisor have further determined that the mower/equipment will benefit Park visitors and residents of the Town and attribute to the physical betterment of the Town of Marcellus Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the proper functioning and maintenance of the Marcellus Park, the Town Board desires to purchase a new mower; and

WHEREAS, it is expected the cost of the new mower will not exceed Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$34,000.00); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus has created, by means of a resolution, a capital reserve fund known as the “Park Capital Reserve Fund” for purposes of funding the purchase of equipment, buildings and improvements for the physical betterment of the Town of Marcellus Park; and

WHEREAS, such fund has been maintained in accordance with Section 10 of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus is desirous of expending monies from the Park Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new mower; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Marcellus Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to expend not more than Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$34,000.00) from the Park Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the new mower; and

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED that the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$34,000.00), be designated for expenditure from the Park Capital Reserve Fund in furtherance of the purchase, and

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum as provided in Article 7 of the Town Law; and

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 90 of the Town Law, that within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of said resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum, and shall publish such notice in the “Eagle Observer”, newspaper published in Onondaga County having general circulation in the Town of Marcellus, and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on both the sign board and Website of the Town of Marcellus, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of adoption of this resolution.

Said resolution was offered by Councilor Cusick and seconded by Councilor Hoey.

VOTE:	Karen Pollard	Supervisor	Yes
	Terry Hoey	Councilor	Yes
	John Cusick	Councilor	Yes
	Tammy Sayre	Councilor	Yes
	Laurie Stevens	Councilor	Yes

Date: April 21, 2021

IMA – Park Security: Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens authorizing Supervisor Pollard to sign the (amended) Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Marcellus and the Town. This Agreement states that the Town will pay the Village \$25 per hour for police presence at the Marcellus Town Park for a minimum of four (4) hours per event. The Town will reimburse the Village (at a rate of \$25 per hour) for any police services rendered in excess of four (4) hours for any specially convened Town Park event. This Agreement will continue on an annual basis without the necessity of renewal unless terminated by either party.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Contract – The Horn Dogs: Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre authorizing Supervisor Pollard to sign the contract with Jim Kelly, from The Horn Dogs, for a concert on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the cost of \$600.00.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

New Town Hall : The Construction on the New Town Hall has started.

Discussion Agenda:

American Rescue Plan (added item): Supervisor Pollard received information on the American Rescue Plan and what the limitations are in spending the money. There is more information coming on this. This will be on the agenda for May 5, 2021 as an update and on the agenda for May 19, 2021. Hopefully, the Supervisor or the Attorney will have more information before then.

Assessor/Resident Meetings: After much discussion regarding face-to-face meetings with the Assessor and residents due to the revaluation, Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick that the Assessor shall be available in person to discuss grievances. This also applies when the Board of Assessment meets with Residents. A location will be determined as to where they will be meeting.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Adjournment: Councilor Cusick made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:50 pm.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk