

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, July 7, 2021
 7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

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

Also present: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Gary & Linda Wilcox, Bill Southern, Karen Cotter, Secretary to Planning/Zoning and Codes; Julie Abbott Kenan, County Legislature; Joe Durand, TDK Engineering, Susan Dennis, Deputy Town Clerk and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk

Minutes: Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to accept and waive the reading of the Town Clerk’s minutes from the Town Board Meeting on June 2, 2021 and the Workshop Meeting on June 16, 2021.

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

Monthly Activity: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract 7 as of July 6, 2021.

Claim Numbers: 152185-152200, 152212-152213, 152221-152249.

<u>Expenses</u>	
General Fund	\$10,991.89
Part Town General	255.50
Town Wide Highway	64,251.63
Part Town Highway	<u>4,870.73</u>
Total	\$80,369.75

Board Members were given the Activities Report as of July 2, 2021 for the Fiscal Year 2021. Period 6

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	(1,386,160.25)	498,777.20
Part Town General	(172,757.08)	82,722.35

Town Wide Highway	(565,932.56)	156,371.47
Part Town Highway	(361,503.12)	81,497.23
Capital Projects	(3,000,096.65)	683,428.18
Fire District	(408,757.72)	291,067.25
Hydrant Fund	(3,035.77)	1,517.74
Ambulance Fund	(319,485.42)	161,711.50
Sewer District	(195,431.43)	195,430.00
Water District	(156,026.95)	81,142.46

Bank Balances: Total of Bank Balances for May 2021 - \$7,411,938.56

Bills Paid Between Meetings: The following bills were paid on June 23, 2021.

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
152173	Excellus BC/BS	741.20
152174	Excellus BC/BS	19,150.07
152175	Excellus BC/BS	202.70
152176	Excellus BC/BS	202.70
152177	NYSEG	25.40
152178	NYSEG	20.72
152179	NYSEG	24.79
152180	NYSEG	26.00
152181	NYSEG	123.97
152182	NYSEG	26.00
152183	NYSEG	21.17
152184	NYSEG	<u>657.81</u>
	Total	21,222.53

Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of July 6, 2021, the Activities Report as of July 2, 2021, the Bank Balances for May 2021 and the Bills that were paid on June 23, 2021.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

New Town Hall: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract 7 as of July 6, 2021. Claim #'s 152250-152253.

Expenses

Capital Projects \$166,064.16

Bill Paid on June 24, 2021 for New Town Hall:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
152201	NYSEG	\$624.00

Councilor Cusick made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the payments for the New Town Hall; The Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of July 6, 2021 and the Bill that was paid on June 24, 2021.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EVOKE: Creativity: Councilor Cusick made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to authorize Supervisor Pollard to sign the “Letter of Agreement” with EVOKE: Creativity Camp. The camp will run Mondays and Thursdays, August 2 through September 3, 2021.

EVOKE: Creativity will have access to a park pavilion to run their camp. In the event of inclement weather, EVOKE: Creativity shall either have access to the Welcome Center (if not rented by a private party) or hold camp at their 8 W Main Street, Marcellus location. The cost of the camp is as follows: \$55/day, \$85/week or \$300/month.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

HighKey Science Camp: Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to authorize Supervisor Pollard to sign the Agreement with Steven Williams for the HighKey Science Camps. There are three different events that Mr. Williams is providing.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

The first camp session is July 19 – 23, 2021, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. The cost is \$55.00 per student. This will be held at Driver Middle School in the Cafeteria.

Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 5 – 7 pm, HighKey Science will be offering a make your own slime bar. Pick your color and add-ins and you are on your way. The Town will be paying \$250 for this event. It will be free to the residents.

HighKey Science will also offer another camp at the Playground Pavilion in Marcellus Park on Tuesdays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2021. The Town will be paying \$125/week for this camp. This is free for grades 1 – 6. Registration is required.

Reapply for Drainage Grant: Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to authorize Joe Durand, TKD, Engineering, to resubmit a grant application for drainage issues in the Town. The drainage spots were pointed out a couple of years ago but the Town didn’t receive any money at that time. Mr. Durand is proposing to reapply. The deadline to get the application in is July 30, 2021.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Tax Collection – Partial Payments: Elaine Potter, Tax Collector, received information from Onondaga County about taking partial payments on delinquent taxes. The County is asking all Towns to change their policy to accept partial payments at any time. Towns currently accept partial payments if you make the first payment in the penalty free phase. After some discussion, the Board agreed to this. Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, will write up a resolution to this effect and it will be put on the agenda for the July 21, 2021 meeting.

COVID Rules – Town Hall: Supervisor Pollard stated that we are still to follow the CDC rules but also stated that Court is back in session without the plexiglass.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, asked about the dance floor being opened in front of the Annex Pavilion where the Bands on Concert nights play. The board all agreed to have the dance floor open and let the resident's dance.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, also stated that he met with the Village Police Officer that will be at the Park the night of the concerts. Mr. Coccia showed him around. An officer will be there from about 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in case of any problems.

Update on ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act: Supervisor Pollard stated that as of right now, we have answered all the questions and sent in everything for the American Rescue Plan Act. The Town doesn't know how much we will be receiving. Supervisor Pollard also received information from the Association of Towns stating that the Town's will have until 2026 to use the money.

TOWN HALL:

Phone and Cabling: Supervisor Pollard received three quotes from companies regarding the Phone and Cabling for the New Town Hall. These are the quotes for the phone system:

Northland	\$19,368.00 (\$538/month) this would be for 36 months
Matrix	\$ 8,975.00 – installed price
Messenger	\$ 4,675.00 – installed price

Here are the prices for the Cabling system:

Northland:	\$22,678.25
Matrix	\$15,262.83
Messenger	\$15,645 (estimated cost)

After some discussion, it was decided to go with Messenger for the phone and cabling system. Supervisor Pollard will contact the representative from there and let them know that we are going with them. This will be on the agenda for the July 21, 2021 Workshop Meeting.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Julie Abbott-Kenan, County Legislature, spoke to the Board and residents about all the grant money that is available. She is going to advocate for the Town of Marcellus to receive funds for the New Town Hall. Supervisor Pollard explained that we have had some unforeseen expenses and that any grant money would be appreciated. Ms. Abbott-Kenan also started to reach out to Soil and Water Conservation for Grant money. She said that at the meetings, Marcellus is mentioned quite a bit.

Supervisor Pollard stated that there is a short meeting on July 21, 2021 at the Library that her and Jerry Wickett, Planning/Zoning, will be attending. This is for a new initiative from the County.

Councilor Hoey sent an article regarding Solar Panels to Supervisor Pollard. The Town of Clay didn't collect taxes on the Solar Farms in their Town. A discussion ensued and the Town Clerk will be sending the Attorney and Board the Solar Law that was passed in 2018. The Attorney will look it over to see if it needs to be revised at all. Karen Cotter explained that there are only certain areas where a Solar Farm could be placed.

Supervisor Pollard received an e-mail asking the Town to opt out of the new selling of ~~CBD~~ (marijuana) Cannabis. This is the first (either for or against it) that the Town has heard of. There is only a small area in the Town where ~~CBD~~ Cannabis stores would be allowed due to Zoning Laws. The State would also be putting a lot of restrictions on the people who want to run the stores. At this time, no one is sure of what the Village will do regarding the selling of ~~CBD~~ Cannabis.

Bill Southern, Sheehan Road, asked if Supervisor Pollard heard anything on MAVES and collecting money from other Towns that they service. She stated that she is working on it.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that Budget Time is also coming up.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, stated that everything is going well at the park. The on-line registration is also going very well. This is for Park Pavilions and also registering for Summer Camps.

Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, stated that the Highway Department has been helping the School and Village with a few projects. He also stated that Leigh-High Hanson has donated a lot of rock for a project.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:15 pm.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor,
Town Clerk