

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
6:00 pm

A Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

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

Also Present: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Karen Cotter, Codes/Planning/Zoning Secretary; Bill Southern, Joe Durand, TDK Engineering and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, joined the meeting via FaceTime.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CAP OVERRIDE: Supervisor Pollard opened up the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm and asked for comments either for or against the Tax Cap Override. There were no comments either for or against the Tax Cap Override from the Public or the Board. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members. Abstract #10 as of October 19, 2021. Claim #'s 152666-152703, 152711-152718.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$20,750.41
Part Town General	4,065.82
Town Wide Highway	12,952.99
Part Town Highway	2,125.79
Trust & Agency	<u>1,284.33</u>
 Total	 \$41,179.34

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of October 19, 2021. Claim numbers 152666-152703, 152711-152718.

Ayes - Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Abstract of Audited Vouchers (New Town Hall): The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members. Abstract #10 as of October 19, 2021. Claim #'s 152719-152725.

	<u>Expenses</u>
Capital Projects	\$267,293.69

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of October 19, 2021. Claim numbers 152719-152725.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Cap Override- Adopt Local Law:

**RESOLUTION
MARCELLUS TOWN BOARD**

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Cusick, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Hoey to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, Proposed Local Law A of the Year 2021 entitled, “A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c in the Town of Marcellus” was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus held September 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing to consider the Proposed Local Law A of the year 2021 on October 20, 2021 and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connections with said proposed local law having been heard, and said Proposed Local Law having been in the possession of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously determined the enactment of Proposed Local Law 1 of the Year 2021 to be an Unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and has further determined that it will have no significant effect on the environment, thus concluding the SEQRA review process; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said Proposed Local Law 1 of the Year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact Proposed Local Law A of the Year 2021 as Local Law 1 of the Year 2021 as follows:

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS
LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF THE YEAR 2021**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C IN THE TOWN OF MARCELLUS**

Be it enacted, by the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Marcellus pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3- c, and to allow the Town of Marcellus to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorized the Marcellus Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least 60% of the Marcellus Town Board.

Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation or circumstance shall be adjudicated by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: October 20, 2021

Sewer Pump Station – Joe Durand: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, and Joe Durand, Engineer at TDK Engineering Associates, PC, presented to the Board an “Opinion of Probable Costs” for Wastewater System Improvements at Marcellus Park. The Total Estimated cost would be \$307,080.00. This is a project that would fall under the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), therefore, the Town could receive some money back. Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to authorize Don MacLachlan and Joe Durand to proceed forward with getting quotes for the Improvements of the Wastewater System at Marcellus Park.

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

Year – End Meeting/Organizational Meeting: Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Sayre to schedule the following meetings. The meetings will take place at the Town Hall, 24 E. Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Year – End Meeting – Wednesday, December 29, 2021 – at 6:00 pm

Organizational Meeting – Monday, January 2, 2022 – at 5:30 pm

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

Town Hall Internet Connection: Supervisor Pollard shared with the Board information she received from Kinetic Business regarding the internet connections for the new Town Hall.

Councilor Sayre made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to authorize Supervisor Pollard to contact Kinetic Business by Windstream to receive a contract. The monthly cost would be \$184.75 plus taxes and fees for 500 M Fiber internet and 2 lines for alarms.

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tim Winderl, NYSEG, stopped by to see Supervisor Pollard regarding electric charging stations for cars. There was discussion as to having the electricity brought to an area of the Parking Lot, so if in the future, the Board decides to have some charging stations, they will be able to. There is a “Construction Meeting” tomorrow and Supervisor Pollard will bring up this issue to find out the price.

The trailer out front will be gone very soon. The Project Manager will be working in our Town Offices for a while.

Supervisor Pollard received information from HR One regarding a Salary Study. The last salary study was done in 2014.

Supervisor Pollard informed the Board of the training in NYC in February. If any of the Board wants to go, they would have to pay for it. Supervisor Pollard has more information if any board members are interested.

There has been some interest in starting a Chamber of Commerce again in Marcellus. Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, has attended two meetings. The first there were approximately 15 people, the second approximately 25 people attended. Supervisor Pollard will go to the next meeting to offer the support of the Town.

Comprehensive Plan: Supervisor Pollard has spoken with Dan Kwasnowski, Planning Director – County, about the Comprehensive Plan. There will be a representative at the November 17, 2021 meeting to explain to the Board what the next steps are. The Town just wants the Comprehensive Plan updated; we do not need a new plan.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, stated that the exercise class in the library is going well. The Recreation Department is waiting for Santa or Mrs. Claus to call back so they can schedule a time to meet with kids.

TOWN HALL

Supervisor Pollard just received an email from Janine Lundrigan of Howard Hanna giving an update on the sale of the Town Hall. Supervisor Pollard has emailed this information to the Board Members. There has been quite a bit of interest in the existing Town Hall Building.

Councilor Sayre asked if the New Town Hall would need to have a cleaning before we can move in or if it will be move in ready. This is something that we will have to find out.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Cusick to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Ayes – Pollard, Stevens, Hoey, Sayre and Cusick

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk