

Town of Marcellus
Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
6:30 pm

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Present:	Karen R. Pollard	Supervisor
	Jamie Curtin	Councilor
	Gabe Hood	Councilor
	Laurie Stevens	Councilor

Absent:	Terry Hoey	Councilor
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Also Present: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; John Houser, Codes Officer; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Gary and Linda Wilcox, Bill Southern, Steven Bolewski, Tom Lathrop, Mark Delasin, Fire Department; Erica Leubner, Rosemary Tozzi, Deputy Town Clerk and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Pollard announced that Mr. John Bednarski, a former Town Councilor and Supervisor, has passed away. He served the residents of Marcellus from 1969 – 1990.

Public Hearing – Amending Chapter 212 – Enacting a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers: Supervisor Pollard opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm. She asked if anyone had anything to say either for or against the Local Law. Tom Lathrop, Lathrop Drive, stated that he is in favor of it. He didn't specify any more information. Steven Bolewski, Rose Hill Road, asked if this applies to people only in a primary residence; meaning if they are living at their place of employment does that count as primary residence. Mr. Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that if a person is living at his/her place of employment, that would become their primary residence. There were no other questions or comments. Supervisor Pollard closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm.

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 17, 2023. Claim #'s 155314-155342, 155344-155370.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$32,012.88
Part Town General	5,295.25
Town Wide Highway	796.44
Part Town Highway	9,048.87
Trust and Agency	<u>1,786.38</u>
Total	\$48,939.82

Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of July 17, 2023. There was mention of a \$660 bill from Barton and Loguidice that was from the meeting regarding the Water District up by Brewer Road.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hood and Stevens

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

General Municipal Law §239 Referral: Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, received from the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency that this law would be exempt from referral to the Onondaga County Planning Board. Only local laws relative to land and regulations are referable.

Adopt Local Law 1-2023: Supervisor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to reschedule the adopting of Local Law 1-2023 until the August 2, 2023, meeting as Councilor Hoey was absent.

Ayes - Pollard, Curtin, Hood and Stevens

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Court Clerk to Attend Conference: Mary Beth Lollis-Barnell, Court Clerk, requested permission to attend the Court Clerk's Conference to be held Sunday, September 17 – Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the Turning Stone Resort. The cost (not including mileage) is \$995. Supervisor Pollard explained that anytime there is a conference outside of the County, the Board must give permission to attend.

Councilor Curtin made a motion seconded by Supervisor Pollard to allow Mary Beth Lollis-Barnell to attend the Court Clerk's conference from September 17 – 20, 2023 at the Turning Stone Resort.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Storm Water – John Houser: John Houser presented a few photos taken up at Sage Meadows. There are about 20 swails within the Town. He discussed how the swails were designed. They need to be maintained and inspected every year, which is reported to the State. There are several pieces on the reports that go to the State and John and the Highway Department work together on them. Supervisor Pollard asked how much time is spent on Stormwater, John responded about two – weeks. Councilor Hood asked him if he ever hears anything back from the State once the report goes in, he does not. Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, stated that they clean them out about every 5 years.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Supervisor Pollard asked Don MacLachlan if people are still requesting Blue Bins and if they have any. He said they get a few requests periodically. Eventually the Blue Bins are going to be outdated, as more and more Trash Haulers are going to the bigger carts on wheels with lids. Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that with the automatic arms, the companies are saving on Workman's Compensation. Mr. Gascon is also the attorney for OCRRA – and stated that there may be grants available but didn't want to speak too much about this and advised to contact OCRRA. Grant programs award recycling bins to schools, government agencies, colleges and other community organizations.

Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, handed out to the Board a proposal from Advance Mechanical Services regarding the Heating and Air Conditioning system at the Town Hall. They are proposing that they come twice a year to perform preventive maintenance for a yearly cost of \$1,277.18.

This will be put on the August 2, 2023 agenda, to give the Board members time to review the proposal. They have already come once, as there were issues with the air conditioning in some of the offices.

Mark Delasin, President of the Fire Department, gave Supervisor Pollard a list of members eligible for the Tax Exemption and the Financials. There are about 13 properties in the Town of Marcellus that would be eligible. Supervisor Pollard will talk with Jeff Lowe, Town Assessor, on how that will affect the other residents.

A letter was received from a young boy asking if he could sell lemonade in the Park. He was not at the meeting, so no discussion took place.

Supervisor Pollard stated that there would be a short meeting with the Council at the end of the Workshop Meeting.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, gave a shout out to the Howlett Hill Fire Department and the Village Police. There were about 200 kids at the park and the Howlett Hill Fire Department was showing them the Fire trucks.

Phil Coccia also stated that the Community Band that is led by Josh Nightingale has about 120 members this year. There will be a concert at the end of the month.

Mark Delasin asked about what is going on with the grease traps at the Fire Department. Councilor Hood stated that he has been in contact with Dave Card. Mr. Delasin stated that whatever they can help with, they will to help keep costs down.

Adjourn: Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hood to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk