

Town of Marcellus
Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:30 PM

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

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

Also Present: Don MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; John Houser, Codes Officer; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Gary & Linda Wilcox, Bill Southern, Jim Rossiter, C. J. Parsons, Tom Lathrop, Tim Mathison, Steve Bolewski, Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Rosemary Tozzi, Deputy Town Clerk and Sandy Taylor, Town Clerk.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #9 as of September 18, 2023. Claim #'s 155584 – 155649, 155659-155663.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$30,176.32
Part Town General	3,272.51
Town Wide Highway	2,818.97
Part Town Highway	18,398.37
Hydrant Fund	1,621.04
Water District	11,437.08
Trust & Agency	<u>1,085.38</u>
Total	\$68,809.67

Councilor Stevens made a motion seconded by Councilor Hood to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as of September 18, 2023.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

2595 Pleasant Valley Road: John Houser, Codes Officer, spoke about a fire that happened at 2595 Pleasant Valley Road. The fire destroyed the dwelling, it is now deemed an unsafe structure. The owner got out safely. There is garbage, litter, and debris all over the yard and the dwelling is fully exposed. John and Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, have been looking at the Codes for Marcellus to get this cleanup as soon as possible to make it safe for the residents of Pleasant Valley, and to keep out animals. After a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens authorizing John Houser, Codes Officer, to get people at the property to board up the structure, get a fence up in the front (there is a fence in the back) get the yard cleaned up and secure the property until it can be demolished.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Tim Mathison, a resident of Pleasant Valley spoke up that he is very interested in purchasing the property. John Houser spoke with the owner who will not be returning. Mr. Mathison is looking into what liens are against the property.

Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, stated that he (Mr. Mathison) could buy the property directly from the owner.

Supervisor Pollard then asked about the house fire that was on Masters Road. John stated that the fire on Masters Road wasn't as bad, and again the owner did make it out safely.

Stormwater: John Houser, Codes Officer, spoke about Stormwater. He stated that a new general permit will be coming. He is not sure what the changes will be. There are 4 meetings a year and about 30 members. John has a Stormwater Guidance Plan in his office and once the new permits come out, that will have to be updated. This was just informational; no action was taken.

Increase in Dog License Fees: Councilor Curtin made a motion seconded by Councilor Hood to increase the license fees for dogs as follows;

\$10 for a spayed/neutered dog

\$20 for an unspayed/unneutered dog.

The fees are currently \$6 and \$14. This is the first increase in over ten (10) years. The increase will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Extension on PUD – Tim's Pumpkin Patch (added item): Jim Gascon, Town Attorney, has spoken with the client's (Tim and Erica Leubner) attorney. They are requesting an extension for the PUD as they have more documentation to submit. Supervisor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to extend the Planning Boards report requirement by 120 days and to put an extension of 120 days response from the Town Board.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Budget Meeting (Added Item): Councilor Curtin made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to schedule another Budget Meeting for Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm. This will be held at the Town Hall.

Ayes – Pollard, Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

Cemetery Monuments: Mark Rivette, from Heavenly Hands Monument Cleaning, LLC., has sent pictures of some of the Headstones and Monuments that have been restored. It appears the price is \$100 per piece. There is still money in the budget for them to restore some more. Doug Nightingale, from the Historical Society, went over and found two flat headstones that were covered with debris. No action was taken at this time, this is informational.

Phil Coccia, Recreation Director, has not gotten the paperwork from the County regarding the grant for the Town.

Councilor Hood mentioned that the members of the Fire Department have started to demo the kitchen at the Fire Department.

Adjournment: Councilor Curtin made a motion seconded by Councilor Stevens to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:15 PM.

Ayes – Curtin, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy Taylor
Town Clerk