

Marcellus Town Board  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
6:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Present: Laurie Stevens	Supervisor
Jeff Berwald	Councilor
Percy Clarke	Councilor
Terry Hoey	Councilor
Gabe Hood	Councilor

Also Present: Mike Ossit, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Director; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Gary and Linda Wilcox, John Pawlewicz, Tom Lathrop, Bill Southern, Steven Bolewski, Bella Bolster, Soleil Misiano, William Gomez, Scott Stearns, Joel McNally, Fire Department; Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk

**Waive the Reading and Accept the Minutes:** Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented by the Town Clerk and Budget Officer. The minutes were from the September 4, 2024, Town Board Meeting, September 11, 2024, Budget Meeting, September 18, 2024, Workshop Meeting and September 18, 2024, Budget Meeting.

Ayes – Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

**Monthly Activity:** The abstract of Audited Vouchers for October 2, 2024, given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #10 as of September 27, 2024. Claim # 157161-157194 and 157204-157214.

	<u>Expenses</u>
General Fund	\$24,524.56
Part Town General	1,044.40
Townwide Highway	7,592.82
Part Town Highway	72,910.61
Ambulance	76,725.00
Total	\$182,797.39

Board Members were given the Activities Report as of September 27, 2024. Fiscal year 2024 Period 9.

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
General Fund	(1,654,733.07)	1,164,466.95
Part Town General	( 214,131.48)	117,901.55
Townwide Highway	( 648,382.17)	319,668.88
Part Town Highway	( 376,666.07)	226,097.84
Fire District	( 398,776.28)	390,472.00
Hydrant Fund	( 3,080.55)	3,227.00
Ambulance Fund	( 313,383.47)	236,640.00
Sewer District	( 195,953.38)	195,952.00
Water District	( 180,801.92)	185,268.28

**Bank Balances:**

The total of all Bank Balances for August 2024 is \$4,385,080.81

Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the Abstract of Audited Voucher Reports as of September 27, 2024, and the Activities Report as of September 27, 2024, and the Bank Balances of August 2024.

Ayes – Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

**Old Business:**

**Solar Law:** This topic was tabled to give the Planning and Zoning Board time to review the proposed law. They will be having a meeting to discuss their concerns.

**Tim’s Pumpkin Patch PUD:** This topic was tabled. The Town Board is still in the discussion phase.

**Comprehensive Plan- SEQR:** This topic has been tabled. Jim Gascon has spoken with the Comprehensive Committee and is waiting for them to provide the SEQR document from a consultant.

**Tax Levy Override:** This topic has been tabled until the October 16, 2024, Workshop meeting. The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 16, 2024, at 6:30pm.

**Sewer Contract with the Village:** This topic has been tabled. The Town Board will be meeting with Village staff and Village attorney on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 4:15pm at the Marcellus Town Hall.

**New Business:**

**Renewal for the Heidelberg- Bishop Hill Mine:** New York State DEC renewed the mining contract for the Bishop Hill Mine. No action is needed from the Town Board. The new contract renewal dates are September 16, 2024, through September 15, 2029.

**Village of Marcellus Grant Application- Letter of Support:** The Village of Marcellus is pursuing New York Forward (NYF) funding. The Village will use this funding to pursue opportunities to grow the Main Street corridor into a destination that draws tourists and visitors while also serving residents with much-needed modern amenities. The Village of Marcellus, we would appreciate a letter of support for this project from the Town of Marcellus.

Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to approve Supervisor Stevens to sign a letter of support for the Village of Marcellus regarding the NYF funding.

Ayes – Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation:** John Houser, Codes Officer asked Supervisor Stevens to sign the MS4 operator certification form for eReports. It is part of the process regarding the new stormwater permit from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Councilor Berwald made a motion seconded by Councilor Hood to approve Supervisor Stevens to sign the MS4 operator certification form.

Ayes – Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

### **Departments Reports:**

**Codes:** John Houser updated the Town Board regarding a vacant house on Dublin with an intense rat infestation and hoarding situation. The owner of the residence is working with a professional abatement and pest company. John has notified the Health Department; they are satisfied with the steps being taken to rectify the issue.

**Highway:** Mike Ossit reported the tree in the cemetery on North Street has been trimmed. Trash days are going well.

**Parks/Rec:** Phil Coccia reported that three people that had events at Marcellus Park sent letters to express their gratitude to the park staff. Phil asked the Town Board to decide whether they will be increasing pavilion fees for 2025. It has been added to the October 16, 2024, agenda.

**Town Clerk:** Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk, presented the monthly report for September 2024

Dog Licensing \$465.00

Certified Copies-Marriage \$20.00

Photocopies/FOIL \$7.47

Passport \$140.00

Conservation \$181.93

Freon Permit \$225.00

Marriage Licensing \$62.50

Trash Passenger One Trip \$45.00

Mattress Permit \$175.00

Trash Permit-Trailer \$350.00

Tire \$231.00

Trash Permit-Passenger 6 trip \$475.00

Trash Permit- Truck \$1,080.00

Building \$171.00

Subdivision Book \$260.00

Zoning Fees \$50.00

Site Plan \$50.00

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Fire Department:** Joel McNally thanked the Town Board for their support regarding recruitment. The Fire Department has two new members.

Councilor Clarke spoke with Dave Card; financials will be submitted to the Town Board.

**NYS Department of Transportation:** The Town of Marcellus received a letter from NYSDOT regarding the intersection safety request Route 20 at Slate Hill Rd. NYSDOT completed their study which included a review of the most recent six-year crash history provided by Department of Motor Vehicles, a signal warrant analysis, and observation of on-site conditions. Based on the results NYSDOT engineer have determined that installation of a red/yellow flashing signal at the intersection along with several sign enhancements is justified.

Supervisor Stevens stated that the Town Board is still working on the budget. Nothing is finalized but its looking like it will stay under the tax levy limit set by the State.

**Adjournment:** Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm.

Ayes – Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tozzi  
Town Clerk