

Marcellus Town Board
Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
6:30 PM

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 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; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Don MacLachlan, Recreation Director; Gary and Linda Wilcox, Vicki Servello, Bill Southern, Ron Schneider, Scott Stearns, Jim Rossiter, Anthony Dubar, Steve Schneider, Suzanne Tobin, Deputy Town Clerk; Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #3 as of March 14, 2025. Claim #'s 157820-157870.

	Expense	
General Fund		\$13,223.90
Part Town General		2,494.75
Townwide Highway		19,598.55
Part Town Highway		4,680.00
Fire District		10,199.75
Hydrant Fund		1,825.69
Ambulance Fund		1,214.00
Water District		12,880.99
Trust and Agency		1,374.08
Total		\$67,491.71

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #3 as of March 19, 2025. Claim #'s 157884-157894.

	Expense	
General Fund		\$16,006.49
Part Town General		2,173.58
Townwide Highway		12,587.06
Trust and Agency		696.49
Total		\$31,463.62

Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and pay the bills as of March 14, 2025, and March 19, 2025.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Old Business:

Tim's Pumpkin Patch PUD: This topic has been tabled for discussion.

Recommended changes to lot and building limitations- accessory buildings: This topic has been tabled. Planning and Zoning is still working on the changes.

Park Pavilion Fees for 2025: The Town Board modified the surcharge fees for pavilion rentals. The pavilion fees remain the same. The new surcharge applies when capacity is exceeded. The modified terms and amounts are as follows; 1-25 ppl \$25.00, 26-50 ppl \$50.00, 51-75 ppl \$75.00, 76-100 ppl \$100.00 and 101 ppl and over is \$150.00. Also, part of the modification was to charge an additional \$100.00 to any party that does not obey the carry-in and carry-out policy and pavilions must be paid in full within 14 days of reservation. The Town Board decided Marcellus non-profit organizations are not subject to pavilion rental fees.

Councilor Berwald made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the changes to the park pavilion rental fees.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

New Business:

Storm Water Annual Report: John Houser, Codes Officers is asking Supervisor Stevens to sign the annual report and the interim progress certification for the annual stormwater report. This report once signed will be electronically sent to the DEC. The report is available on the Town's website for review and comments.

Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to approve Supervisor Stevens to sign the MS4 Operator Certification Form for eReports to be sent to the DEC regarding stormwater.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Resident Requesting Zoning Change: Anthony Dubar is requesting a zoning or law change in the Town's R1 zone to allow duplex homes. Mr. Dubar referred to the updated comprehensive plan that addresses this zoning modification. After discussion it was decided to officially refer this request to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to refer the request for a zoning change in the R1 district to allow duplex homes to the Planning and Zoning Board for their advisory opinions.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Quote to print Comprehensive Plan: The Town Clerk received a quote from AVALON to have the updated Comprehensive Plan books printed. The quote received was 9 books for \$310.00 or 11 books for \$390.00. It was decided to make 9 copies. The Comprehensive Plan is available online for anyone to view and print. The books will be for the Town Board, Town Clerk's office, Planning and Zoning Board and supporting staff.

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to have AVALON to print 9 copies costing \$310.00.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Discussion Agenda:

Councilor Hood addressed the demolition of 2595 Pleasant Valley Road. He reported the John Houser, Codes Officer, is having issues getting companies to give the Town quotes due to the potential of asbestos. Councilor Hood has a few companies for John to contact.

Vicky Servello addressed the Town Board with concerns regarding Canadian Wildlife and NYS DEC putting pesticides in the water. Her concern is that Nine Mile Creek is on the list of water that is being treated. The Great Lakes are regularly treated with lampricides, chemical compounds that effectively kill sea lamprey larvae. After some discussion and reviewing the information and maps provided on the DEC website it was determined that this pesticide is not a threat to the portion of Nine Mile Creek in the Town of Marcellus.

Adjournment: Councilor Hood made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 7:17 pm.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey, Hood and Stevens

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tozzi
Town Clerk