

**TOWN OF MARCELLUS**  
**TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2025

A Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, in the Town Hall, 22 E. Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

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

Also Present: Lori Petrocci, Budget Officer, Steve Knapp, Director of MAVES, Dave Card, Patrick Rothery, Joel McNalley, Art & Nancy Hudson and Ryan Coon from the Fire Department.

Stephen Knapp, Director of MAVES, went over the proposed 2026 budget for MAVES, stating there would be no increase to the budget. He stated that the bottom line has improved. MAVES has offset the costs to the Town by answering calls for several other towns.

Dave Card, President of the Marcellus Fire Department, gave an overview of the budget requesting an increase to the Truck Reserve to \$167,000 for a purchase of an Aerial Fire Engine. These are specialized fire vehicles equipped with extendable ladders or booms to provide access to high places, elevating platforms or water tower devices, each designed for a specific firefighting need. The selection of an Aerial Firetruck depends on the community's needs and the fire departments mission.

The amount of the Reserve will be \$100,000, which is an additional increase of \$25,000 from 2025.

To increase the Truck Reserve, Dave Card suggested billing an additional \$500 per parcel to each taxpayer. The Board stated that this will need to go to a referendum along with getting voter approval to purchase the fire truck.

It was the decision of the Board not to increase the Judge's salaries.

The next budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Petrocci  
Budget Officer