

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2025

A Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, August 20, 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, Donald MacLachlan, Recreation Director, Michele Norstad, Recreation Attendant and Michael Ossit, Highway Superintendent.

Donald MacLachlan gave an overview of the Park Budget stating that everything is going well. The projects that are being worked on or have been completed are: the backstops, the crooked creek trail and paving of the parking lot. The movie night at the park was a huge success and will have another 1 or 2 this year.

The question was asked if different bands could be hired to perform at the park. In doing so, there will be an increase in cost. The board agreed that maybe it is time for a change.

Michele Norstad gave a detailed summary of the Recreation Program and what needed to be done to have the program run smoothly. She also stated that the Scholarships that are awarded through the Friends of the Park are greatly appreciated, and should they decide to stop these donations, that the Town might want to contribute.

Michele informed the Board that she would like to be compensated for all the work she has to perform, to keep the recreation program running smoothly. Schedules were given to the Board as to the hours she would work.

Michael Ossit, Highway Superintendent, gave an overview of the Highway Budget stating there are no major changes. The one adjustment he asked the board, is to revise the Compensation Time rules in the handbook to be effective January 1, 2026. The change would allow employees who have earned overtime to have the ability to take a day off, whether it be sick or vacation, and still count those hours towards overtime. The Board agreed and the handbook will be revised.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Petrocci
Budget Officer