

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 25, 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Chad A. Clark, Mayor See List  
James P. Curtin, Trustee  
Timothy P. Manahan, Trustee  
Jeff Brown, Attorney  
Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

**ABSENT:** None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**LOCAL LAW #3**

**OF 2024:** Trustee Manahan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Curtin, to table the adoption of Local Law #3 of 2024, Based on resident comments at the public hearing held on October 28, 2024, the proposed draft of the law was amended to remove “outdoor areas” from the text. This significant change requires an additional hearing prior to adoption of the law. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**SET PUBLIC**

**HEARING:** Mayor Clark made a motion to set a public hearing to be held regarding Local Law #3 of 2024 on December 23, 2024 at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**CONSENT**

**AGENDA:** The Village Clerk submitted the minutes of the public hearing and regular Board meeting held in October 2024. The bills on Abstract Sheet #006 for General Fund in the amount of \$68,253.59, Water Fund in the amount of \$0.00, Sewer Fund in the amount of \$39,999.93, Capital Funds in the amount of \$1,425.00, and Trust & Agency in the amounts of \$00,000.00 were audited. The bills totaled \$109,678.52. The Board received the Police Report for the month of October 2024 from Police Chief Bernie Podsiedlik. The Building Inspectors report for the month of October 2024 was received by the Board from Paul Stacey. The Board acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meetings for October 2024, and the financial statements for August, September and October 2024 were tabled. Trustee Curtin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**AWARD 36-MONTH HAULER**

**CONTRACT:** Trustee Manahan announced that bids for the 2024-2027 hauler contract were received and opened by the Village Board on November 13, 2024 in the Village Board Room. Copies of the specifications, bids and the contract, are available for public viewing in the Village office. Trustee Manahan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to award the bid to Superior Waste Removal for refuse and recycling pickup within the Village of Marcellus, and to sign the 36-month contract, beginning December 1, 2024 and ending November 30, 2027, subject to review and approval of the insurance requirements. The three-year cost of this contract was bid at \$396,000.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PERMIT**

**W/ NYSDOT:** Trustee Curtin made a motion to authorize the DPW Superintendent (and/or his designee) to complete and sign the appropriate forms in order to acquire the annual maintenance permit with the NYSDOT. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**OCRRA HAULER**

**AGREEMENT:** Trustee Manahan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a one-year extension to the existing Hauler agreement with OCRRA. The extension will be effective through the calendar year 2025 and includes no increase to the Residential Tip Fee or the Acceptable Waste Tipping Fee and extends the Agreement upon the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION- SUPPORT OF STATE**

**AID:** Trustee Curtin made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**WHEREAS**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing longstanding funding challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**WHEREAS**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Marcellus calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village of Marcellus urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

A copy of the resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Rachel May, Assemblymember John Lemondes, and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **MARCELLUS VETERINARY**

**CONTRACT:** Trustee Manahan made a motion to approve the 2025 agreement between the Village of Marcellus and Marcellus Veterinary Hospital whereby Marcellus Veterinary Hospital will establish a shelter to house dogs picked up by the Village Dog Control Officer. The contract includes hospital fees for housing, vaccinating, and caring for stray dogs. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **SEQR DESIGNATION- TOWN OF MARCELLUS COMPREHENSIVE**

**PLAN:** Trustee Curtin announced that the Marcellus Town Board was considering the adoption of a proposed update and amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. At its meeting held on November 6, 2024, the Town Board made the following determinations:

- Determined that this proposed update and amendments to the "Town of Marcellus 2024 Comprehensive Plan" will require SEQRA review;
- Determined that the proposed project is a Type I Action;
- Determined that the Town Board would assume lead agency status for SEQRA review purposes for the above-described actions;
- Identified the following as involved/interested agencies, to wit: Village of Marcellus, and Onondaga County Planning Department,
- Instructed that a lead agency notice be sent out to the involved/interested agencies.

In accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6 et seq., all involved/interested agencies must agree upon lead agency designation within thirty (30) calendar days. Therefore, Trustee Curtin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute and return a statement of consent to designate the Town of Marcellus as the lead agency.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION- MARCELLUS GIRLS VARSITY**

**SOCCER:** Trustee Manahan made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Marcellus Central School Girls Varsity Soccer Team has displayed great skill and completed a most successful 22-0-2 season in the fall of 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Marcellus Central School Girls Varsity Soccer Team did subsequently distinguish itself by participating in and defeating all comers to become New York State Class B Girls Varsity Soccer Champions for the year 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Marcellus Central School Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Coach Laurie Updike be recognized and commended by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus on behalf of itself and all its citizens for the honor they have brought to the Village of Marcellus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus proclaims this day, November 25, 2024, as “Mustang Girls Soccer Day” in the Village of Marcellus and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the Village Clerk are authorized to take any other appropriate action necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion on the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**BUDGET**

**MOD:** Trustee Curtin made a motion to approve the following budget modification requested by the Village Treasurer.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Marcellus may, by the New York State Law, section 5-520 subdivision 4- of the Village Law of New York State, Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision four of this section, grants in aid from the state and federal governments which are required to be expended for particular objects or purposes, may be appropriated at any time by resolution of the board of trustees at any time for such object or purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Marcellus has been approved for a NYS DCJS grant in the amount of \$20,347.96 for the purpose of purchasing new Tech. equipment for the Village of Marcellus Police Department, the budget may be modified to represent this grant, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Marcellus makes the following budgetary modifications to the General Fund:

<u>A/C#</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DB.</u>	<u>CR.</u>
A2706B	NYS DCJS LAW ENFORCE TECH PROG GRANT	\$20,347.96	
A3120.52	NYS DCJS GRANT FUNDED EXPENDITURES		\$20,347.96
	Total:	\$20,347.96	\$20,347.96

The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**TREE LIGHTING**

**CERMONY:** Trustee Manahan announced that the annual Marcellus Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 6, 2024 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Village, at the Point. A Christmas Tree was again generously donated by the Christoff family and installed at the Point as usual, with much help from Town and Village workers. Having a tree at the Point is a tradition dating back to the first community tree installed in 1916 and the Board is very pleased that this tradition continues, decorated again this year by Village and Town employees. The Village would also like to thank Jen Klestinez, owner of SHINE, Inc., for decorating the Village Hall. The Board is most grateful for these donations for our community.

**DECEMBER 2024 VILLAGE**

**MEETINGS:** Trustee Curtin announced that the Village Clerk has printed copies of future meeting dates for the Village for the benefit of residents. The Village Office will be closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Again, the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place and we encourage residents of the community to attend. The Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday and the Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Years’ Holiday.

**APPOINTMENT-**

**ZBA:** Mayor Clark made a motion to appoint Christopher Neverette to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately until March 31, 2026. The Board thanked Chris for his commitment to serve on the ZBA and looks forward to working with him. The motion was seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM**

**THE FLOOR:** Mayor Clark asked if there were any items from the floor. Hearing none, Mayor Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Manahan. Mayor Clark called for a vote. All board members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk