

**PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON DECEMBER 23, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Clark made a motion to open the public hearing regarding a proposed sewer rate increase at 7:01pm, seconded by Trustee Manahan. All board members voted aye and the public hearing was opened.

Mayor Clark explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow all interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding a proposed increase in the sewer rents, allowing the Village Board to adopt a resolution amending Document G of the Village of Marcellus Code Book. The need for the proposed increase in sewer rents continued to be the increased costs resulting from directives and mandates imposed on the Village by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as well as increased costs in the transportation and treatment of sewage and operation and maintenance of the Village Sewer Systems. Sewer rent and usage fees last increased in January of 2019, and in order to effectively operate, the Village Board found it necessary to build up its sewer fund balance. A sewer rate increase, effective January 1, 2025, was proposed, raising the minimum sewer rent from \$100.00 per quarter to \$105.00 per quarter, \$5 more per quarter or \$20 more per year. Prior to January 2019, sewer rents had not increased since 2015. The increase will cause the average Village residential property owner to pay an additional \$5 per quarter – the minimum annual sewer rent will be \$420.00 for 5,000 gals/unit. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1,000 gals basis, and those rates for usage above 5000 gals include a proposed increase of 2%.

Comments from the Treatment Plant Operator – Greg Crysler – rates have not risen since 2019 because the Village is very pro-active at looking at ways to save money at the WPCP. Despite the Village being very pro-active, as well as the ongoing mandates by the State, the Village cannot continue to operate and maintain the treatment plant efficiently without raising rates for sewer users.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any comments from the Village Board. There were none.

Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none.

Mayor Clark made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark called for a vote. All members voted aye and the hearing was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

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