

## TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2006

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Daniel J. Ross, Supervisor  
Bernard L. Montgomery, Councilor  
Thomas C. Lathrop, Councilor  
James A. Sheridan, Councilor  
Donald G. Sherman, Councilor

Also present: Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk; Laurie Stevens, Deputy Town Clerk; Margaret Gerbsch, Accountant; Michael Cogswell, Counsel; Dick Clarke, Post Standard; Donald MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent; Phil Coccia, Recreation Leader; William Reagan, Code Enforcement Officer; Chris Christensen, Member of ZBA and Planning Board; Phil Coccia, Recreation Leader; Gerard Wickett, Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals; Bill Manciocchi, Jim Rossiter, Stephen Knapp, Denise Faulkner, Bob Beamish and Ellis Guiles.

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Copies of the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on January 9, 2006 and the Workshop Meeting held on January 26, 2006 was given to the Board Members. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sheridan to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk, Abstract as of February 10, 2006, Claims #59 - 185 and Highway Claims #6 - 29.

|                          | <u>Expenses</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund             | \$ 22,140.83    |
| General Fund – Part Town | 1,989.51        |
| Highway – Town Wide      | 19,801.08       |
| Enterprise Fund          | 246.00          |
| Fire                     | 125,469.01      |
| Hydrant                  | 1,360.00        |
| Ambulance Fund           | 100,350.00      |
| Sewer                    | 3,482.42        |
| Water                    | 44,336.28       |

Bills paid between meetings: NYSE&G: Grove Area (clm 59) \$10.34, Platt Rd RD2 (clm 60) \$26.92, Highway Garage (clm 61) \$3443.95, Pump Station (clm 62) \$49.44 Check no. 18594; Platt Rd (clm 63) \$172.14, Platt Rd (clm 64) \$112.33, Park Street lighting (clm 65) \$225.52 Check no. 18595.

Board Members were given copies of the Activity Report as of January 31, 2006 and monthly statement of bank balances as of January 31, 2006.

|                          | <u>Total Revenue</u> | <u>Total Expense</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund             | \$222,706.42         | \$82,938.38          |
| General Fund – Part Town | -0-                  | 6,625.52             |
| Highway – Town Wide      | 50,000.00            | 28,935.47            |
| Highway – Part Town      | -0-                  | -0-                  |
| Fire                     | 100,000.00           | 17,460.10            |

Councilor Lathrop questioned voucher #2006025 to Vantage Equipment for repair electrical on VolvoL90E. Highway Superintendent MacLachlan advised the Board that the computer needed to be reset on the Volvo loader.

Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve and pay the bills, approve the monthly activity report as of January 31, 2006 and the monthly statement of bank balances as of January 31, 2006. All voted aye. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Department Liaisons: Councilor Montgomery advised the Board that NYSE&G should have a proposal for the upgrading of the streetlights in the Marcellus Park for the March Board meeting.

Limeledge Water District Petitions: Supervisor Ross advised the Board that the petitions for the proposed Limeledge Water district have been accepted by the Town and reviewed by the Assessor's office. The percentages are sufficient to move the project to the next phase.

Town Hall Building Project: This item was addressed later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Williamson Law Book Annual Contract – Tax Collector Software: Councilor Montgomery made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to authorize Supervisor Ross to enter into a contract with Williamson Law Book for annual software support for the Tax Collector in the amount of \$300.00. All voted aye. Carried.

Request for Karen Pollard & Laurie Stevens to attend Town Clerks Conference in Saratoga on April 23 - 26, 2006: Councilor Sheridan made a motion seconded by Councilor Montgomery to allow the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to attend the Town Clerk's Conference to be held in Saratoga Springs on April 23 through April 26, 2006 with all reasonable expenses paid. All vote aye. Carried

Set Trash Days: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to hold this year's Trash Days on Fridays, April 21<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00pm and Saturdays, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to noon. All voted aye. Carried.

Foreign Fire Tax: A letter has been received from the State of New York Insurance Department advising the Fire Department and Fire Districts that the Foreign Fire Tax funds are required to be direct deposited for 2006. Participation in the program is required. Councilor Montgomery made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to have the Marcellus Fire Department follow through with the necessary paper work to comply with this mandate. All voted aye.  
Carried.

Use of Town Hall Parking Lot for Olde Home Days: Supervisor Ross advised the Board that a request has been received from the Olde Home Days committee requesting the use of the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> for non-profit groups. Councilor Lathrop questioned if the non-profit groups use the lot, would anyone be displaced who has been there in the past. Phil Coccia, Recreation Leader, responded that only the very front of the parking lot is used. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Montgomery to allow the Town Hall Parking lot be used by only non-profit groups and they must furnish the Town with a certificate of insurance. All voted aye.  
Carried.

Planning Board Member serve on Zoning Board of Appeals if needed: Supervisor Ross suggested that the Board consider giving the Zoning Board of Appeals chair or acting chair, the power to appoint a member of the Planning Board as a temporary voting member of the ZBA only for the purpose of obtaining a quorum. On advice from counsel this issue will considered at the March Town Board meeting.

Planning Board Vacancy: A motion was made by Councilor Montgomery seconded by Councilor Sherman to accept Patricia Mannion's resignation, with regret, from the Planning Board effective immediately. All voted aye  
Carried.

Windmill Report from Planning Board: Gerard Wickett, Chairperson of Zoning Board of Appeals and Chris Christensen, Member of ZBA and Planning Board, submitted a report from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals outlining recommendations pertaining to the regulations for the Windmill Legislation. Supervisor Ross accepted the interim report on behalf of the Board and thanked the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for their efforts. This item will be brought up at the March meeting.

MAVES Ambulance Replacement: Steven Knapp, Director of Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Service (MAVES), came before the Board seeking support from the Town to facilitate MAVES in obtaining a low interest loan for the purchase of two (2) ambulances. After a lengthy discussion Councilor Lathrop made Resolution #018-06 seconded by Supervisor Ross in the matter of MAVES loan application.

Resolution #018-06 is as follows:

Resolution #018-06

WHEREAS, The Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Service (MAVES) desires to borrow funds to purchase two new ambulances, and

WHEREAS, MAVES can obtain a low interest loan pursuant to I.R.S. code 150(e) with Town approval, NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Town of Marcellus approves the ability of the Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc. to obtain a loan for the purchase of two new ambulances pursuant to I.R.S. code 150(e).

Voting: 5 Ayes  
0 Nays

Resolution carried.

Municipal Center Resolution: Supervisor Ross made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop that the Town of Marcellus authorizes QPK Design to proceed with design plans for a two story municipal facility to be shared with Marcellus Free Library and assuming approval of all required referendums, can be constructed prior to demolition of the present Town Hall facility. All voted aye. Carried.

Shared Services Grant: Councilor Lathrop made Resolution #019-06 seconded by Councilor Sherman to be a co-applicant with the Town of Fabius for the Shared Services Grant Program. Resolution #019-06 is as follows:

019-06  
IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES GRANT  
APPLICATION

WHEREAS, there has been made available from the New York State Department of State certain grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fabius has resolved to submit an application to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program for the 2005-2006 program in the amount of \$52,344.00, with the local share of \$5,816 to be shared by local participating municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fabius has agreed to act as Lead Applicant Contact Agency for this grant for the promotion of shared services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Marcellus agrees to be a co-applicant with the Town of Fabius to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program and share equally in the local share with all other co-applicants, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into any municipal agreements related to this grant.

Voting: 5 Ayes  
0 Nays

Resolution Carried.

MAVES Agreement for Ambulance Service: Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to authorize Supervisor Ross to enter into a contract with MAVES for the year of 2006. All voted aye. Carried.

Firemen's Exemption: Councilor Montgomery advised the Board that he would be talking with representatives of the Marcellus Fire Department to get their input on this exemption. The Board will be continuing to work on this.

Supervisor Ross drew the Board attention to a proposal from Matthew Krauss Craft for vegetation planting along specific areas of Nine Mile Creek in Marcellus Park, which will help prevent bank erosion and provide shade and food for the fish. This proposal is for

Mr. Craft's Eagle Scout Project. Bill Manciocchi, as a representative of the Marcellus Park, has met with Mr. Craft and assured the Board that this will be done under supervision and done correctly. Councilor Lathrop made a motion seconded by Councilor Montgomery to allow Mr. Craft to proceed with his Eagle Project for plantings along Nine Mile Creek in Marcellus Park as outlined in his proposal. All voted aye.

Carried.

Supervisor Ross brought to the Board's attention an offer from the NYS Thruway Authority and the NYS Department of Transportation for an electronic funds transfer option for the funds the Town receives for four (4) local programs (CHIPS, SHIPS, Multi-Modal #1 and Marchiselli). Councilor Montgomery made a motion seconded by Councilor Lathrop to have the Supervisor complete the necessary paperwork to electronically transfer any funds the Town may receive for any the four (4) local programs to the appropriate account. All voted aye.

Carried.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Donald MacLachlan, Highway Superintendent, was approached by the Planning Board as to his preference between storm sewers or open ditches. He advised the Board that his recommendation is to have storm sewers. Councilor Lathrop suggested that the road specifications for the Town be brought up to date, as they are over twenty years old.

Councilor Montgomery made a motion seconded by Councilor Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M. All voted aye.

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. Pollard, Town Clerk