

Marcellus Town Board
Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:30 PM

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Present:	Laurie Stevens	Supervisor
	Percy Clarke	Councilor
	Terry Hoey	Councilor
Absent:	Jeff Berwald	Councilor
	Gabe Hood	Councilor

Also Present: Mike Ossit, Highway Superintendent; Jim Gascon, Town Attorney; Don MacLachlan, Park and Recreation Director; Linda Wilcox, Bill Southern, Tom Lathrop, C.J Parsons, Scott Stearns, Jane Attley, Priscilla Carmody, Suzanne Tobin, Deputy Town Clerk; Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk.

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #11 for November 18, 2025. Claim #'s 158898-158905.

	Expense	
General Fund		\$15,432.33
Part Town General		2,078.28
Townwide Highway		4,414.85
Trust and Agency		696.49
Total		\$22,621.95

Abstract of Audited Vouchers: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #11 for November 19, 2025. Claim #'s 158864-158897.

	Expense	
General Fund		\$17,768.80
Part Town General		432.78
Townwide Highway		631.96
Part Town Highway		4,523.99
Trust and Agency		1,118.67
Total		\$24,476.20

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and pay the bills for November 18, 2025, and November 19, 2025.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Old Business:

Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Ban: Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the resolution in opposition to government-mandated natural gas bans.

TOWN OF MARCELLUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

Dated: November 19, 2025

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of families, businesses, and communities throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), mandating aggressive emissions reductions and laying the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature enacted provisions in the 2023 state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings-effective 2026 for smaller buildings and 2029 for larger buildings-thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, these mandates have raised widespread concerns about increased costs, strained grid reliability, and reduced energy diversity, particularly in rural communities like Marcellus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, hereby stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other mandates that eliminate consumer energy choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, NY State Senator Rachel May, NY State Assemblyman John Lemondes and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

We, the undersigned members of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, do hereby affirm and adopt the foregoing resolution on this 19th day November 2025.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was put to a vote as follows:

Laurie Stevens	Town Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Terry Hoey	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Percy Clarke	Councilor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: November 19, 2025

New Business:

Advance Mechanical Services Contract: A contract was presented by Advance Mechanical Services for 2026 labor and material to perform preventative maintenance services two times per year at the cost of \$1,740.18.

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to approve the 2026 contract with Advance Mechanical Services.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Village Tree Lighting Ceremony: The Village of Marcellus requested the Village, and the Town of Marcellus agree to share the cost of the horse drawn wagon rides provided by Route 80 Stables on Friday, December 5, 2025, from 6:00pm-8:00pm during the annual tree lighting ceremony. The cost for 2 hours is \$700.00 and will be split evenly between the Town and Village.

Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the Village’s request and split the cost of the wagon rides during the tree lighting ceremony. The Town will pay \$350.00.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Recreation Department Summer Program Community Band: Community band is a free summer recreation program that runs for four Wednesday in July. It’s open to the community and supports the school’s music program. Josh Nightingale spends approximately 40 hours planning, organizing and executing this program. The current stipend for this program is \$1,000. Mr. Nightingale is requesting an increase in the stipend to \$1,250-\$1500 to be more in line with other musical teaching and similar work. Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to approve the increase of the community band stipend to \$1,250.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Organizational Meeting Date: The organizational meeting will be held on the first day of business in the new year.

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to set the organizational meeting for January 2, 2026, at 4:00pm. The meeting will be held at Town Hall.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Discussion Agenda:

Fire Department: No one from the Fire Department was present at the meeting due to a call.

Fire Department Financials: The Marcellus Fire Department turned in their financial statements through October 31, 2025. A copy is available at the Town Clerk’s Office upon request.

Adjournment: Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Ayes –Clarke, Hoey and Stevens

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tozzi
Town Clerk