

Marcellus Town Board  
Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
6:30 PM

A Workshop Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

Present: Jeff Berwald	Councilor
Percy Clarke	Councilor
Terry Hoey	Councilor
Karen Pollard	Councilor/Deputy Supervisor

Absent: Jane Attley	Supervisor
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Also Present: Mike Ossit, Highway Superintendent; Don MacLachlan, Park and Recreation Director; Linda Wilcox, Tom Lathrop, Bill Southern, Susan Dennis, Jayden Shorpsteen, Avigail Ahesin, Marlene Spencer, 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 #2 for February 17, 2026. Claim #'s 159256-159271.

	Expense	
General Fund		\$10,332.05
Part Town General		3,650.32
Townwide Highway		4,014.73
Trust and Agency		1,132.50
Total		\$19,129.60

**Abstract of Audited Vouchers:** The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #2 for February 18, 2026. Claim #'s 159206-159246

	Expense	
General Fund		\$13,335.20
Part Town General		175.82
Townwide Highway		27,895.55
Part Town Highway		194.15
Water District		30,617.28
Total		\$72,218.00

**Councilor Clarke** inquired about the attorney fees for the Comprehensive Plan and if that is covered by the grant the Town of Marcellus received. **Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk;** yes, the County will reimburse the Town.

Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and pay the bills for February 17, 2026, and February 18, 2026.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard Carried

**Deputy Supervisor Pollard**, the Comprehensive Plan committee, had our first meeting, everything went well. Our next meeting will be on March 3, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

### **Old Business:**

**2025 Court Audit:** Councilor Berwald conducted the 2025 Court audit and reported everything is in order.

Councilor Hoey made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to recognize Councilor Berwald completed the Court audit and reported everything is in order.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard Carried

**2026 Spring Days:** At the February 4, 2026, meeting the Town Board set the 2026 spring trash days for Fridays and Saturdays: April 24th, 25th and May 1st, 2nd from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM with the shred event on April 25, 2026. The Town was at a loss of \$3,899.20 for the 2025 trash days. The Town Board agreed it is a service offered to residents and the Town should not profit from this service. The Town Board decided to raise the price of three trash permits by \$5.00 to help offset the loss: passenger vehicle (six loads) are now \$30.00, pickup truck and commercial vans (four loads) are now \$45.00 and large vehicles (two loads) are now \$60.00.

Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Berwald to raise the passenger vehicle (six loads) permit from \$25.00 to \$30.00, pickup truck or commercial van (four loads) permit from \$40.00 to \$45.00 and large vehicle (two loads) permit from \$55.00 to \$60.00.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard Carried

### **New Business:**

**Press-Observer:** The Press Observer is the official newspaper for the Town of Marcellus. The Press Observer will return to a paid subscription business model. An annual subscription will cost \$78.00 and will include full access to the new website that will launch later this month.

Deputy Supervisor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to subscribe to the Press Observer for one year at the cost of \$78.00.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard Carried

### **Discussion Agenda:**

**Deputy Supervisor Pollard:** As a result of the recent law changes the STAR program is being restructured. The Assessor's Office will no longer issue new Basic or Enhanced STAR applications. New STAR recipients will receive a check directly from New York State, residents can register for a STAR credit with New York State by visiting [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or calling (518) 457-2036.

**Councilor Hoey:** Supervisor Attley forwarded information regarding a community development block grant. Which part of it is based on income, which none of the Town of Marcellus qualifies for but part of it is based on assisting people with disabilities. If possible, the Town of Marcellus can apply for this grant to help offset the cost of making the proposed park amphitheater handicap accessible.

**Don MacLachlan, Park and Recreation Director:** A local family has reached out and would like to donate the funds for the proposed park amphitheater in memory of a family member. They asked me to bring this to the Town Board and if the Board is in favor more details will be provided. The Town Board agreed that the donation is appreciated will be accepted.

**Deputy Supervisor Pollard:** My only concern regarding the park is that we don't build it out too much. We want to keep the natural beauty and space that so many people enjoy.

**Councilor Hoey:** I have one more announcement, Marcellus High School for the last sixty-plus years has put on a musical every spring. This year's all-school show is Mamma Mia. It's Friday, March 6th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 7th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All our welcome and tickets are on sale now.

**Councilor Clarke:** I would like to recognize the Marcellus wrestling team. They won sectionals. First time ever. Awesome job!

**Deputy Supervisor Pollard:** The girls indoor track 4x200m relay team is going to States.

**Councilor Clarke:** Boys and girls basketball teams are both seeded first. All's well with athletics.

**Adjournment:** Councilor Berwald made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:53 PM.

Ayes –Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tozzi  
Town Clerk