

Marcellus Town Board
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
6:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in the Town Hall, 22 East Main Street, Marcellus, New York.

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| Present: Jane Attley | Supervisor |
| Jeff Berwald | Councilor |
| Percy Clarke | Councilor |
| Terry Hoey | Councilor |
| Karen Pollard | Councilor |

Also Present: Mike Ossit, Highway Superintendent; John Houser, Codes Officer; Chad Clark, Joel McNally, Matt Thorpe, Tom Lathrop, Bill Southern, Linda Wilcox, Patty Bishop, Timothy Chace, Connor Haney, Harper Patterson, Lisa Slater, Brandy Witthoft, Stephen Knapp, MAVES; Dave Card, Fire Department; Suzanne Tobin, Deputy Town Clerk; Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk.

Waive the Reading and Accept the Minutes: Councilor Clarke made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to waive the reading and accept the minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk for March 4, 2026, Town Board meeting, March 18, 2026, Workshop meeting and March 25, 2026, Special meeting with the minutes provided by Supervisor Attley.

Ayes – Attley, Berwald, Clarke, Hoey and Pollard Carried

Monthly Activity: The Abstract of Audited Vouchers was given to the Board Members as submitted by the Town Clerk. Abstract #4 for April 1, 2026, Claim #'s 159403-159423, 159434-159438.

Expenses

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| General Fund | \$7,738.45 |
| Part Town General | 37.46 |
| Townwide Highway | 6,817.60 |
| Part Town Highway | 867.25 |
| Fire District | 89,983.50 |
| Ambulance Fund | 76,725.00 |
| Total | \$182,169.26 |

Board Members were given the Activities Report as of March 27, 2026. Fiscal year 2026 Period 3.

| | <u>Revenue</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund | (1,062,406.21) | 283,071.34 |
| Part Town General | (216,922.17) | 48,253.01 |
| Townwide Highway | (591,077.64) | 204,800.22 |
| Part Town Highway | (389,593.03) | 16,539.65 |
| Fire District | (446,886.35) | 118,813.00 |
| Hydrant Fund | (3,489.64) | 1,797.83 |

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| Ambulance Fund | (311,759.74) | 79,157.50 |
| Sewer District | (215,880.29) | 49,039.73 |
| Water District | (168,611.39) | 87,952.90 |

Bank Balances:

The total of all Bank Balances for February 2026 is \$5,375,900.56

Councilor Berwald made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to approve the Abstract of Audited Voucher Reports for April 1, 2026, Activities Report as of March 27, 2026, and the bank balance as of February 2026.

Ayes – Attley, Berwald, Clarke Hoey and Pollard

Carried

Old Business:

Proposed 12-month Moratorium on Solar Battery Storage Facilities: No action was taken on the 12-month moratorium as the public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM and the GML referral will not be reviewed until April 22, 2026, by the Onondaga Planning and Zoning Board.

New Business:

Parks and Recreation Lake George Day Trip: A day trip is scheduled for July 21, 2026. The package includes round trip motor coach transportation, lunch cruise on the Lac Du Saint Sacrement, Lake George Outlets, visit to Martha’s Dandee Cream (purchase on your own) and taxes and gratuities. The trip will depart at 7:30 AM from Marcellus and the estimated arrival time home is 8:30 PM. More details are to come, and the price is to be determined.

Parks and Recreation Adirondack Adventure Overnight Trip: This trip is scheduled for October 1-2, 2026 and includes round trip motor coach transportation, on-night accommodation, one breakfast, one lunch voucher, two dinners (one on a sightseeing cruise), admission to The Wild Center, guided tour of Lake Placid, admission to Olympic Center Museum, visit to John Brown’s Farm, cruise on W.W. Durant (Raquette Lake), Baggage handling (one bag per person) and all taxes and gratuities. The trip will depart from Marcellus on October 1, 2026, at 8:00 AM and return to Marcellus at an estimated arrival time of 9:30 PM on October 2, 2026. More details are to come, and the price is to be determined.

Reports From Department Heads:

Codes: John Houser, Codes Officer and Jeremy Perry, Deputy Codes Officer will be attending an annual in-service training conference.

Highway Department: Mike Ossit, Highway Superintendent; we have started road sweeping. NYSEG alerted Mike of a large power draw on the Platt Road sewer pump, W2O will be coming in May to perform their general service and will address the issue at that time. It is possible there is an issue with the motor.

Parks and Recreation: A representative was not present at the meeting.

Town Clerk: Rosemary Tozzi, Town Clerk; presented the monthly report for March 2026.

Dog Licensing \$632.00

Certified Copies-Marriage \$30.00

Passport \$315.00

Conservation \$16.58

Marriage Licensing Fees \$17.50

Trash Permit- Trailer \$100.00

Trash Permit- Passenger (6 loads)- \$150.00
Trash Permit- Truck \$315.00
Building \$227.00
Zoning Fees \$500.00

Trash permits are available for purchase in the Town Clerk's Office.

Discussion Agenda:

Fire Department: Dave Card turned in the Financials and Chief's report for the month of March. They will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Dave thanked all those that attended the Special Meeting at the Fire Department on March 25, 2026, and would like to continue discussing the six topics he placed on the agenda.

Councilor Berwald asked Stephen Knapp from MAVES to attend the meeting to clear up any confusion regarding their billing/budget as this topic was brought up at the Fire Department Special Meeting.

Stephen Knapp, MAVES; Within the contract it states that the Town and MAVES have established a contract price that includes payment for an estimated co-payment (but not deductible) MAVES accepts the annual payment made by the Town to MAVES as payment for residents' co-payments, this does not apply to non-residents and people located in other municipalities. MAVES bills the patient directly for services and transportation (deductible), MAVES may collect these fees directly and retain such fees. MAVES is contracted to provide 24 hours, 7 days per week, emergency medical ambulance services for all people situated in the entire corporate limits of the Town of Marcellus, including the Village of Marcellus. It costs \$1,400.00 per day for the contracted ambulance service, that is \$511,000.00 per year. The Town of Marcellus provides MAVES with \$306,900 per year to cover the agreement.

Supervisor Attley, we are going to an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. We don't foresee any business after the meeting.

At 6:49 PM the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Mike Ossit went into an Executive session.

Councilor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoey to reopen the meeting at 7:02 PM.
Ayes – Attley, Berwald, Clarke Hoey and Pollard Carried

Supervisor Attley, Tom Finn from the Highway Department is officially retiring from his position. Tom has been with the Town for over two decades, we would like to thank him for his service. The Highway Department will be looking to hire another person.

Adjournment: Councilor Pollard made a motion seconded by Councilor Clarke to adjourn the Meeting at 7:03 PM.
Ayes – Attley, Berwald, Clarke Hoey and Pollard Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Tozzi
Town Clerk