

TOWN OF MARCELLUS
TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2026

A Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marcellus, County of Onondaga, State of New York was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in the Town Hall, 22 E. Main Street, Marcellus, New York. Those present were:

Jane Attley, Supervisor
Jeff Berwald, Councilor
Terry Hoey, Councilor
Karen Pollard, Councilor

Also Present: Lori Petrocci, Budget Officer, Rose Tozzi, and Linda Wilcox

Councilor Clarke was absent

Rose Tozzi, Town Clerk, gave a detailed reason for the suggested salary increases for herself and Suzanne Tobin, her Deputy Clerk . With the Recreation Office being part-time, Suzanne covers the office when the Recreation Clerk is not in the office along with covering the Town Clerk's office when Town Clerk is not there. The Town Clerk has taken on additional duties which include working with the bank to approve/disapprove checks that the bank is sending back for verification and assisting the Highway and other departments with clerical activities. At one time, the Deputy Clerk position was full-time. It has now become part-time. It was also suggested that a company come in and reassess the employee's positions and adjust the salaries to the job description.

Councilor Pollard read from the Fire Department contract questioning some of the articles in the contract. With respect to the request for an increase in the Fire Truck reserve, Councilor Pollard would like to increase the reserve fund an extra \$75,000 , making the total reserve to be \$160,000. She would also like to add an additional \$75,000 for a total of \$225,000 to the General budget to reduce the amount that goes out to the taxpayers.

It was decided by the Board, the Fire Department may change Workers' Compensation carriers. Language in the Fire Department contract should be changed to reflect this. It was also stated that there should be more oversight with regards to the Fire Department.

Supervisor Attley suggested that the park employees hourly rate should be increased to \$20 per hour. The Board agreed.

It was also suggested that the Town Historian's contractual line be increased to \$6,500, increase the MEO's hourly rate to \$31. And give the Highway Superintendent a \$5,000 stipend for taking care to any sewer issues.

The next budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Petrocci
Budget Officer