



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

This regular meeting was held in person and began at 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Councilwoman Van Benschoten lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present, via Zoom

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

Councilwoman Van Benschoten – Present

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 3/19/24 5-0 Aye; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following Amendment from the 3/19/2024 meeting:

<u>3/19/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#187	\$3,640.00
		\$57,527.36

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>4/2/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#188-208	\$93,798.35
Highway Fund	V#73-82	\$15,270.42
High Falls Water District	V#39-44	\$5,935.36
RMC	V#	\$
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#	\$
Community Preservation Fund	V#8	\$3,950.00

A motion was made by Councilman Davenport and Seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve these vouchers.

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye

5-0; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments on the resolutions for this meeting.

RESOLUTION #53-2024; APPOINTING PART TIME CLERK

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Van Benschoten and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Court has a need for a part time clerk; and

WHEREAS, the position is not a Civil Service position; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of Personnel must review a new hire for the Position of Part Time Clerk; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Marcia Jackson as Part Time Clerk working in the Justice Court at an hourly rate of \$20.74 an hour effective April 2, 2024.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #53-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that Marcia Jackson retired about a year and half ago and there has been need for her to help out in the Court office from time to time.
- Councilman Hunt asked why they would need another part time clerk and Supervisor Parete explained that Marcia is just a fill in when needed and that each judge gets a court clerk assigned to them.

RESOLUTION #54-2024; MARBLETOWN FIRST AID AED PURCHASE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilman Davenport

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has contracted with Marbletown First Aid Unit (MFAU) for the provision of emergency and general ambulance services, Basic Life Support (“BLS”), and AdvancedLife Support (“ALS”), and

WHEREAS, the two current automated external defibrillators (AED) are outdated and cannot be recertified, and

WHEREAS, the Rescue Squad received a quote of \$4,292.66 for two AEDs, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marbletown town Board authorizes the reimbursement of \$4,292.66 to the Marbletown First Aid Unit for two automated external defibrillators.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye
5-0; Resolution #54-2024 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #55-2024; APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Van Benschoten

WHEREAS, Don LaFera is Marbletown’s Recycling Coordinator, and
WHEREAS, Don LaFera and Jennifer O’Donnell have indicated a desire to be appointed to the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission, and
WHEREAS, the Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) has met and recommends Don LaFera and Jennifer O’Donnell be appointed to the ECC, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoint Don LaFera and Jennifer O’Donnell as members to the Environmental Conservation Commission for terms to expire on 12/31/2026.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye
5-0; Resolution #55-2024 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #56-2024; APPOINTMENT TO HIGH FALLS WATER BOARD

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote
WHEREAS, the High Falls Water Board has an important responsibility to make sure the Water District is prepared to meet the current and future needs of the district users, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoint Mary Ann Van Benschoten as town board representative to the High Falls Water District Water Board for a term that ends 12/31/2024.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye
5-0; Resolution #56-2024 was thereupon adopted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- Lou Cardinale, Highway Superintendent, provided an update on what is going on in the Highway Department: starting spring sweeping of the streets and finishing up the expansion of the parking lot at the Leggett Road Trail Head.
- Superintendent Cardinale encourages anyone to go have a look at the garage and see how things operate in the highway department.

OSTERHOUDT FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

- Town Attorney, Tracy Kellogg, started the review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Osterhoudt Flats Park Master Plan. The board agreed to stop on page 6 section 'e' in order to review the paperwork more closely. If there are any questions please let Supervisor Parete know and at the next meeting they will finish reviewing the EAF.

2024 TOWN BOARD LIAISON POSITIONS:

- Supervisor Parete stated that the town board liaison positions had been revised due to the change of Councilman Don LaFera leaving and the addition of Councilwoman Van Benschoten. A motion was made by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the revised 2024 town board liaison positions, 5-0, motion carried. The liaisons are as follows:
 - Deputy Supervisor (Personnel, labor contracts, etc.) – Daisy Foote
 - Planning & Zoning – Mary Ann Van Benschoten
 - Building Dept. – Mary Ann Van Benschoten
 - High Falls and UCCC Water Districts – Mary Ann Van Benschoten
 - Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee – Tim Hunt
 - Justice Dept. – Tim Hunt
 - Environmental Conservation Commission – Daisy Foote
 - Historic Preservation Commission – Tim Hunt
 - Highway Department – Ken Davenport
 - Transfer Station – Ken Davenport
 - Emergency Services – Mary Ann Van Benschoten
 - Housing – Daisy Foote and Ken Davenport
 - Rail Trail – Ken Davenport
 - Preservation & Investment Commission – Tim Hunt and Daisy Foote
 - Veterans Committee – Rich Parete
 - Highway Building – Ken Davenport
 - Ethics Committee – Tim Hunt

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete announced that the Marbletown Community Center was awarded a \$78,000 grant for insulation and geothermal. A huge thank you goes out to Tom Konrad, Wendy Saul and Don LaFera for all the hard work they put into obtaining this grant. Parete added that they met with Scott Davis from Peak Engineering, at the Community Center to go over the upcoming work. Wendy Saul mentioned that the stipulation with the grant money is that it has to be used in a year.
- Supervisor Parete said he had spoken with the Assessor about doing a re-evaluation of all properties, stating right now he believes 1/3 of the properties are under assessed, 1/3 of the properties are over assessed and 1/3 are assessed correctly. It is also believed that there are quite a few properties that have extra structures and additions that have not been properly permitted and they are not part of the

assessment. The cost would be approximately \$65.00 per parcel, which would be about \$250,000 for the whole project.

- Supervisor Parete mentioned that they are going to be reviewing more of the zoning laws in town to get current with the marijuana law and what areas they will be allowed (B-2 district), accessory dwelling law to possibly change the square footage per bedroom and the cell tower law for the setbacks.
- Supervisor Parete said he and Councilman Davenport will be meeting with the County to discuss expanding the water district.
- Tom Konrad, Environmental Conservation Commission Chair, provided an overview of the grants that the town has received, more grants he is looking into and how the grant money will be spent. Konrad would like to set up a public workshop/information session after the next town board meeting to hear from residents on how the grant money should be spent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Cassandra Thaulé, resident, asked what are the benefits of having the methadone clinic in town? Supervisor Parete responded that this project has been going through the Planning Board and pointed out that the building has been zoned for medical purposes, so the fit is appropriate. Parete recommended that she attend the Planning Board meetings and suggested she send the Planning Board an email with her concerns. Councilman Hunt offered to have a discussion about the methadone clinic with her.
- Laura Cunningham, resident, handed out information kits to the town board members about the Marbletown Fire House. Cunningham stated she had been doing further research and it seems the building is older than originally thought than its 1832 plaque which may mark the date of a new classroom, but as shown in a photo, and document proof, that it already existed in 1763 making it pre-Revolutionary War. In fact, it may well be late 1600's as North Marbletown was settled at that time. The site is rich with history and archeological property that could enhance the economic growth of Marbletown. Cunningham suggested it could be a Welcome Information Center to hold brochures for local businesses, trail maps and even souvenirs and refreshments. Cunningham questioned how the Marbletown Fire House was being advertised as a 1960's commercial building and possibly should have included it as a historic property that might have attracted buyers that are interested in historic properties. There were also lists of slave children who were being provided for, once turned over to overseers, a custom in the early 1800's. If a slave baby was born and masters did not care to raise them, overseers did and Marbletown paid out a small allotment for their care. Cunningham believes this is an opportunity for the town to save another historic building.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman Davenport made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hunt; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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