



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:16pm (meeting started late due to technical difficulties) and Councilwoman Foote lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present, Via Zoom

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Davenport made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve the meeting minutes from 2/20/2024 4-0 Aye; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there were no amendments from the 2/20/2024 vouchers.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>3/5/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#116-148	\$13,142.70
Highway Fund	V#42-58	\$13,097.70
High Falls Water District	V#27-29	\$8,083.91
RMC	V#	\$
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#	\$
Community Preservation Fund	V#	\$

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

4-0; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments on the resolutions for this meeting.

RESOLUTION #38-2024; TRANSFER STATION PERMIT FEES

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote
WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Transfer Station annual permit is valid from April 1 to March 31st, each year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown approves the following transfer station permit fees from April 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Permit \$50.00

Additional permit \$25.00

Senior (62 or older) \$30.00

Additional (62 or older) \$20.00

One day permits will remain \$10.00

Amended, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown changes the permit fees to the attached amount from January 1, 2025, until March 31, 2025.

Permit \$25.00 (Originally \$50.00)

Additional permit \$15.00 (Originally \$25.00)

Senior (62 or older) \$15.00 (Originally \$30.00)

Additional (62 or older) \$10.00 (Originally \$20.00)

One day permits will remain \$10.00

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

4-0; Resolution #38-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated they are not raising fee's this year and we are not charging different fees for non-residents.

RESOLUTION #39-2024; AMEND INVENTORY OF TOWN ROAD SYSTEM

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Davenport

WHEREAS, the addition of Fording Place Road and Heinel Road have been made to the town road system since the last reported inventory to add or to reduce the overall mileage in the local system that have been recorded in an inventory to be submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Marbletown hereby amends the inventory of the county road system by making such changes that reflect the current local system and accepts responsibility for maintenance and repair of the roadway, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Marbletown is hereby directed to transmit two copies of the amended inventory of the county road system to the New York State Department of Transportation, along with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

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

4-0; Resolution #39-2024 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #40-2024; PURCHASE LAWN EQUIPMENT FROM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Davenport

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown created the position of groundskeeper; and

WHEREAS, the Groundskeeper is responsible for mowing town property, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the town of Marbletown purchase a 2008 Toro Zero Steer, a 2013 Toro Zero Steer, and a 2018 Big Tex Tractor from the Highway Department for \$6,500.

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

4-0; Resolution #40-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that the highway department had been doing all the mowing for the town properties for the past 15 years and last year we hired a groundskeeper who will need equipment. The town will buy the equipment from the Highway department. Councilman Hunt asked how the value of the equipment was established? Parete explained they had the mechanic look them over, along with a resident who has a background in landscaping and equipment, and the value was given of \$2,000 for each lawn mower and \$2,500 for the trailer. If the equipment was bought new it would be about \$12,000-\$14,000.

RESOLUTION #41-2024; PERMITTING THE COUNTY OF ULSTER TO CONDUCT NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK PERTAINING TO A PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO TOWER ON THE LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNS OF ROSENDALE AND MARBLETOWN LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ROSENDALE AT 1915-1925 LUCAS AVENUE (SBL 62.3-6-6)

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, Ulster County needs to upgrade its public safety radio communication network as it moves to implement a Simulcast System, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has identified a site located on lands jointly owned by the Town of Rosendale and Marbletown located at 1915-1925 Lucas Avenue in the Town of Rosendale as suitable for a proposed Public Safety Radio Tower (PSRT); and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted an initial feasibility study of the proposed location whereby it wishes to conduct further engineering and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown is desirous of ensuring that public safety radio communication facilities are adequate for first responders in the community and the greater Marbletown area; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has requested authorization from the community to allow it to conduct these studies; and

WHEREAS, The PSRT being located within the Town of Rosendale, the Rosendale Town Code Section 75-28 will control any required land use decisions related to; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has indicated that it will work cooperatively with the Marbletown Town Board as it conducts is engineering and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the feasibility study of the proposed PSRT as provided by Ulster County and is aware that the County will require further actions by the Town should the results of the engineer and environmental efforts allow the project to move forward; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby grants permission to the County of Ulster to conduct the necessary engineering and environmental studies for a PSRT on lands it jointly owns with the by the Town Rosendale providing however that such approval is also received from the Town of Rosendale.

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

4-0; Resolution **#41-2024** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that the permits will go through Rosendale because we are physically in Rosendale. Parete added this will allow the County access to do their due diligence.

RESOLUTION #42-2024; NYSERDA GRANT FOR HIGHWAY TOOLS

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Hunt

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown received a \$5,000 NYSERDA, and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Marbletown commits to use the \$5,000 Clean Energy Communities action grant awarded on February 22nd, 2024 to purchase battery electric tools (chainsaw, combi tool, etc), batteries, and chargers for the Town Highway Department.

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

4-0; Resolution **#42-2024** was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #43-2024; SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER A207 YOUTH AND RECREATION COMMISSION BYLAWS OF THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN CODE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Marbletown wishes to amend the current Code Chapter A207 YOUTH AND RECREATION COMMISSION BYLAWS of the TOWN OF MARBLETOWN CODE; and

WHEREAS, The current Law does not address recreation facilities and programs outside of Youth programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §617(c)(26) & (33) of SEQRA, a Type II action includes “routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reorder of priorities” and the “promulgation of regulations, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with any Type II

action” and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that amending Chapter A207 of the Code of the Town of Marbletown is a Type II action, which requires no further action pursuant to SEQRA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for the 19th day of March 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill NY 12419 to consider adopting Local law No. 2024, amending the Code of the Town of Marbletown, Chapter A207 Youth and Recreation Commission Bylaws.

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

4-0; Resolution #43-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said this new committee was created and there was a lot of interest to be on the committee so they will increase the number from 7 to 9 members. Councilman Hunt would like to add language that states ‘up to 9 members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bart Thrall, resident, asked if all of the Transfer Station employees will be making \$25.00 an hour like the new Recycling Coordinator, Don LaFera is making? Supervisor Parete responded that the grant the town was awarded will be paying half of LaFera’s salary. Parete also pointed out that the Recycling Coordinator has different responsibilities and any of the transfer station employees could have applied for the job.
- Stuart Leigh, resident, brought up the issue of swimming at the park and there is a state program called ‘New York Swims”. Supervisor Parete pointed out the challenges that the town has with the town swimming area. And over the past several years when the water has been tested it has failed and that is out of the control of the town. Mr. Leigh stated maybe we can fix the water issues.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Councilman Davenport and Councilwoman Foote stated they had been interviewing candidates for the town board vacant seat and Davenport said that Marbletown should be proud as the candidates have been strong and it’s a great field of candidates. They hope to appoint someone at the next meeting.
- Tom Konrad, resident and ECC Chairman, gave a brief update on the NYSEDA grant and the 2 purposes will be EV Chargers and Community Center upgrades.
- Supervisor Parete said he is hoping they can vote on the changes to the town comprehensive plan at the next meeting. Councilman Hunt stated that anyone can access the town plan on the website.
- Supervisor Parete announced that the closing on the Osterhoudt property will be this coming up Thursday. Parete also announced that there would be a public information session on the Osterhoudt property on Wednesday March 20th at 6:30pm at the RMC in M-1, all are welcome.
- Councilman Davenport took a moment to remind everyone that there are a lot more people and bikes on the roads and we all need to share the roads.
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Moody gave an update that they have collected 7.7 million dollars in taxes to date. Also, the new transfer station permits will be ready on April 1st, and they are blue this year.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman Davenport made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Parete; 4-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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