



Town Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2021

This regular meeting was held, in person, at the RMC in M-1 and began at 6:06pm

CALL TO ORDER

- Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and asked newly elected County Legislature Eric Stewart lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Supervisor Parete took a moment to congratulate those who won in the election earlier in the week.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Parete took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman LaFera – Present

Councilman Hunt – Present

Councilman Stewart – Present

Also, present– Heather Moody, Town Clerk/Tax Collector,

2022 FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING; GENERAL, HIGHWAY AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

- At 6:05pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Foote, seconded by Councilman LaFera to open the public hearing on the 2022 budget for General, Highway and Special Districts. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on Oct. 27, 2021. The legal notice as also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk's Community Board.
- Supervisor Parete asked for public comments on the proposed 2022 budget for General, Highway and Special Districts.
- At 6:06pm there being no more comments or questions on the 2022 budget for General, Highway and Special Districts Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to close the public hearing on the 2022 budget.

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0 Aye, motion carried.

2022 FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING; HIGH FALLS WATER DISTRICT:

- At 6:07pm a motion was made by Councilman LaFera, seconded by Councilman Hunt to open the public hearing on the 2022 budget for the High Falls Water District. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on Oct. 27, 2021. The legal notice was also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk's Community Board.
- Supervisor Parete asked for public comments on the proposed 2022 budget for the High Falls Water District.
- At 6:08pm there being no more comments or questions on the 2022 budget for the High Falls Water District Councilwoman Foote made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to close the public hearing on the 2022 budget.

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

Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made on the upcoming resolutions.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there were no amendments to the vouchers submitted on November 4, 2021.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>11/4/2021</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#696-735	\$112,119.10
Highway Fund	V#409-415	\$3,639.01
High Falls Water District	V#116-122	\$7,601.94
RMC	V#	\$

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

Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve the meeting minutes from the 10/19/2021 town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
 - Councilman Hunt stated he liked the discussion points that were added on the 10/19 minutes.

RESOLUTION #97-2021; TO ADOPT GENERAL, HIGHWAY, & SPECIAL DISTRICTS 2022 TOWN BUDGET, FINAL

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera, seconded by Councilman Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Budget for the Year 2022 has been duly prepared by the Supervisor and Town Board and a duly publicized public hearing was held on the 4th day of November 2021 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.; and

WHEREAS, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were heard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby

ADOPTS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, as amended, altered, and revised, as the Budget for the Town of Marbletown for the Year 2022.

- Supervisor Parete opened up the 2022 proposed budget discussion by stating that the budget does not have to be voted upon tonight, it can wait until the next meeting.
- Town Clerk Moody stated the budget has to be filed with the County by Nov. 22nd.
- Councilman Hunt pointed out he would like the budget decreased as much as possible.
- Supervisor Parete said that the RMC will be getting two quotes for the insurance for the building. Right now, the insurance coverage we have for the RMC covers content and liability.
- Councilman LaFera questioned having a maintenance line added to the budget?
- Councilman Hunt questioned the salaries on page 4 going up from \$119,000 to \$135,000. Supervisor Parete pointed out that is the Building Department where they have 5 employees who will be getting raises.
- Supervisor Parete explained that the Union has not settled negotiations yet. They are still hashing out a few items and hopes that it will be finalized by the next meeting.
- Supervisor Parete pointed out that the Town was still in litigation with Duchess Farms and \$17,000 has been spent on inspections for same.
- Supervisor Parete said that the tax rate could decrease if Rochester and Rosendale decided to join the ambulance district, but there has been no final word on their decisions.
- Overall, the General budget decreased, and the Highway budget increased.
- Councilwoman Foote explained that she supports the Covid relief money to go towards something good for the Community.
- It was decided that the Town Board would continue discussing the budget and wait for final numbers on Union negotiations, Insurance quotes and the Ambulance District before putting the 2022 General proposed budget to a vote.

RESOLUTION #98-2021; TO ADOPT 2022 HIGH FALLS WATER BUDGET

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera, seconded by Councilman Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Preliminary High Falls Water Budget for the Year 2022 has been duly prepared by the Supervisor and Town Board and a duly publicized public hearing was held on the 4th day of November 2021 at 6:05 o'clock P.M.; and

WHEREAS, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were heard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby

ADOPTS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, as amended, altered, and revised, as the Budget for the High Falls Water District for the Year 2022.

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

Councilman Stewart

Voting Aye

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye
Councilman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0 Aye; Resolution #98-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor reiterated that the Town will be going out to bid, again in the spring, for the new water meters for High Falls.

RESOLUTION #99-2021; AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL BUILDING SERVICES, INC.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilwoman Foote:

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has the need for a Maintenance Service Agreement to maintain the heating and air exchange units at the Rondout Municipal Center, and

WHEREAS, Technical Building Services, Inc. (TBS) of 12 E Commerce Drive Ballston Spa, NY 12020 has presented such agreement to service the Rondout Municipal Center, and

WHEREAS, TBS has provided a Maintenance Service Agreement in the amount of \$ 3,939.00, said contract which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town of Marbletown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is contingent upon a like resolution being passed by the Town Board of 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 Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman Lafera Voting Aye
Councilman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0 Aye; Resolution #99-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated this is for the general maintenance at the RMC and Marbletown pays for half and Rosendale pays for half. The rate of this agreement went up \$600.00 since last time.

RESOLUTION #100-2021 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Hunt, seconded by Councilwoman LaFera:

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Highway Department sells surplus vehicles and equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown supports a vehicle replacement program, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GMU) states that one town can sell to another town without competitive bidding, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Highway Superintendent to sell 1992 International Truck to the Town of Rochester for parts at a cost of \$500.

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0 Aye; Resolution #100-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete explained that one town can sell, old trucks or truck parts, to another town without having to go out to bid.

RESOLUTION #101-2021 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Hunt:

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, with principal offices 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge NY 12484 (the “**College**”), and **THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN**, a municipality with principal offices at 1925 Lucas Ave. Cottekill, NY 12419 (the “**TOWN**”), (each, a “**Party**,” together, the “**Parties**”).

WHEREAS, the College and the Town of Marbletown desire to develop a connector trail to link the College’s Stone Ridge campus to Main St. Stone Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has offered to cut, grub and build the final segment of the connector trail to connect to the College’s property as part of the trail development process; and

WHEREAS, the College accepts this offer from the Town of Marbletown to cut, grub and build the final segment of the connector trail to connect to the College’s property as part of the trail development process; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants set forth below, the college and the Town of Marbletown hereby agree as follows:

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman Lafera Voting Aye
Councilman Foote Voting Aye
Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0 Aye; Resolution #101-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Councilman Hunt expressed concern about the “The Publicity” verbiage in the agreement.
- Councilman LaFera asked if we should pass the agreement and ask the College to strike it out of the agreement?

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Councilman Hunt would like to have an informational meeting at the Community Center on 11/18 to discuss the legalization of marijuana and to hear what the community thinks about it. A law would have to be passed by 12/31/21 for towns to opt out. Jill McLean, Director of the Youth and Rec, will check the schedule at the community center and let the board know if the 18th will work for the forum.
- Councilman Stewart stated there would be a trails meeting on 11/9 at 3:00pm at the Community Center.
- Town Clerk Moody stated the town offices will be closed on 11/11 for Veteran’s Day and there will be a Veteran’s day ceremony at the park at 11:00am.
- Councilman Hunt said the Board of Ethics met and they had a great meeting. 60% of the Financial Disclosure forms have been handed in. Councilman Hunt inquired about the best way to get the forms to new members. Town Clerk Moody stated her office could hand them out when new members to committees come in to sign their Oaths of Office. Councilman Hunt said the group would be meeting again in 2 weeks to create a form to for complaints to be filled out.

- Councilman Stewart announced the next ECC meeting would be via Zoom on 11/17/21 at 7:00pm.
- Councilwoman Foote encouraged people to attend the Planning Board meetings as there seems to be lots of issues with events in certain areas.
- Recreation Director Jill McLean provided the following update:
 - Soccer season has end.
 - Futsal will be installed back under the pavilion in early December.
 - The park will be kept open all winter again.
 - Rentals are starting to pick up at the Community Center on the weekends.
 - Registration for youth basketball starts on Monday, Nov. 22nd.
 - Indoor Pickleball is back at the RMC gym.
 - Outdoor Pickleball courts; surface to be completed tomorrow, and fencing should be installed mid-January depending on weather.
 - Virtual running/walking program is ongoing.
 - Trunk or Treat at the park was a great success this year, double the kids from last year. Thanks to our Community!
 - Light up Marbletown will happen on Dec. 18th along with a parade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Laurito, resident, asked about the funding for cemeteries. Supervisor Parete said that if the cemetery does not have funding the Town maintains it, which is what the \$2,000 on the budget covers. Ms. Laurito also pointed out that she wished more people knew about the issues at the Vly Firehouse and that it was closing.
- Bill Terpening, resident, said that the way the Ambulance district was presented, leads people to believe that if we didn't have that there would be no increase in the budget. Supervisor Parete asked Mr. Terpening to please come into his office to review the budget together. Mr. Terpening also questioned why the Kripplebush fire district went from \$154,110 to \$283,960? It was pointed out to Mr. Terpening that he was not looking at the most updated budget and Kripplebush had lowered their budget. Mr. Terpening asked if the High Falls Water District is just paid by the residents? Supervisor Parete responded 'yes'.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman LaFera; 5-0 Aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector