



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 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 6:06pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Parete took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman LaFera – Present, remotely

Councilman Hunt – Present, remotely

Councilman Stewart – Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made on the upcoming resolutions.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #6-2021; OVERRIDE TAX CAP LIMIT FOR 2022

- A motion was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman LaFera to open the public hearing on proposed Local Law #6-2021, ‘Override Tax Cap Limit for 2022’ 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on October 10th. The legal notice was also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk’s Community Board.
- Supervisor Parete stated public comments were welcome on the topic of the proposed local law.
- There being no comments or questions on the proposed local law ‘Override Tax Cap Limit for 2022’ Councilwoman Foote made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #6-2021.

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.

PRESENTATION; MARBLETOWN FIRE & EMS OPERATIONS

- Paul Bishop, Project Director provided a slide show presentation of the Marbletown Fire and EMS Operations, “An evaluation of Existing Conditions and Opportunities for the Future” to the Town Board. Please contact the Town Clerk’s office for a copy of the presentation or visit the town website.

- Mr. Bishop and Dave Riley, from CGR met with members of our fire districts from Cottekill, High Falls, Marbletown, Lomontville and Stone Ridge back in March and April.
- On October 28th there will be a meeting with CGR, town fire commissioners and EMS to discuss the steps moving forward.
- CGR strongly suggests our districts should combine which would provide savings to our residents. This would also eliminate up to 30% of older apparatus, reduce expenses, expand sharing and coordination.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there were no amendments to the vouchers submitted on October 5, 2021.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>10/19/2021</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#659-695	\$82,583.10
Highway Fund	V#382-408	\$25,322.66
High Falls Water District	V#113-115	\$2,255.44
RMC	V#114-132	\$126,836.11

A motion was made by Councilwoman Foote and Seconded by Councilman Stewart 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 Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the meeting minutes from the 10/5/2021 town board meeting with Councilman Hunt's comments added. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #91-2021; CANCELING NOVEMBER 2, 2021, TOWN BOARD MEETING AND RE-SCHEDULING FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2021

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

WHEREAS, Town of Marbletown Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown would like to have a public hearing on the 2022

Town and High falls Water District Budgets, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown cancels the Town Board meeting on Tuesday November 2nd, 2021 and schedules a town board meeting for Thursday November 4, 2021 at 6PM.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #91-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- This resolution is one that is passed every year as the first town board meeting of November typically falls on election day when the offices are closed. The meeting is typically scheduled for later during the first week of the month.

RESOLUTION #92-2021: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 FINAL BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has prepared a tentative budget for the year 2022 that was submitted to the Town Board and the Town Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law Sec. 108, must have a public hearing on or before the Thursday immediately following the general election, and a notice of such public hearing must be published at least once in the Town's official newspaper at least five days before the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on the 2022 preliminary budget of the Supervisor shall be held at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday November 4, 2021, at which time the preliminary budget shall be made available for inspection by interested persons, upon passage of this resolution.

2. The proposed salaries of the Town Board members, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Justices, and the Town Superintendent of Highways are listed below:

TOWN BOARD (4 @ \$5,850)	\$23,400
SUPERVISOR	\$30,000
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$55,678
TOWN JUSTICE (2 @ \$16,000)	\$32,000
TOWN CLERK	\$52,678
TAX COLLECTOR	\$5,750

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #92-2021 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #93-2021: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 FINAL HIGH FALLS WATER BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has prepared a Tentative High Falls Water District budget for the year 2022 and submitted to the Town Board and the Town Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law Sec. 108, must have a public hearing on or before the Thursday immediately following the general election, and a notice of such public hearing must be published at least once in the Town's official newspaper at least five days before the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on the 2022 preliminary budget High Falls Water District Budget of the Supervisor shall be held at the Town Hall at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday November 4, 2021 at which time the preliminary budget shall be made available for inspection by interested persons, upon passage of this resolution.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0 Aye; Resolution #93-2021 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #94-2021; APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE MARBLETOWN PRESERVATION & INVESTMENT COMMISSION (MPIC)

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilwoman Foote:
WHEREAS, the Agriculture, Clean Water and Open Space Preservation and Acquisition (MPIC) Law was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown on February 15, 2007 by Local law Number 2 of 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels it is an important policy to provide for open space and to conserve, protect and encourage the preservation of agricultural lands and other natural and ecological resources, and

WHEREAS, the Preservation & Investment Commission has not had appointed Commission members for years, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoint Paul Brillinger to the Marbletown Preservation & Investment Commission for a term ending December 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 Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #94-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Paul Brillinger lives in Stone Ridge and has expressed interest in becoming more involved. Councilwoman Foote also met with Paul and expressed he has a very talented background. His background is in finance and now creates children's games which he has donated to the school district.

RESOLUTION #95-2021; A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman LaFera:
WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021 a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown, New York authorizing a public hearing to be held by the Town Board on October 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2022", and
WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly advertised in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the official newspaper of said Town on October 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was duly held on the 19th day of October 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board having determined that all parties entitled to notice have been duly given notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the Town Board hereby determines that adoption of this proposed Local Law is a Type II action which would not have a significant effect upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law, with the sole enactment that the proposed law to create a provision to override Chapter 97 (Part A) § 3-C s.5, Laws of New York 2011 concerning the Property Tax Cap of 2% which states: The Town Board is hereby authorized to override the Tax Levy Limit established pursuant to General Municipal Law Sec. 3-c, for Fiscal Year 2021, and to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Sec. 3-c. is enacted, so that the Town can pass its 2022 budget.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #95-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete explained that bringing a new ambulance district into Town the budget will be an increase of 10.5%, which would put the Town budget over the tax cap which means we have to pass this local law.

RESOLUTION #96-2021; RESOLUTION MOHONK FIREWORKS

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

WHEREAS, Mohonk Mountain House is desiring the permit for Public Display of Fireworks, to be held on December 31, 2021, and if bad weather, January 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received the application for Fireworks from Mohonk along with the required insurance and workers comp certificates. Legion Fireworks is the operator of the display, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown approves the application for Fireworks for the Mohonk Mountain House.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #96-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Mohonk Mountain House is planning to have fireworks on new years eve. They will provide the Town with all the appropriate insurance paperwork and Town Clerk Moody will provide documents to the Code Enforcement Officer and the High Falls Fire Department.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

- Supervisor Parete said that changes can be made to the preliminary budget and once that has been agreed upon it becomes the final budget, which is the one that is filed with the County.
- Supervisor Parete added that Rosendale and Rochester are still considering if they will join the Ambulance District. If they do it could mean the cost for Marbletown would go down. If they do not join they will

not be included, and the ambulance will not be allowed to service them. Councilman Stewart added this is why we need a county wide service.

- Councilman Hunt pointed out he would like the 'Contingency' line reduced by at least a third, right now it is budgeted at \$60,000. Supervisor Parete said could discuss further but if something happens during the year and they need that money it would be an issue.

*7:17pm Councilman LaFera disconnected from the meeting due to internet issues.

- Councilwoman Foote added that we are competing with school taxes and the town has always been good with keeping expenses down and she does not want to whittle away areas where we could use the money.
- The closing on the school is coming up and the closing cost are approximately \$52,000.
- Councilman Hunt wants to add a maintenance line to the budget.
- Supervisor Parete said over the next 5-6 years the town will have to be creative on how the money gets spent. We will be looking into grants.
- Supervisor Parete hopes that by the next meeting the union contracts will be finalized, and we'll know if Rochester and Rosendale will be joining the ambulance district.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Town Clerk Moody reminded everyone that Trunk or Treat will happen at the Marbletown Park on Halloween, October 31st from 3:00-5:00pm. If you would like to sign up please contact the Youth & Rec Department.
- Councilman Hunt said you could still sign up for the Running/Walking program. There are about 25 residents already working on their goals.
- The Highway Department has been busy working on the College trail connector and they have started on the Pickleball Court.
- Supervisor Parete announced that the town offices will be closed on Nov. 2nd, Election Day, but the Transfer Station would be open their normal hours.
- Councilman Hunt stated the Ethics Committee would be having their first meeting soon and they would be reviewing the financial disclosure forms.
- Councilman Stewart reminded everyone to check the ECC Facebook for upcoming events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Laura Cunningham, resident, stated she was glad to hear the County is abandoning the idea of senior housing on Leggett Road.
- Carol Laurito, resident, asked how long would it take Stone Ridge Fire to get to the Vly? She also wanted to know how long it would take for Kripplebush to get to the Vly?

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Stewart; 4-0Aye; (Councilman LaFera left meeting early due to internet issues) motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody

Town Clerk/Tax Collector