



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday Nov. 16, 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 6:03pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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>11/16/2021</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#736-773	\$28,966.39
Highway Fund	V#416-433	\$28,199.37
High Falls Water District	V#123-126	\$8,088.13
RMC	V#133-143	\$6,121.65

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

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.

- Councilman Hunt inquired what the Environmental Consultants, LLC voucher on the High Falls Water District abstract was for. Supervisor Parete explained that it is the monthly contract fee for the High Falls Water Facilities operation which is done by Environmental Consultants LLC. When Terry Johnson retired no one qualified applied for the position, so for now we use the consultants.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve the meeting minutes from the 11/4/2021 town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

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

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

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 reminded everyone that at the 11/4 meeting there had been discussion about the budget, but no vote was taken by the Board.
- Councilman Hunt stated he appreciates all the work that has gone into the budget.
- Councilman Hunt questioned how are we going to pay for the new Ambulance district? Supervisor Parete said Rochester will be going with the Kerhonkson-Accord First Aid Squad and Rosendale is still deciding what they are going to do. If Rochester and Rosendale don't join Marbletown will not be covering their area.
- Councilman Hunt asked about who would be on the Ambulance Committee that will be formed? Supervisor Parete explained that two people had volunteered so far to be on the Committee, but we'll need a couple more. Supervisor Parete clarified that the Ambulance committee will serve the town not the rescue squad board, which has a board of directors.
- Councilman Hunt expressed he is worried about people being on the edge, financially and he is proposing we use the Covid Care Acts relief fund money. He would like to allocate \$100,000 of the Covid funds towards the Ambulance district. Supervisor Parete said if we did that it would bring the 10% increase down to maybe 6%. Councilman LaFera added that generally residents are behind the ambulance.
- Councilman LaFera questioned why don't we have a hardship fund to assist residents with paying their taxes?
- Councilwoman Foote said it is important to be honest with the taxpayers if they want an emergency service they will have to pay for it.
- Supervisor Parete made a motion to take \$35,000 and apply it towards the ambulance district. He also pointed out that if Rosendale decides to join the ambulance district it would be moot. He said this would possibly take the tax increase below 10%. Supervisor Parete made a new motion to contribute \$50,000. Councilman LaFera seconded the motion, 5-0 aye, motion carried to contribute \$50,000.
- Councilwoman Foote added that she was going to be meeting with New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and she was going to discuss school taxes.
- Councilman Hunt made a motion to cut the general insurance line from \$110,000 to \$100,000, seconded by Supervisor Parete, 5-0 aye, motion carried.

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 Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0 Aye; Resolution #97-2021 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #102-2021; RESOLUTION WAIVE 30 DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR UPSTAE TACO, INC.

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

WHEREAS, Upstate Taco, Inc. has completed the Standardized Notice Form for Providing 30-Day Advance Notice of Intent to file a new application for an On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License for liquor, wine, beer and cider to the Town of Marbletown Town Board to be sold at 4293 US Route 209, Stone Ridge NY 12484 for an on-premises liquor license: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Alcohol and Beverage Control Law Section 64, Subdivision 2(a), the Town of Marbletown has been notified of their intent to file an application for a liquor license with the New York State Liquor Authority; and

WHEREAS, a thirty (30) day hold before said application can be filed is mandated by New York Alcohol and Beverage Control Law, unless, this time period is waived by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Town Board wishes to assist the applicant in expediting the application process and sees no objection to the issuance of a Liquor License; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to the extent permitted by the New York State Liquor Authority, the Marbletown Town Board hereby waives the requirement that written notice of the application be given to the Town at least thirty (30) days prior to submitting this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a letter to the applicant and to the New York State Liquor Authority to confirm the Town's receipt of the Notice of Intent to file for the liquor license and a waiver of the thirty (30) day hold on the processing of said application.

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 #102-2021 was thereupon adopted.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Councilman Hunt announced there would be a public forum this Thursday night, the 18th at 6:30pm, to discuss the new marijuana law and to discuss what options the Town has. Each municipality has until 12/31/2021 to opt out of the law of allowing onsite consumption or retail sales. The town will be able to set up zoning regulations once the time comes.
- Attorney Tracy Kellogg presented the proposed Fence Law and opened the floor for discussion. The proposed fence law can be found on the town website, www.marbletown.net. Supervisor Parete asked that any recommendations for the law should be sent to Tracy by Friday for review. Supervisor Parete added that there was no fee schedule in the law as that can be done by resolution once the law is passed.
- Attorney Tracy Kellogg presented the proposed amendments to the Accessory Apartment law. The proposed local law can be found on the town website, www.marbletown.net. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to Tracy by the end of the week.
- Councilman Hunt stated that the Ethics board met last night and would like to meet with Attorney Kellogg to discuss some issues. They are also working on creating a form for ethics complaints to be filed. It was decided that Kathy Schultz will be the Chair and Jen Doll will be the secretary.

- Councilman Stewart said the Rail Trail had a work party and they cleared the entire pathway of the creek walk in High Falls.
- Councilman LaFera asked if bushes could be planted on the corner of 213 and Berme Road to hide the pump station. Supervisor Parete said he would look into this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Laura Cunningham, resident, stated that meetings are important, and people should try to attend and would like to know why the meetings are not being broadcast by Zoom? She also said residents deserve respect while making public comments. She feels that any discussion about senior exemptions should have the tax assessor included in the meeting.
- Doug Adams, resident, was encouraged to see that the board was supporting the ambulance district and he strongly suggests that they get someone with a financial background to sit on the board for the ambulance district. He feels the reason the first aid unit is in the position they are in is due to finances.
- Bill Terpening, resident, submitted his public comment to Town Clerk Moody for the minutes. Mr. Terpening would like to restate and revise his comments from the previous meeting. The point he would like to make was that there is not any one item in the budget for 2022 that by itself cause the 10.55% increase in the tax levy. There are numerous expense increases that lead to the tax levy increase. The MFAU was the largest expense increase. Its increase to cost to the Town for 2022, from the cost in 2021, is \$165,000; \$315,000 minus the \$150,000 provided in 2021. Other items in the budget, with increased expense for 2022, total \$136,382, which were listed out and on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to dismiss the meeting, seconded by Councilman LaFera; 5-0Aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector