



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday February 15, 2022

This regular meeting was held via Zoom, and Facebook Live and began at 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present via Zoom

Councilwoman Foote – Present via Zoom

Councilman LaFera – Present via Zoom

Councilman Davenport – Present via Zoom

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present via Zoom

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there are no amendments to the vouchers submitted on February 1, 2022.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>Feb. 15, 2022,</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#56-104	\$59,214.80
Highway Fund	V#28-60	\$40,930.69
High Falls Water District	V#8-16	\$9,878.40
RMC	V#169 (Dec Supplement)	\$
	V#1-17	\$51,687.54

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

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0 Aye; motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 2/1/2022 5-0 Aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING; PROPOSED VIDEOCONFERENCING:

- At 6:09pm a motion was made by Supervisor Parete, seconded by Councilman Davenport to open the public hearing on the proposed Local Law # of 2022 ‘Videoconferencing’, 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on February 6th. The legal notice as also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk’s Community Board.
- Supervisor Parete stated that if people raise their hand on Zoom they will be called upon. He will also accept public comments via phone also. He provided his cell phone, 845-797-4241.
- At 6:11pm there being no more comments or questions on the proposed Videoconferencing Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to close the public hearing on the proposed Videoconferencing law.

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

Councilman Davenport	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.

RESOLUTION#29-2022; STANDARD WORKDAY FOR FULL TIME NON-HIGHWAY TOWN EMPLOYEES

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Foote.

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown approved the Union Contract for General employees on December 21, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the contract increased the standard workday from 35 hours to 37.5 hours, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that full time town employees not working in the Highway bargaining unit, will be scheduled to work 37.5 hours per week.

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 <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; Resolution #29-2022 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated that with the new General union contract the lunch hour has been changed from one hour to half hour lunch. The State requested that we put this resolution together.

RESOLUTION #30-2022; LOCAL LAW# 3 KNOWN AS ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE TOWN BOARD TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN BOARD MEETINGS VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE FROM LOCATIONS OUTSIDE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN BOUNDARY LINES

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Foote.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown held a public hearing on February 15, 2022, on Local Law Number 3 of 2022, known as “Allowing members of the Town Board to participate in Town Board Meetings Via Videoconference from locations outside the Town of Marbletown,” and

WHEREAS, a resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown on January 18, 2022, setting a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom, to hear all interested parties on the proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on February 15, 2022, at said time and place and all parties were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and **RESOLVED**, said Local Law is hereby adopted as attached

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the actions of the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown this Local Law shall take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law. 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 <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; Resolution #30-2022 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete gave a quick review of the Videoconferencing law stating that if one of our town board members is out of town and will be joining the meeting the address of where they are will have to be shared with the public.

RESOLUTION #31-2022; PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman LaFera.

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as Worldwide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Town Board, of the Town of Marbletown, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in The Town of Marbletown

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 <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; Resolution #31-2022 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that we have been supporting April as Parkinson's Awareness month for many years now. This will help promote organizations that raise money and offer services for people and families impacted by the disease.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete commented on the recent increase in Central Hudson's electric rates and that lots of people are paying quite a bit more right now. Central Hudson announced the rate is going to be 22 cents per kilowatt hour which is about 3 ½ times higher than Marbletown's preferred rates. The town's default electricity supplier is Community Choice Aggregation through Hudson Valley Community Power which is 100% renewable. The town locked in a 3-year rate at approximately 6.5 cents per kilowatt. The CCA is allowing residents to 'opt in' during the year at any point.
- Councilwoman Foote stated the last Planning Board meeting had gone well and the gentlemen that is opening the new hotel, across from Lydia's, had a lot of questions. Councilman Hunt asked what the time frame for the new hotel looked like. Foote responded that it was along way from being done.
- The proposed sign law is being worked on and hopefully something will be presented to the town board in the next 3 or 4 months.
- Councilman Hunt stated that the Ethics board would be meeting the following evening. The Ethics board continues to wait for guidance from the town Attorney. Hopefully, the forms will be distributed for review soon.
- Supervisor Parete hopes that we will be back in person for the next town board meeting on March 1st but he will watch the Covid numbers and make an announcement as the meeting gets closer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 6:37pm Supervisor Parete made a motion to open an executive session, seconded by Councilman Hunt. 5-0; motion passed.
- The Town Board motions to enter into executive session for the purpose of
 - Discussion of matters of acquisition or investment of real property.
 - Discussion of matters regarding proposed litigation.
- No votes were taken during executive session.
- At 7:52pm Councilwoman Foote made a motion to close the executive session and reconvene the meeting with no action taken nor monies expended, seconded by Councilman LaFera. 5-0; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilwoman Foote made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector