



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Councilman LaFera lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Supervisor Parete welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the students from Rondout Valley High School.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Absent

Councilman LaFera – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

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

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hunt to approve the meeting minutes from 2/21/2023 4-0 Aye; 1 Absent; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there were no amendments from the 2/21/2023 vouchers.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>March 7, 2023</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#109-135	\$50,664.32
Highway Fund	V#61-68	\$9,301.04
High Falls Water District	V#18-23	\$33,827.65
RMC	V#	\$0.00
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#9	\$580.03

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

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

4-0; 1 absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments on the resolutions.

6:15pm Fire Alarm was activated, and everyone evacuated the building.

6:28pm Fire Alarm was turned off and meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION #40-2023 TRANSFER STATION PERMIT FEES

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilman Davenport

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Transfer Station annual permit is valid from April 1, to March 31st 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, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

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, 2024, until March 31, 2024.

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

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Absent

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

4-0; 1 absent; Resolution #40-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated that the price of permits had not gone up over the past couple of years and the RRA (Resource Recovery Agency) has increased their prices from \$105 a ton to \$110 a ton. The pulls have gone up from \$91 to \$96 a pull.
- Councilman Davenport asked if the RRA could change their prices? Parete responded that they set their prices once a year when we sign the contract.

RESOLUTION #41-2023 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AT THE RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilman LaFera

WHEREAS, Lowe Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc installed split heat & air conditioning units at the Rondout Municipal Center in 2016; and

WHEREAS, these units require maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a quote for maintenance of these units from Lowe Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning which has been attached; and

WHEREAS, RMC Building Manager Joe La Fera has recommended that said quote from Lowe Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a one-year agreement with Lowe Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. which has been attached and made a part hereof for maintenance of these units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon its passage by both the Town Board of Rosendale and the Town Board 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>Absent</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

4-0; 1 absent; Resolution #41-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated we renew this contract every year and this year it has gone up \$59.00 from last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill Terpening, resident, read and submitted a written comment. Mr. Terpening was referring back to his comment from the last town board meeting when he commented on the Resolution to Increase the Senior Citizen exemption, and he made a mistake in his calculations by including the property taxes for both the County and the Town. Terpening incorrectly assumed that the Town established the income scale for both Town and County since both are included in the property tax bill that the Town collects, and both had been at the exact same income scale for years, in contrast to the School District tax that is billed separately and at a different income scale. Terpening also pointed out the sharp slap in the face to our lower income seniors by the Rondout Valley School District. It recently increased the maximum income for a 50% exemption from an already woefully low amount of \$19,500 to \$24,000. Their \$4,500 increase comes after 20 years, if not more of no increase. Terpening suggested that it might help if the Town Board sends a letter of strong protest to the Board of Education.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete stated that there would be a presentation from the Housing Committee at the next meeting, 3/21/2023.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport; 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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