



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Absent

Councilman LaFera – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Absent

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TRANSFER OF \$1,250.00

- At 6:05pm a motion was made by Councilman Davenport, seconded by Councilman LaFera to open the public hearing on the proposed transfer of \$1,250.00 from the New Highway Garage Reserve Fund to the Building Expense line 1620.4 for Engineering services related to the feasibility of building a new highway garage, 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on Sunday, May 7th. The legal notice as also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk's Community Board.
- At 6:07pm there being no comments or questions on the proposed transfer of \$1,250.00 Councilman LaFera, seconded by Councilman Davenport to close the public hearing on the proposed transfer, 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Davenport made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve the meeting minutes from 5/2/2023 3-0 Aye; 2 Absent, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following amendments from the 5/2/2023 vouchers for approval:

May 2, 2023

High Falls Water District

Total

Vouchers

#46

Total Payment

\$16,292.13

\$30,762.80

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

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

3-0; 2 absent, motion carried.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>May 16, 2023</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#303-363	\$33,451.17
Highway Fund	V#131-146	\$73,668.50
High Falls Water District	V#47-52	\$6,561.91
RMC	V#65-76	\$4,145.96
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#13-14	\$452.20

A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and Seconded by Councilman Davenport 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>Absent</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

3-0; 2 absent, motion carried.

- Councilman LaFera asked what the bill for the Marbletown Fire Protection District #1 covered and Supervisor Parete responded that it was an outstanding Paraco bill for the building/generator and the original bills had gone to their accountant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION #52-2023; PAY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown established a New Highway Garage Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law to provide funding for the purpose of, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Daily Freeman, the official newspaper of said Town, on May 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday May 16, 2023, where the proposal was explained and the town board heard comments from the residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown is in the process of planning for a new highway garage, and

WHEREAS, the town has spent \$1,250 for engineering services, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Marbletown Town Board shall transfer \$1,250 from the New Highway Garage Reserve Fund for the above referenced work to 1440.4. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 6-c of the General Municipal 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>Absent</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

3-0; 2 absent; Resolution #52-2023 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION#53-2023; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF BERME AND CANAL ROADS

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

WHEREAS, the Marbletown Town Board has a high regard for all those that drive town roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has indicated a need for two additional stop signs to be added at Berme and Canal Roads intersection creating a 3-way Stop intersection, and

WHEREAS, the safety of those traveling on these roads will be enhanced by making this 3-way Stop intersection, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown concurs with the Highway Superintendent recommendation that a 3-way Stop intersection at Berme and Canal Roads and to install the appropriate signage.

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>Absent</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

3-0; 2 absent; Resolution #53-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated allowing the three-way stop will hopefully stop people from flying down Canal Road. The Highway department will be putting up the signs.

RESOLUTION #54-2023; MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED PARCEL MANAGEMENT UPGRADE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown currently contracts with Municipity to provide software for our Assessor, Building, Planning and Zoning Departments, and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to make available to the public via the internet information relating to the parcels, permits, inspections, complaints, variances, planning projects and more, and

WHEREAS, Municipity 5 upgrade will help the Town of Marbletown become more efficient, secure, and better communicate with residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign attached agreement with ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC for a cost not to exceed \$11,400.

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>Absent</u>

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

3-0; 2 absent; Resolution #54-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete reported that this will be for the Building department and the Assessor's office will also use the program. There will be a \$2,500 license fee yearly. Residents will be able to search for information on their homes, public records, apply for permits and upload plans. Short Term Rentals might be able to register online.
- Councilman Davenport asked about training and Parete responded that it will be phased in over a couple of months and most of the training would be done online.

RESOLUTION #55-2023; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NYSEDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor requests authorization to accept a \$30,000 NYSEDA Clean Energy Communities Program Grant to pay for a 2023 Chevy Bolt EV to be used for the Building Department, and

WHEREAS, said program provides funding to Clean Energy Communities to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, improve the environment, and will be used for Inspections by the Building Department, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Marbletown Town Board authorizes and approves acceptance of \$30,000 from NYSEDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents or papers to purchase the 2023 Chevy Bolt EV and landscape equipment to be used by Parks and Recreation and the Highway Department.

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>Absent</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

3-0; 2 absent; Resolution #55-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that the car was approximately \$27,000 and with the remaining funds the town would purchase a new leaf blower.

OTHER BUSINESS :

- Supervisor Parete let everyone know that letters were sent out to residents that were eligible to pick a new CCA program and they can opt in to pick who they want to get their electricity from. You are able to opt in or out at any time.
- Supervisor Parete stated he would be having a meeting with a credit card company to discuss getting credit card machines in the office. Hopefully we would be able to start accepting credit cards sometime in June. Parete will send out the information to the Board.
- Councilman LaFera reported that they had a contractor come out and look at the roof at the community center and it is in worse shape than they first thought. In some places there are no shingles, and the rubber has torn away which has caused leaking. The town did have to have some emergency repairs done and they will look into getting bids for the whole roof.
- Supervisor Parete said the Memorial Day Parade would take place on Monday, May 29th, line up is at 9:30am and the parade will start at 10:00am. This year the parade route will go from the town plaza and end at the college where the ceremony will take place.

- Supervisor Parete said there would be a public hearing at some point about the Town purchasing the Osterhoudt property. Councilman Davenport pointed out that the town really needs to look into this and not rush it. Councilman LaFera said this would be a new process for the Town but not new for OSI. Parete reminded the board that he and Councilwoman Foote have been meeting since January about the possible purchasing of the Osterhoudt property. Once there is a proposed agreement a public hearing would be held.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Vivi Hlavsa, resident, asked about the CCA letter that went out to the eligible residents. Is everyone eligible? Supervisor Parete responded only the residents that are eligible received the letters.
- Nathan Plank, questioned whose decision it was to purchase the property? Supervisor Parete responded that the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board evaluates potential projects based on the Community Preservation Plan and makes recommendations for the use of the Preservation Fund to the Town Board.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport 3-0 Aye, 2 absent; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector