



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and Councilwoman Foote lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman LaFera – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: EV MANN

- Ev Mann, Marbletown resident, reminded everyone that on Saturday June 17th from 5pm -7pm there will be a FUNraiser at the Community Center on Main Street in support of the Community Center. There will be food & drink, live entertainment, and an auction. They hope to raise a lot of money to help save the Community Center.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilwoman Foote made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 5/16/2023 5-0 Aye; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following amendments from the 5/16/2023 vouchers for approval:

May 16, 2023

General Fund

Vouchers

#364

#365

Total Payment

\$2,298.71

\$96.00

Total

\$35,845.88

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

Councilman Davenport

Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera

Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote

Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0; motion carried.

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>June 6, 2023</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#366-402	\$12,332.95
Highway Fund	V#148-162	\$11,863.16
High Falls Water District	V#53-58	\$8,227.55
RMC	V#	\$
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#	\$

A motion was made by Councilman Davenport and Seconded by Councilman Hunt 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; motion carried.

- Councilwoman Foote inquired what the Dana Blackmon voucher covered? Supervisor Parete explained that Dana Blackmon is the Special Prosecutor for the court.
- Councilman Hunt asked about the voucher for Town Clerk Moody and Moody explained that it covers her mileage from January to present plus certified mails, as the postage machine is not working right now.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION #56-2023; SET PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SAID PURCHASE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown Town Board, adopted the Marbletown Community Preservation Plan (“Plan”) in accordance with subdivision 6 of Section 6-s of the General Municipal Law, which Plan identifies the Osterhoudt Flats, Section Block and Lot #61.20-3-9.400 [hereinafter Osterhoudt Flats] as a priority for open space acquisition consistent with Town of Marbletown Local Law No. 5 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Section § 127-5 A. of Local law No. 5 of 2022 states that no interest or right in real property shall be acquired pursuant to this article until a public hearing is held as required by § 247 of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board recommended to the Town Board the acquisition of Osterhoudt Flats using funds from the Community Preservation Fund, and

WHEREAS, Osterhoudt Flats is now available for acquisition, but the Community Preservation Fund does not yet have sufficient funds to finance the acquisition of Osterhoudt Flats and other means of initially financing said parcel must be considered and utilized;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown set a public hearing on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1925 Lucas Avenue Cottekill, NY 12419 at 6:00 o’clock pm to hear public comments on the proposed acquisition by the Town of Marbletown of Oster-

houdu Flats consisting of 97.1 +/- acres of real property on Cooper Street in the Town of Marbletown being Section, Block and Lot #61.20-3-9.400 and also to receive public comments on the environmental significance of said proposed purchase.

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 #56-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete reminded everyone about the presentation on this property took place at the last town board meeting.

RESOLUTION #57-2023; APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Hunt

WHEREAS, Laura Anker has indicated a desire to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Laura Anker to the Historic Preservation Board to a term expiring on 12/31/2026.

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 #57-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Councilwoman Foote and Councilman LaFera both thanked Ms. Anker for volunteering. Councilman Hunt added his thanks to Ms. Anker for bringing her history expertise to the commission.

RESOLUTION #58-2023; WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF ULSTER

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

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “SLFRF”), with the goal of providing vital federal support to local governments as they address the negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, as a SLFRF recipient, desires to utilize a portion of these funds, to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including extending existing water supply system into the Hamlet of Stone Ridge (the “Property,” as further defined hereinafter); and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, desires to issue a subaward to the Town of Marbletown to assist with the cost to maintain, upgrade, and replace municipal water systems as these systems have a significant impact to the public at large; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has agreed to engage Marbletown, and Marbletown has agreed to contract with the County, to administer a subaward of the SLFRF for the purpose of expanding an existing water supply system in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached contract.

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 #58-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete took a moment to thank Eric Stewart, Ulster County Legislature, for helping push this through with the County.

RESOLUTION#59-2023; HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WORKER

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has a need for a part-time laborer, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Personnel has deemed Caiden Frey as an eligible employee, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Marbletown Town Board approves the hiring of Caiden Frey as a part time Laborer at a rate of \$21 an hour.

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 #59-2023 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #60-2023; CONTRACT WITH CSG FORTE PAYMENTS, INC.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, the Marbletown Town Board has determined card processing services would be a convenience for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the authority to authorize acceptance of payments by financial transaction devices (e.g. credit cards, debit cards); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that contracting with **CSG FORTE Payments, Inc.** for credit card processing is the most efficient and cost-effective means for the town to accept credit cards,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marbletown Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into attached agreement with CSG FORTE Payments, Inc. to provide payment processing services.

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 Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #60-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that the town would start taking credit cards and the whole thing will take a couple of weeks to get set up and the staff trained on it. The building department will have a device, the Youth & Rec will have a device and the Town Clerk's office will have 3, one for town clerk, one for the water district and one for taxes. The town website will have a link so residents will be able to click on that and make payments.
- Councilman Hunt asked if it would take PayPal and/or Venmo? Supervisor Parete responded he was not sure.

RESOLUTION #61-2023; PEST CONTROL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PESTMASTER, INC.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Davenport

WHEREAS, the Town has received a quote for Pest Control from PestMaster Inc. at 75 Lucas Ave. Kingston NY 12401, which has been attached; and

WHEREAS, RMC Building Joe La Fera has recommended that said quote of \$1,650 from PestMaster Inc. 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 PestMaster, 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 Aye

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #61-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that there has been an issues with rats and mice in the building and we need a service to assist with this and we have never had a professional service for this. There will be a one-time set-up fee and then a monthly fee which will be split between Marbletown and Rosendale.

OTHER BUSINESS :

- Supervisor Parete said that the new electric car for the town had been delivered. The building department will use it to go out on inspections. Parete thanked Tom Konrad for his help with getting the car.
- Supervisor Parete mentioned that the parade was a great success except some people expressed that they were upset that the parade went to the college instead of stopping at the Community Center. Councilman Hunt added that there were pros and cons to the new route, and maybe if it is at the college next year there could be a platform at the college for the speakers.
- Supervisor Parete announced that Carl Pezzino would be moving to Maine with his family and the town would greatly miss him. Parete thanked Mr. Pezzino for all work he had done on the Rail Trail along with the Rail Trail committee. Parete also mentioned there would be a going away party for Pezzino on June 11th at the Community Center.

- Councilman Hunt gave a brief update from the Youth & Rec Department; Summer camp has been filling up and there is a waiting list, summer staff has been hired and the baby/toddler time Music class with Monica Rose is working out. The new grounds person is working out great.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wendy Saul, resident and researcher by trade, has joined the Save our Community Center group when asked by Vivi. Would be happy to gather information and look into grants to support the effort. Saul asked if the Town Plan from 2005 could be updated? There is a grant that has a deadline of July 2023 but that would be too soon. Councilman LaFera mentioned that an engineer would put together a plan and request for proposals and they would look at the roof, drainage problems, and water in the basement. The town board will make the decisions once it has gone out for a bid. Councilman Hunt and Jill McLean did a nice report about usage and fees.
- Vivi Hlavsa, resident, asked the town board if there was an oversight committee for the Community Center. Supervisor Parete responded that there was a group, and they meet quarterly, and Councilman Hunt is the town board liaison for the Community Center.
- Bill Terpening, resident, submitted and read a written statement, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Terpening believes the Supervisor's involvement and vote to increase the term of office for the position of Town Supervisor, if not an actual conflict of interest but gave the appearance of a conflict of interest. Terpening asks the Town Board to reconsider and repeal this Local Law. The Municipal Home Rule Law in §26 allows for its repeal up to fifteen days prior to the election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 7:10pm Supervisor Parete made a motion to open an executive session, seconded by Councilman Davenport. 5-0; motion passed.
- The Town Board motions to enter into executive session for the purpose of
 - Personnel issue
 - Acquisition, lease or sale of real property.
- No votes were taken during the executive session.
- At 8:00pm Supervisor Parete 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 Councilman Hunt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector