



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

This regular meeting was held in person and began at 6:04pm

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy Town Clerk Cain took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present; arrival 6:11pm

Councilman LaFera – Present; arrival 6:10pm

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

Also, Present: Joyce Cain, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 6/20/2023 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Councilman Hunt requested to please remove the question mark by Wendy Saul's name. Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to amend the minutes and remove the question mark by Wendy Saul's name, 3-0; 2 absent (late arrivals).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Deputy Town Clerk Cain stated there were no amendments from the 6/20/2023 vouchers for approval:

Deputy Town Clerk Cain submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>July 18, 2023</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#450-518	\$141,896.50
Highway Fund	V#187-216	\$374,985.22
High Falls Water District	V#62-80	\$44,309.84
RMC	V#87-107	\$12,211.56
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.

- Councilman Hunt inquired about the Highway Fund amount and was told it was high due to the amount of asphalt bought for the summer paving projects.

RESOLUTION #67-2023; SUBMIT A CONSOLIDATED FUND APPLICATION (CFA) FOR ENGINEERING & DESIGN OF A SHARED SERVICES HIGHWAY GARAGE WITH THE TOWN OF ROSENDALE

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

WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale & Marbletown have the need for new Highway Garages; and

WHEREAS the Towns believe they can create one facility to house the needs of both Highway Departments; and

WHEREAS a shared Highway Garage is believed to save in the cost of construction and operation; and

WHEREAS, New York State offers a Local Government Efficiency Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, each Town has the ability to qualify for \$200,000.00 towards engineering design and implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to apply for the Local Government Efficiency Program Grant for the shared highway garage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon its passage by both the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale and the Town Board of 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 Aye

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #67-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated the grant is due July 28th and the decision by the state will be announced in December. Parete added that Rosendale and Marbletown could receive up to \$400,000, jointly, \$200,000 each. The money would go to design, architectural work, surveys, stormwater plans, utilities and some infrastructure for the project.
- Councilman LaFera added even if the state was not offering the grant it would be beneficial to consolidate for cost savings.

RESOLUTION #68-2023, SUPPORTING APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF OSTERHOUDT FLATS PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown is requesting financial aid from the State of New York to assist in funding for the purchase of the Osterhoudt Flats property, Section Block and Lot #61.20-3-9.400; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown is applying to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for funding through the Environmental Protection Fund, Parks Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown is applying for this funding source through the 2023 New York State Consolidated Funding Application Round; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application supports and advances the goals of the adopted Marbletown Community Preservation Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown does hereby approve and endorse the application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for funding through the Environmental Protection Fund, Parks Program activity for funding to help purchase Osterhoudt Flats, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said grant application and to sign such additional documents and to take such additional steps as may be necessary in an effort to secure said funding.

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>No</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>

4-1; Resolution #68-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Councilwoman Foote made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to amend the original resolution so that the resolution would read Marbletown Community Preservation Plan instead of Marbletown Preservation Plan. 4-1, resolution amended.

RESOLUTION#69-2023; LEASE RENEWAL WITH RVGA, INC. D/B/A RONDOUT VALLEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown own the Rondout Municipal Center (RMC), and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown currently have a lease with RVGA, Inc. d/b/a Rondout Valley Growers Association which is due for renewal.

WHEREAS, the twelve-month lease effective August 1, 2023 is \$4,724.13, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached lease agreement with RVGA, Inc. which has been attached and made a part hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon its passage by both the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale and the Town Board of 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 #69-2023 was thereupon adopted.

- Councilman Davenport suggested going forward to take a look at all leases, cost wise.

RESOLUTION #70-2023: CONTRACT WITH WORLD MANAGEMENT RESOURCES TO DISPOSE OF AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAM (AFFF) FROM THE FORMER MARBLETOWN FIRE HOUSE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilman LaFera
WHEREAS, the Marbletown Fire District dissolved on December 31, 2022, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown now owns the property and would like to list for sale, and
WHEREAS, the firehouse contains five, five-gallon buckets of Aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) that the town needs to remove, and
WHEREAS, World Management Resource PO Box 276 North Salem, NY 10560 will pack, transport, and dispose of all buckets of AFFF, and
RESOLVED, the Town Board of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached agreement with World Management Resource for \$3,239.

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 #70-2023 was thereupon adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS :

- Councilman Davenport brought up the subject of leash mandates on the rail trail and asked the Board and audience members to remind people that dogs are to be leashed on the Rail Trail. Councilman LaFera pointed out that the town has a leash law. Parete questioned how we could enforce this going forward. Maybe we hire someone to walk the trails to enforce.
- Supervisor Parete distributed an assessment letter from Peak Engineering pertaining to a visual building assessment of the Marbletown Fire House. The conclusion of the assessment finds the Marbletown Fire House to be structurally sound and stable.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Charles Merguerian, resident, brought up the subject of providing some signage at the parking areas on the rail trail regarding leashing dogs on the trail.
- Stuart Leigh, resident, asked about bathing beach quality. Is there current interest in a bathing beach in Marbletown? Leigh added he called Jill McLean to discuss further. Leigh asked if it was because of geese feces or is it also septic that makes the bacteria levels too high? Mr. Leigh provided pictures and documents to the board pertaining to a survey and an application for water quality projects.
- Naomi Claudio, resident, who is speaking on behalf of Vivi Hvlasa and that Hvlasa is against removing the monuments from the Community Center.
- Laura Cunningham, resident, read and submitted a public comment, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Cunningham does not want the memorials removed from the Community Center and moved to the Stone Ridge Fire House.
- Claudine Brenner, resident, does not want the monuments moved to the Stone Ridge Fire House.
- Nina Shengold, resident, does not want the monument moved. River trail.
- At the end of the meeting a petition titled "Do Not Move Veteran's Monuments from Community Center" was handed to Deputy Clerk Cain.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Joyce Cain
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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