



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 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 Hunt lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present; arrive 6:08pm

Councilman LaFera – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments on the resolutions.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 10/3/2023 4-0 Aye, 1 Absent; motion carried.
- Councilman Hunt made a friendly amendment to correct the spelling of Councilman LaFera's name on page one of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody stated there were no amendments to the vouchers submitted on October 3, 2023

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>October 17, 2023,</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#683-725	\$38,744.13
Highway Fund	V#283-307	\$41,438.50
High Falls Water District	V#111-114	\$520.52
RMC	V#146-167	\$23,990.58
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#	\$

A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and Seconded by Councilwoman Foote 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 Aye
4-0, 1 absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE TAX CAP

- At 6:03pm a motion was made by Councilman LaFera, seconded by Councilman Davenport to open the public hearing on the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Cap 4-0 Aye, 1 absent motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated Town Clerk Moody had legally noticed the public hearing in the Daily Freeman on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The legal notice as also posted on the town website and the Town Clerk's Community Board.
- At 6:05pm there being no more comments or questions on the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Cap, Councilman Davenport seconded by Councilman LaFera to close the public hearing on the proposed local law, 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.
- 6:08pm Councilwoman Foote arrived at the meeting.

RESOLUTION #90-2023, A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilman Davenport
WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown, New York authorizing a public hearing to be held by the Town Board on October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024", and
WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly advertised in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the official newspaper of said Town on October 8, 2023; and
WHEREAS, the public hearing was duly held on the 17th day of October 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board having determined that all parties entitled to notice have been duly given notice thereof; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the Town Board hereby determines that adoption of this proposed Local Law is a Type II action which would not have a significant effect upon the environment; and
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, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #91-2023, CANCELING NOVEMBER 7, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING AND RESCHEDULING FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman LaFera
WHEREAS, Town of Marbletown Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown would like to have a public hearing on the 2024 Town and High Falls Water District Budgets, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown cancels the Town

Board meeting on Tuesday November 7th, 2023 and schedules a town board meeting for Monday November 6, 2023 at 6PM.

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, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #92-2023, SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 FINAL BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has prepared a tentative budget for the year 2024 that was submitted to the Town Board and the Town Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law Sec. 108, must have a public hearing on or before the Thursday immediately following the general election, and a notice of such public hearing must be published at least once in the Town's official newspaper at least five days before the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on the 2024 preliminary budget of the Supervisor shall be held at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 6, 2023, at which time the preliminary budget shall be made available for inspection by interested persons, upon passage of this resolution.
2. The proposed salaries of the Town Board members, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Justices, and the Town Superintendent of Highways are listed below:

TOWN BOARD (4 @ \$7,350)	\$29,400
SUPERVISOR	\$37,500
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$57,905
TOWN JUSTICE (2 @ \$18,000)	\$36,000
TOWN CLERK	\$57,000
TAX COLLECTOR	\$5,750

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, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #93-2023, SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 FINAL HIGH FALLS WATER BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has prepared a Tentative High Falls Water District budget for the year 2024 and submitted it to the Town Board and the Town Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law Sec. 108, must have a public hearing on or before the Thursday immediately following the general election, and a notice of such public hearing must be published at least once in the Town's official newspaper at least five days before the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on the 2024 preliminary budget High Falls Water District Budget of the Supervisor shall be held at the Town Hall at 6:05 p.m. on Monday November 6, 2023 at which time the preliminary budget shall be made available for inspection by interested persons, upon passage of this resolution.

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, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #94-2023, BOUNDARY SURVEY AGREEMENT WITH MEDENBACH AND EGGERS

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

WHEREAS, the Town Marbletown would like to have the Marbletown Fire House surveyed, and

WHEREAS, Medenbach and Eggers of 4305 US Highway 209, Stone Ridge New York 12484 has presented such agreement to the town of Marbletown, and

WHEREAS, Medenbach and Eggers has provided a quote of \$2,500, said contract which is attached hereto and made of part hereof, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign said agreement on behalf 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, motion carried.

2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET : (This information was also provided in the minutes from the 10/3/23 minutes)

- Supervisor Parete stated the tentative budget is available and also provided a summary sheet for the 2024 tentative budget:

2024 Town of Marbletown Budget Summary

	Taxes 2023	Taxes 2024	Increase
General	\$731,992	\$744,259	1.67% (\$12,267)
Highway	\$1,509,000	\$1,566,000	3.77% (\$57,000)
Ambulance District	\$260,500	\$369,500	41.84% (\$109,000)
Fire Protection District 1	\$59,780	\$59,780	0
Fire Protection 2	\$20,000	\$20,000	0
High Falls Water	\$10,400	\$10,400	0
Total	\$2,591,672	\$2,769,939	6.88% (\$178,267)
General/Highway	\$2,240,992	\$2,310,259	3.09% (\$69,267)
Per 1000	Tax Rate 2023	Tax Rate 2024	

General	.6993	.7028
Highway	1.4449	1.4789
Ambulance District	.2270	.3178
Fire Protection District 1	.3647	.3611
Fire Protection 2	.4742	.3940
High Falls Water	.2235	.2122

\$400,000 Assessment	2023	2024	Difference +/-
General	\$279.74	\$281.12	+\$1.38
Highway	\$577.96	\$591.56	+\$13.60
Ambulance District	\$90.80	\$127.12	+\$36.32
Fire Protection District 1	\$145.88	\$144.44	-\$1.44
Fire Protection 2	\$189.68	\$157.60	-\$32.08
High Falls Water	\$89.40	\$84.88	-\$4.52

- Supervisor Parete pointed out that general taxes will go up 1.67% and the Highway will go up 3.77%. The ambulance district is going up 41.84%, adding that the past two years the town has taken money out of the reserves to cover some of the cost. It will be approximately \$51.30 more this year in taxes, for a property of \$400,000.

OTHER BUSINESS :

- Councilman Hunt stated that the Community Preservation Committee met this month and discussed the purchase of the Osterhoudt property.
- Councilman Hunt mentioned that the Youth and Recreation Department has been very busy, and they hope to use the probation program for help on the rail trail.
- Supervisor Parete announced that they have found a company to install the new water meters in High Falls. They hope to start the installations later in November. Attorney Mary Lou Christiana is reviewing the contract right now. Letters will go out to the residents and appointments will be set up for the company to go into the homes to install the meters.
- Councilman Hunt said that three 'Notification of Adult-Use Dispensary License Applications' were received from local people. Hunt reminded the board that the town has 30 days to comment, or we can ask for a 30-day extension. Attorney Kellogg added that we should ask for the 30-day extension. Supervisor Parete said they would work on a letter in the next couple of days. Councilman Davenport said he would like to discuss with Ted Fink around the zoning laws.
- Supervisor Parete stated that the town would be participating in the Trunk or Treat at the RMC on Oct. 27th and that trick or treaters will be welcome at the town offices on Halloween afternoon.
- Supervisor Parete mentioned the town was applying for a grant to hire a Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station. If the grant is awarded it would pay 50% of the salary of a recycling coordinator. This would help in bringing new programs to town. We could have our own Household Hazardous Day, composting program and more services the transfer station. Councilman Hunt brought up the subject of the free table at the transfer station. Councilman LaFera said we should be selective about what is on the tree table. Councilman Davenport asked about the liability of the town if someone gets hurt by a tool or an item they get at the free table.
- Supervisor Parete announced that the state is giving the towns the option to decide whether to include IRA distributions as part of the income for retired residents. Parete spoke with Jeremy Baraca, Assessor, and he recommends we don't allow that for exemptions. Parete said there would be further discussion.
- Supervisor Parete spoke with Scott Davis, town engineer, and he hopes to have his report on the Community Center ready in a couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wendy Saul, resident, thanks Councilman LaFera for the help with the grant she is writing for roof work at the community center.
- Vivi Hlsava, resident, handed in a check to Town Clerk Moody which was a contribution towards the repair work at the Community Center.
- Bill Terpening, resident, had several questions about the budget. He asked specifically about certain lines on the budget, which were the salaries for the Supervisor, the Bookkeeper, the town accountant, the deputy town clerks, the Human Resources, the building department, grounds & maintenance, and youth and recreation. Supervisor Parete took the time and went over the salaries and what the lines on the budget represented.
- Christine Herbes Sommers, resident, asked about who makes the decision to hire certain contractors? Supervisor Parete responded that the town board is making the decision and there is a process.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Davenport 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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