



## **Town Board Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and Councilman Hunt lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman LaFera – Present (arrived 6:04pm)

Councilman Davenport – Absent

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

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

Supervisor Parete took a moment to recognize Will Husta, who recently passed away. Parete said Will was a great guy and had been on the ZBA for many years and did a lot for the town. Parete added that tonight's meeting would be in honor of Will. Councilman Hunt added that Will was a leader in the town and did a lot of work on the Town Comprehensive Plan and he'll be missed.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve the meeting minutes from 12/19/2023 4-0 Aye 1 absent; motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Laura Cunningham, resident and 4-year member of the Historic Preservation Commission. Cunningham said it was a great privilege to have served on the HPC. She received an email from Supervisor Parete stating she would not be reappointed. Cunningham mentioned that she recommended Denise Fryburg for the commission also. Cunningham is upset she was not reappointed.
- Bill Terpening, resident, said shame on you Rich.
- Jill Obrig, resident, stated Laura Cunningham is an incredible asset to the HPC and added the by-laws say there can be up to 9 members.
- Claudine Brenner, resident, stated she is hopeful that Laura Cunningham can continue on the HPC.
- Naomi Claudio, resident, said that Laura Cunningham is an energetic person needed in this town.
- Mary Connely, resident, agrees with what everyone has been saying.

### **RESOLUTION #1-2024; ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**WHEREAS, Town of Marbletown 2024 – Organizational Meeting; Meetings, Appointments, etc.**

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

1. Official Town Board Meetings:

Town Board Meetings, First and Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill NY.

Planning Board meetings and ZBA meetings schedules attached.

2. Official Newspaper: Daily Freeman and Shawangunk Journal
3. Official Bank: Bank of Greene County
4. Engineers for the Town: Brinnier and Larios, Peak Engineering, Clark, Patterson & Lee, Walden Environmental Engineering
5. Deputy Town Clerks: Joyce Cain, Laura Brown, and Michelle Solcberg
6. Deputy Supervisor: Daisy Foote
7. Deputy Highway Superintendent: Scott Hikade
8. Procurement Policy/Ethics Policy 2024: attached separately.
9. Accountant: Brian Pickard
10. Town Board Liaisons; Attached
11. Confidential Bookkeeper: Brinn Dimler
12. Historian; Gail Many
13. Petty Cash: Town Clerk \$100, Youth and Rec \$75 and Highway \$100
14. Town Health Insurance Carrier: MVP, Dental CDPHP, Eye; Eye-med, VSP
15. Attorneys for the Town: Tracy Kellogg, Mary Lou Christiana, James Bacon, and Paul Kellar
16. Representative to High Falls Water District: Don Lafera
17. Mileage reimbursement: IRS authorized **\$.67** per mile.

Pursuant to Town Law, resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby authorizes and delegates to the Town Supervisor powers and duties of day-to-day administration and supervision of all town and special district facilities and employees consistent with and in furtherance of any and all state and federal laws applicable thereto and with any and all local laws, resolutions and policies heretofore or hereafter adopted by the Town Board.

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #1-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated nothing has really changed on this resolution from last year except for the mileage rate. Parete added that the town board liaisons will remain the same as last year.

#### **RESOLUTION #2-2024; HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the attached are the official Holidays for the Town of Marbletown

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown does adopt the following Holiday Schedule.

#### **2024 TOWN OF MARBLETOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1st
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day	Monday, February 19th
Good Friday	Friday, March 29th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27th
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4th

Labor Day	Monday, September 2nd
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Election Day	Tuesday, November 5th
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28th
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29th
Christmas Eve Day	Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25th

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #2-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said that the holidays have not changed, they are actually contractual with the Union.

### **RESOLUTION #3-2024 TOWN OF MARBLETOWN ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY**

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown Adopts the elected salary schedule for 2024.

#### **Supervisor's Office**

*Richard Parete, Supervisor* **\$ 44,500.00yr**

#### **Town Board**

*Donald LaFera* **\$ 7850.00yr**

*Ken Davenport* **\$ 7850.00yr**

*Daisy Foote* **\$ 7850.00yr**

*Tim Hunt* **\$ 7850.00yr**

#### **Town Clerk's Office**

*Heather Moody, Town Clerk* **\$ 57,000yr**

*Heather Moody, Tax Collector* **\$ 5750.00yr**

#### **Justice Court**

*Claudia Davenport, Justice* **\$ 18,000.00yr**

*Larry Menekes, Justice* **\$ 18,000.00yr**

#### **Highway Department**

*Lou Cardinale, Highway Superintendent* **\$ 57,905.12yr**

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #3-2024 was thereupon adopted.

## **RESOLUTION #4-2024 TOWN OF MARBLETOWN NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman LaFera  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown  
Adopts the non-elected Official salary schedule for 2024, Attached Separately.  
All salaries listed are annual unless otherwise noted.

### **2024 Salary Schedule**     *Bold and Italics= Elected Position*

#### **Supervisor's Office**

<b><i>Richard Parete, Supervisor</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 44,500.00/yr</i></b>
Richard Parete, Budget Officer	\$ 6,000.00/yr
Brinn Dimler, Bookkeeper	\$ 52,065.00/yr + \$2000/yr stipend
Daisy Foote, Deputy Town Supervisor	\$ 2,000.00/yr
Virginia Kucharik, Acct. Clerk	\$ 24.36/hr.

#### **Town Board**

<b><i>Donald LaFera</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 7,850.00/yr</i></b>
<b><i>Kenneth Davenport</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 7,850.00/yr</i></b>
<b><i>Daisy Foote</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 7,850.00/yr</i></b>
<b><i>Timothy Hunt</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 7,850.00/yr</i></b>

#### **Town Clerk's Office**

<b><i>Heather Moody, Town Clerk</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 57,000.00/yr</i></b>
<b><i>Heather Moody, Tax Collector</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 5,750.00/yr</i></b>
Heather Moody, Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1000.00/yr
Joyce Cain, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1000.00/yr.
Joyce Cain, Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 23.40/hr. + \$2000/yr stipend
Laura Brown, Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 21.98/hr. + \$1000/yr stipend
Michelle Solcberg, Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 22.90/hr + \$100.00/week stipend

#### **Justice Court**

<b><i>Claudia Davenport, Justice</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 18,000.00/yr</i></b>
<b><i>Lawrence Menkes, Justice</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 18,000.00/yr</i></b>
Marykate Moylan, Clerk to Justice F/T(appointed)	\$ 24.09/hr.
Theresa Cain, Clerk to Justice P/T (appointed)	\$ 20.35/hr.
Jeffery Ashdown, Court Officer	\$ 84.00/session
Anthony Meoli, Court Officer	\$ 84.00/session
Christopher Simmons, Court Officer	\$ 84.00/session

#### **Assessor's Office**

Jeremy Baracca, Assessor	\$ 27,779.16/yr
Melissa Wright, Assessor's Aide	\$ 23.30/hr

#### **Building/Safety**

David Allen, MCO, Bldg. Insp.	\$ 34.71/hr.
Annette Intravaia, Clerk	\$ 26.45/hr
Amanda Carlson, Clerk	\$ 21.24/hr.
Juliette Daniels-Stokes	\$ 20.74/hr
Shawn Marks, Municipal Code Assistant	\$ 27.85/hr

#### **Planning/Zoning**

Shawn Marks, Secretary to Planning/Zoning	\$ 27.85/hr
Amanda Carlson, Secretary ZBA	\$ 21.24/hr

#### **Youth & Recreation**

Jill McLean, Recreation Director	\$ 29.63/hr.
Jessica Phelan, Asst. Recreation Director	\$ 22.42/hr.

Amber VanWagenen Rec Att./Cleaner	\$ 19.12/hr
Jeremiah Brown, Groundskeeper II	\$ 23.35/hr

### **Transfer Station**

Jeffrey Anderson, Solid Waste Attendant	\$ 20.68/hr.
Alexander Kahan, Solid Waste Attendant	\$ 19.12/hr

### **Other Departments**

Jill Shufeldt, Dog Warden	\$ 228.80/wk
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### **Highway Department**

***Louis Cardinale, Highway Superintendent \$ 57,905.12/yr***

Sara Jasinski, Secretary to Highway Supr.	\$ 21.35/hr.
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#### **Union Contract Base Rates (includes Longevity)**

Kenneth Carlson, HMEO	\$ 30.55/hr.
William Countryman, HMEO	\$ 30.55/hr.
Jeffery Greer, HMEO	\$ 29.55/hr.
Scott Hikade, Working Supervisor	\$ 32.37/hr. + \$3,000 Deputy Supr.
Jason Kolodziejski	\$ 29.55/hr.
Christopher Newkirk, HMEO	\$ 31.05/hr.
Douglas North, HMEO	\$ 30.55/hr.
Donald O'Connor, HMEO	\$ 30.05/hr.
Michael Polinsky, Laborer	\$ 24.00/hr
Mark Naccarato, Laborer	\$ 24.00/hr
Ryan Hornbeck, Laborer	\$ 24.00/hr

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>Absent</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>

**4-0; 1 absent; Resolution #4-2024 was thereupon adopted.**

- Supervisor Parete stated this list is the entire staff and their salaries.

### **RESOLUTION #5-2024 APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD**

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

**WHEREAS**, John Farrar have served on the Planning Board as an alternate and indicated a desire to be appointed as a permanent member, and

**WHEREAS**, Amalia Graziani is willing to serve on the Planning Board as an alternate and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints John Farrar to the Planning Board for a term to expire on 12/31/2030 and Amalia Graziani as alternate member of the Planning Board for a term to expire 12/31/2025.

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>Absent</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Supervisor Parete                      Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #5-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said Ilan Bachrach stepped down from the Planning Board and Joh Farrar will serve now. Parete added Amalia Graziani has shown interest in the planning board and it's nice to have new people involved.

#### **RESOLUTION #6-2024 PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, Max Stratton is currently Chair of the Planning Board, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Max Stratton to the position of Planning Board Chairman for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

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 Absent

Councilman Lafera              Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote          Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt                Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete              Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #6-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said they were happy to reappoint Max Stratton and has been doing a great job.

#### **RESOLUTION #7-2024 APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Nilsen is currently a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Birdsall is currently an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown reappoints Andrew Nilsen to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring December 31, 2028, and Nancy Birdsall as alternate member for a term to expire 12/31/2025.

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 Absent

Councilman Lafera              Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote          Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt                Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete              Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #7-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said Andrew Nilsen had been on the ZBA for seven years and would like to be reappointed.

#### **RESOLUTION #8-2024 APPOINTMENT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, Tom Smiley is currently Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Tom Smiley to the position of Zoning Board Chairman for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

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 Absent

Councilman Lafera        Voting Aye  
Councilwoman Foote       Voting Aye  
Councilman Hunt         Voting Aye  
Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution **#8-2024** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said they are glad have Tom Smiley staying on as the chairman.

#### **RESOLUTION #9-2024 APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown Town Board passed Local Law #2 of 2021 on April 20, 2021, known as the Code of Ethics, and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law #2 established a five-member Board of Ethics who shall render advisory opinions and shall make recommendations to the Town Board as to any amendments to the Code of Ethics, and

**WHEREAS**, Jenn Doll is currently a member of the Board of Ethics, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown reappoint Jenn Doll to the Board of Ethics for a term ending 12/31/2028.

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 Absent  
Councilman Lafera        Voting Aye  
Councilwoman Foote       Voting Aye  
Councilman Hunt         Voting Aye  
Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution **#9-2024** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said Jenn Doll is a current member and Vice Chair and a really solid board member.

#### **RESOLUTION #10-2024 APPOINTMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**WHEREAS**, Bill Merchant is a member of the Marbletown Historic Preservation Board, and has indicated a desire to be reappointed to a four (4) year term, and

**WHEREAS**, Denise Fryeburg and Pat Sheeley have indicated a desire to serve, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Bill Merchant, Denise Fryeburg and Pat Sheeley to the Historic Preservation Board for a term expiring on 12/31/2027.

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 Absent  
Councilman Lafera        Voting Aye  
Councilwoman Foote       Voting Aye  
Councilman Hunt         Voting Aye  
Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution **#10-2024** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated they will make some changes to the HPC and are adding a couple new people.
- Councilman Hunt added the town board had received a letter from the Commission supporting the reinstatement of Laura Cunningham.

- Councilman LaFera asked how many properties have been landmarked? LaFera added he would like to see the commission be more proactive.

### **RESOLUTION #11-2024 APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

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

**WHEREAS**, an Advisory Board was established to review and make recommendations on proposed acquisitions of interests in real property using monies from the Fund., and

**WHEREAS**, Adam Liebowitz is currently a member of the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown reappoint Adam Liebowitz to the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board for a term to expire 12/31/2030.

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #11-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete added that Adam is a current member and has done a good job working with the Open Space Institute.
- Councilwoman Foote added Adam has great ideas.

### **RESOLUTION #12-2024 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN TO ENTER IN TO A CONTRACT WITH THE ULSTER COUNTY SPCA FOR THE CARE AND BOARDING OF CANINES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown has a need to house some of the canines that are found to be strays throughout Marbletown; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ulster County SPCA (UCSPCA) maintains a kennel for the housing of canines that come into the custody of the Municipal Dog Control Officer (DCO); and

**WHEREAS**, the UCSPCA will designate one (1) kennel for the Town of Marbletown dogs and will be available to the Municipality pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached contract agreement with the Ulster County SPCA effective January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #12-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said we have had the same contract now with the SPCA for about six years and there should be no foreseeable changes.



### **RESOLUTION #13-2024; SHARED SERVICES FOR THE RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown and the Town of Rosendale are parties to an Inter-Municipal Agreement, which agreement sets forth the cooperative arrangement under which the Towns shall use, maintain, and operate the Rondout Municipal Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Marbletown has an opportunity to share services with the Town of Rosendale for the positions of Building Manager and Cleaner, the employees performing these duties are employees of the Town of Rosendale and these positions are equally shared between the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown; and

**WHEREAS**, the following positions are employed by the Town of Rosendale and work a portion of their time for the Rondout Municipal Center: Building & Grounds Maintenance, Bookkeeper and Clerks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Marbletown will reimburse the Town of Rosendale for fifty percent (50%) of the salary and all benefits along with a \$1500 yearly stipend for emergency on-call services for the position of Building Manager and fifty percent (50%) of the salary and all benefits for the position of Cleaner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Marbletown will reimburse the Town of Rosendale Highway Department fifty percent (50%) of hourly rate and all benefits for maintenance and repairs that are performed by the Town of Rosendale employees for the Rondout Municipal Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rosendale and the Town of Marbletown will reimburse each other fifty percent (50%) of hourly rate and benefits for any outside maintenance that is performed by the other Town at Rondout Municipal Center including plowing, mowing, etc.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Marbletown and the Town of Rosendale will reimburse each other 50% for all stipends for clerks doing work for RMC; 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 and shall be effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #13-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said this is the same as last year.

### **RESOLUTION #14-2024; SHARED SERVICES FOR SAFETY OFFICERS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown has an opportunity to share services with the Town of Rosendale for the positions of Safety Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rosendale will provide Safety Officers to be paid by the Town of Rosendale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety Officers will be paid the following salary:

Dorene Whitaker - \$ 5,783 per year

Michael Williams - \$ 2,025 per year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown will cover one half of the salaries, taxes, bookkeeping and payroll related costs and reimburse the Town of Rosendale for one half of office materials and supplies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown will budget up to \$300 for Safety Officer to be called to emergencies and attend quarterly meetings, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Marbletown shall reimburse the Town of Rosendale for Shared Safety Officer Services as stated above from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall become effective upon its approval 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 Absent

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #14-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said this agreement is the same as last year, adding that the stipend did go up 2% for both Williams and Whitaker.
- Supervisor Parete reminded everyone that the Marbletown employees now take the training online and the seasonal workers will go through training with Whitaker.

#### **RESOLUTION #15-2024; HIGH FALLS WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' SALARIES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown jointly operate the High Falls Water District; and **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to set forth and agree to matters relating to the employment of those individuals who will perform work on behalf of the High Falls Water District, and to establish the funding for the work they perform.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The High Falls Water District shall reimburse the Town of Rosendale a sum equal to thirty-three and one third (33.3%) of all payroll expenses and benefits for the Town of Rosendale employees who maintain and operate the Rosendale Water District, the Rosendale Sewer District and the High Falls Water District in the positions of Water & Sewer Superintendent of Special Projects, Water & Sewer Operator and Water & Sewer Trainees, who shall be an employee of the Town of Rosendale.
2. The High Falls Water District shall reimburse the Town of Marbletown for Water Clerk eight thousand and ninety-nine dollars (\$ 8,260.00) per year.
3. The High Falls Water District shall reimburse the Town of Rosendale the sum of one thousand twenty dollars (\$1,200.00) for Payroll and Bookkeeping and shall reimburse the Town of Marbletown six thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars (\$6,891.00) for Bookkeeping expenses.
4. The High Falls Water District will pay 1/3 of the monthly invoice for Environmental Consultants, LLC, and any additional costs relating to the High Falls Water District as per contract.
5. The High Falls Water District will cover thirty-three and one third percent (33.3%) of the cost for vehicles and cell phones.

**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 and shall be effective January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

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 Absent

Councilman Lafera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt            Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

4-0; 1 absent; Resolution #15-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said the water meter replacement project would be starting soon and that will be a big part of the job for Joyce Cain this year.

#### **RESOLUTION #16-2024; SHARED SERVICES FOR ASSESSOR OFFICE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown and the Town of Rosendale are parties to an Inter-Municipal Agreement, which agreement sets forth the cooperative arrangement under which the Towns shall use, maintain and operate the Rondout Municipal Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Rosendale has an opportunity to share services with the Town of Marbletown for the position of Assessor Clerk and that the employee performing this duty is an employee of the Town of Marbletown and this position is equally shared between the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown, and

**WHEREAS**, Marbletown and Rosendale will share certain office expenses, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rosendale will reimburse the Town of Mar-  
bletown for fifty percent (50%) of the salary and all benefits for the position of Assessor Clerk, 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 and shall be effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

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 Absent

Councilman Lafera        Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote      Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt         Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

4-0; 1 absent; Resolution #16-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete said Melissa Wright, Marbletown employee is taking care of Rosendale residents too and she is paid 50% Rosendale and 50% Marbletown. Parete added this is a great example of shared services.

#### **RESOLUTION #17-2024; AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY LAW § 284 AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board and the Superintendent of Highways are required by Highway Law § 284 to enter into a written agreement stating the places and way the Highway Fund appropriations for repairs and improvements are to be expended; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the estimate submitted by the Highway Superintendent, the Highway Superintendent has submitted a proposed Highway Law Section 284 Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent will prepare an Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024, for general repairs and primary work, and permanent improvements subject to limitations set by NYS Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves said Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds therefore, the Town Supervisor and at least two other Town Board Members are authorized and directed to execute said Agreement as required by law in substantially the same form as annexed hereto.

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>Absent</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>

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution **#17-2024** was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete pointed out and introduced Lou Cardinale the new Highway Superintendent. Parete stated this agreement authorizes Lou Cardinale to spend money.

**RESOLUTION #18-2024; ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MARBLETOWN ZONING LAW CHAPTER 200-5 ZONING MAP**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown is considering adoption of an amendments to Town of Mar-bletown Zoning Map, previously enacted and adopted pursuant to Section 200-5 of the Town Code of the Town of Mar-bletown, in the Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown is the owner of certain real property situated within the Town of Marbletown located at 535 North Marbletown Road and bearing Tax Assessment Map designation SBL 62.1-3-6 (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the existing zoning of the Property on the Zoning Map of the Town of Marbletown (“Zoning Map”) is R-1 Residence District and such property consists of the former Marbletown Fire Districts’s vacant building that housed the District’s fire engines and equipment and the Property includes a parking area for maneuvering such engines and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Town Board declared the property as surplus and no longer needed for firefighting purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, access to a public highway from the Property is limited to North Marbletown Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the property contains a former firehouse and such non-residential use has been the only use made of the site since at least 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is located in North Marbletown is located generally in a hamlet where both residential and non-residential uses can be found including directly adjoining the subject parcel to the North and the Northeast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Comprehensive Plan recommends North Marbletown as a location suitable for a diversification of uses including additional businesses to realize the Town Comprehensive Plan’s goals to encourage business and service uses in the existing hamlets, including North Marbletown; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has called for a public hearing for the purpose of hearing from the community on the Zoning Map change for the parcel from R-1 Residence to B-2 Highway Business.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Marbletown shall hold a public hearing on February 6, 2024, at 6:00 o’clock P.M. at the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, 12419 to hear all interested parties on the proposed 2024 Town Plan Update; and
2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town, on January 27, 2024, which is not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing.

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>Absent</u>
Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Councilman Hunt            Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #18-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated the town board would like to change the zoning for the property of the former Marbletown Fire District from R-1 Residence to B-2 Highway Business. There will be a public hearing and this local law will be forwarded to the Ulster County Planning Board and the town Planning Board.
- Supervisor Parete put the referral to the Ulster County Planning Board to the town board for a vote and 4-0, aye, 1 absent.
- Supervisor Parete put the referral to the Marbletown Planning Board to the town board for a vote and 4-0, aye, 1 absent.

**RESOLUTION #19-2024; CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY**  
**PROPOSED CHAPTER 200 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

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

**Name of Action:**        Town of Marbletown Zoning Map Amendment

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown is considering adoption of an amendment to Chapter 200-5 of the Town Code in the Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, a Part 1 Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) dated 12/21/23 was prepared and is on file with the Town Clerk, addressing initial compliance with the requirements of SEQR by describing the proposed action and its setting; and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the thresholds contained in 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 5, the Town Board reviewed the thresholds for Type I and Type II actions and has determined that the proposed action to adopt the proposed Zoning Map Amendment is an Unlisted Action because it does not meet the thresholds found in 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(4) and (5); and

**WHEREAS**, after examining the EAF, the Town Board has determined that there are no other involved and/or federal agencies on this matter since no other agency has approval authority with respect to the proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, other agencies with advisory review responsibilities or interests, but not authority to approve the Zoning Map Amendment, includes the Town Planning Board and Ulster County Planning Board and such agencies will be provided with copies of the proposed Zoning Map Amendments and all SEQR documents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the review of this action as it is the only involved agency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Determination of Significance will be made at such time as all reasonably necessary information has been received by the Town Board to enable it to determine whether the action will or will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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 Absent

Councilman LaFera        Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote      Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt         Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete        Voting Aye

**4-0**; 1 absent; Resolution #19-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form with the town board, and all were in favor, 4-0 aye, 1 absent.

### **TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK UPDATE:**

- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Moody reported that her office has received the 204 tax bills and they had been batched and were all mailed on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If people do not receive their bill by Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> they should call the office to request another copy.

### **OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Parete announced that the Town had been awarded the grant for the Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station. Parete added that it will be a full-time job and they will be doing training in the schools and helping to expand our recycling programs in town. 50% of the benefits will be reimbursed. This job will be approximately \$25.00, and they will oversee the employees at the transfer station. This is a one-year grant, and we'll reapply. Councilman LaFera said this is great and we need more grants!
- Councilwoman Foote said the Preservation Advisory Board hopes to apply for another grant.
- Councilwoman Foote said she had read through the Comprehensive Town Plan and saw a few places that will need to be updated, for instance the census numbers.
- Councilman Hunt said he had received an update from Youth and Recreation Director, Jill McLean about the usage of the Community Center. Hunt added that the revenue that was brought in last year was approximately \$56,000 between summer camp, Pickleball and rentals at the Community Center.
- Supervisor Parete said that the town had received a few applications for the new Youth and Recreation Commission, and we hope to get people on board starting in February.
- Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, gave a quick update on the CEC grant and the progress the town has made. Konrad asked if a couple town board members could assist him. Councilwoman Foote and Councilman LaFera offered to assist Konrad on the grant. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the grant.
- Councilman Hunt took a moment to thank Laura Cunningham for her service on the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman LaFera; 4-0 Aye, 1 absent; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector