



**Town Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:00pm

Present: Supervisor Michael Warren and Town Board members Doug Adams and Tim Sweeney

Absent: Pat Clarke and Joe Borzumato

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Tom Konrad; ECC Chairperson, and Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to all those in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, to approve the meeting minutes from 5/16/2017. 4-0 Aye, Councilwoman Clarke absent, motion carried. Supervisor Warren directed Town Clerk Moody to post the approved meeting minutes on the town website.

#37-2017; RESOLUTION TOWN OF MARBLETOWN COURT – CASH AUDIT

WHEREAS, Brian Pickard has conducted the cash accounts of the Marbletown Town Court; and

WHEREAS, the audit also verified that the Town Justices are current in their reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the TSLE&D program and their handling of their cases; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Marbletown Court records of all departments appear correct and there are no adjustments necessary.

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Warren seconded by Councilman Sweeney to wit:

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tim Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Michael Warren	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Doug Adams	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Joe Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Pat Clarke	Voting <u>Absent</u>

3-0 Aye, Councilwoman Clarke and Councilman Borzumato absent, motion carried.

#38-2017; RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TO THE ECC

WHEREAS, The ECC has member openings and has made a recommendation that Clare Flemming be appointed to a term on the ECC.

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the authority to appoint as recommended by the Chairman of the Environmental Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Clare Flemming being recommended by the ECC is hereby appointed to a starting date of June 6, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2019 and was approved unanimously by the ECC.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Adams, seconded by Supervisor Warren to wit:

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tim Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Michael Warren	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Doug Adams	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Joe Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Pat Clarke	Voting <u>Absent</u>

3-0 Aye, Councilwoman Clarke and Councilman Borzumato absent, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 39-2017; MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S SAIL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO MAINTAIN CLEAN WATER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

WHEREAS in 1970 Pete Seeger and the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* helped turn the tide in favor of enacting the 1972 Clean Water Act by sailing the *Clearwater* to Washington, DC and organizing an historic Capitol Hill forum on the need for federal clean water protections, where Seeger said,

“The problems of the American Rivers can’t be solved by people . . . who live on them. Only the Federal Government has the power to enact and enforce the laws that are needed;” and

WHEREAS the Hudson River and many American waterways are much cleaner and safer as a result of the implementation of the Clean Water Act, as well as other state and national environment protection legislation and regulations; and

WHEREAS issues of serious water pollution still plague communities from Flint, Michigan to the City of Newburgh or the Village of Hoosic Falls in New York; and

WHEREAS a clean, safe and healthy environment is foundational for a strong economy; and

WHEREAS existing federal clean water protections, have recently been rolled back or are coming under threat from many quarters, including:

- Using the Congressional Review Act to undo the Stream Protection Rule, which previously protected waterways from surface coal mining pollution;
- Using the EPA rulemaking process to “repeal and replace” the Waters of the United States Rule, which extended Clean Water Act protections to 60% of U.S. streams and 20 million acres of wetlands, and these waters and wetlands will soon lose those protections if the Rule is undone;
- Proposed 31% cuts to EPA funding, including, among other things: a 45% cut in Categorical Grants to states for water protection programs; elimination of the \$427 million funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other regional programs; a total estimated cut of \$1 billion in Office of Water programs; and

WHEREAS proposed cuts to Superfund would undermine Superfund cleanup in 85 sites across New York State; and

WHEREAS federal water protections and robust EPA regulation and enforcement are vital to the environmental health of New York’s waterways and to the safety of its drinking water; and

WHEREAS climate change is also a water quality issue and already impacts New York’s waterways and drinking waters through more frequent and severe droughts and storms; and

WHEREAS many water quality issues, such as phosphorus loading of our lakes and streams, directly impact aquatic life and recreation, and will require increases in Federal funding for stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS drinking water contaminants which jeopardize public health and safety are just being uncovered in

many existing water systems, flat-funding Federal grants will not allow States and municipalities to implement drinking and waste water infrastructure projects needed for their prevention or remediation; and
WHEREAS these issues and threats affect not only all New Yorkers, but all Americans; and
WHEREAS the Sloop *Clearwater* will carry to Washington and deliver to federal officials a “cargo of concern” documenting the broad-based concerns of citizens, public interest groups, and municipal and state officials throughout New York about growing threats to our water and to federal clean water protections, and the need for sound, science-based water policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Marbletown hereby registers its deep concern over current rollbacks and threats to federal clean water protections as described above, affirms the need for sound, science-based water policy and for adequate regulation, enforcement and funding as pressure on water quality and safety continue to mount. We also wish to express our support for the effort *Clearwater* is leading to carry our concerns and concerns of many New Yorkers for clean water and other environmental protections directly to Washington.

Motion was made by Supervisor Warren and seconded by Councilman Sweeney in support of Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*’s sail to Washington DC to maintain clean water and other environmental protections.

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tim Sweeney	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Michael Warren	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Doug Adams	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Joe Borzumato	Voting <u>ABSENT</u>
Pat Clarke	Voting <u>ABSENT</u>

3-0 Aye, Councilwoman Clarke and Councilman Borzumato absent, motion carried.

40-2017; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN OF A FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER A205-FEES AND CHAPTER 103-DOGS

WHEREAS, after holding a duly noticed public hearing, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown on March 21, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, to approve a local law titled: **REVISED FEE SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES**”; and

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public hearing being held, a motion was made; seconded and passed to remove the fees listed within the code. Following discussion, it was determined that adopting a new set of fees was tabled until a later date; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of said fee schedule, minor changes to layout are proposed and minor correction to two fee amounts have been determined to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby adopts the attached modified Fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the attached fee schedule will become effective upon the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, such fees listed can and shall be amended at the discretion of the Town Board at any time it is deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the adopted fee schedule and any future amendments shall be posted in Town Hall and on the website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown, upon a majority vote of the members hereof, amended the

Town of Marbletown Code by removing the actual fees listed in Chapters A205-Fees and Chapter A103-Dogs; and

2. That the Town Board hereby adopts the attached amended fee schedule; and

3. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Resolution of adoption in the minutes of this meeting

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Warren, seconded by Councilman Adams to wit:

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tim Sweeney	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Michael Warren	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Doug Adams	Voting <u>AYE</u>
Joe Borzumato	Voting <u>ABSENT</u>
Pat Clarke	Voting <u>ABSENT</u>

3-0 Aye, Councilwoman Clarke and Councilman Borzumato absent, motion carried.

FIRE TRAINING CENTER

- Marbletown residents were given the opportunity to speak and express their concerns about the proposed fire training center on Cottekill road.
- Manna Jo Greene, District No. 19 Legislature Representative assisted in putting together a list of 5 other proposed sites for the training center.
- According to Dennis Doyle there will be no more public meetings on the subject. Dennis Doyle sent Manna Jo Greene a letter discussing the subject.
- Supervisor Warren was directly asked by the residents "What more can we do on this subject?". Supervisor Warren suggested they submit a FOIL request for all documents, e-mails, environmental documents, etc. pertaining to the issue. If the response is requested electronically there should be no fee.
- Question of who owns the 51 acres was asked and Ulster County does own the property.

FCC INTERNET NEUTRALITY

- Resident Jill Obrig handed out information on 'Protect Net Neutrality!'. Jill is part of the group Ulster People and they are sharing this information on how the FCC has voted to begin the process of eliminating Title II protection of the internet. Without Title II protection the internet will no longer be regulated as a public utility. This will effectively put the internet up for sale to the highest bidders, and allow Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to favor or block particular websites and type of online content. The consequences of Internet monopolization are severe; we would have less choice over content, higher prices, less chance for independent voices to be heard, and less ability to mobilize grassroots movements.
- Jill and Ulster People are asking residents to file a comment with the FCC. The FCC is currently accepting comments up to July 17, 2017. You can also reach out to your member of Congress or Senators to tell them not to allow any changes to the internet regulation

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW REGARDING SOLAR GENERATION

- A draft of the proposed local law amending chapter 200 of the Town Code, Zoning Regarding Solar Generation was distributed to Town Board members to review.

PZC

- Next meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 8:30am in M-15. These meetings are open to the public.
- Discussion of local laws start in these meetings.

ECC:

- The electric car charging station has arrived and will need to be installed next to the Annex at the Community Center. Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, mentioned that a security light/motion light should be installed near the charging station. They hope to have it up by July 15th.
- Tom Konrad has met with two different people to look into the problem with the basement at the Community Center. Water drainage is poor at the Community Center also. It looks like the bill would exceed the \$50,000 grant money.
- Councilman Sweeney requested to see a detailed list of work that needs to be done at the Community Center, along with quotes. Tom will put something together to present back to the Board.
- There will be a Stone Ridge Solar Tour on Saturday June 17th at Sun Creek Center.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- The High Falls Bridge is still on schedule to be open to 2 lanes of traffic by June 30th.
- Town offices and Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.
- There will be NO Town Board meeting on Tuesday, July 4th.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman Sweeney made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Adams; 3-0 Aye, Councilmen Borzumato and Councilwoman Clarke absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector