



## **Town Board Regular Meeting**

**April 3, 2018**

**This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:03pm**

**Present:** Supervisor Rich Parete and Town Board members Tim Sweeney, Eric Stewart and Don LaFera

**Absent:** Town Board member Joe Borzumato

**Also, Present:** Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press and approximately sixteen residents in the audience

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Jacob Sherman** – Resident who expressed concern with the fact that two of the town board members use personal e-mail addresses versus town e-mail addresses.

**Barbara Daubler** – Resident who stated she did not see the Fire Training Center on the agenda and inquired how residents will be assured they will be made aware of plans going forward. Supervisor Parete responded by pointing out that this topic has been discussed at the Planning Board meetings and those meetings are open to the public. *Supervisor Parete said he would reach out to Dennis Doyle to see if he could get a copy of the power point presentation that was given at the last meeting to make available.*

**Jodi LaMarco** - Blue Stone Press Reporter, added she felt that the County was making an effort to be more transparent with their plans for the Fire Training Center.

**Laura Cunningham** – Resident who listed a few concerns she has about the fire training center; it will be 600 feet from people's homes, hose and water exercises, radio chatter, trucks idling for long periods of time, and will the training building be visible from town? Councilman LaFera responded that the fire hose training is not typically loud and the trucks have to idle so the pumps are able to run. He also pointed out that these types of trainings have already been taking place at the local fire houses.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, to approve the meeting minutes from 3/20/2018. 4-0 Aye, Councilman Borzumato absent; motion carried.

### **2017 YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS:**

- Supervisor Parete presented and discussed the 2017 year-end adjustments.
- A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the 2017 Year End Adjustments to the General Fund and authorize Supervisor Parete to sign said 2017 year-end adjustments. 4-0 aye, Councilman Borzumato absent, motion carried.

- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the 2017 Year End Adjustments to the High Falls Water District Fund and authorize Supervisor Parete to sign said 2017 year-end adjustments. 4-0 aye, 1 absent, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Councilman Lafera and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the 2017 Year End Adjustments to the Highway Fund and authorize Supervisor Parete to sign said 2017-year-end adjustments. 4-0 aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

#### **PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

- Todd Natale has moved out of town which opens a spot on the Planning Board. This open volunteer position was advertised on the kiosk and on the website for about six weeks. The town received two applications and interviewed both applicants. After consideration they offered the open position to John Kotsides.
- There is also an open alternate position on the Planning Board and the town received one application and interviewed that applicant. The open alternate position will go to Kimberly Cole.

#### **RESOLUTION # 32-2018; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD**

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

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS**, a resignation resulted in the vacancy on the Planning Board, and

**WHEREAS**, John Kotsides has indicated a desire to be appointed to the Town of Marbletown Planning Board, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints John Kotsides to the Planning Board for a term to expire on 12/31/2022.

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

Councilman Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**4-0;** Resolution #32-2018 was thereupon adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION # 33 -2018; RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE TO PLANNING BOARD**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera seconded by Councilman Stewart to wit:

**WHEREAS**, Kimberly Cole has indicated a desire to be appointed to the open alternate position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Kimberly Cole to the Planning Board as alternate member for a term to expire 12/31/2018.

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

Councilman Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**4-0;** Resolution #33-2018 was thereupon adopted.

**RESOLUTION #34 -2018; RESOLUTION TOWN OF MARBLETOWN COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL SERVICE LAW 41**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilman LaFera to wit:

**WHEREAS**, under Civil Service Law 41 Deputies of principal executives fall within a certain class of civil service only when they are authorized by law to act generally for and in place of the principals; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to those duties that are in the exempt class by statute, the Town Board may provide by local action approve a second or third deputy;

**THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby resolves that a third Deputy Town Clerk shall act for and in the place of the Town Clerk placing such said deputy in the civil service exempt class.

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

Councilman Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**4-0**; Resolution #34-2018 was thereupon adopted.

**PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS BETWEEN TOWN OF MARBLETOWN AND NEW BEGINNINGS SOLAR, LLC**

- The agreement between the Town of Marbletown and New Beginnings Solar LLC was presented to the Town Board. This is relating to the premises located at 2585 Route 209, (Tax map 55.3-3-8.100) in the Town of Marbletown.
- The agreement is on file in the Supervisor's and Town Clerk's office.

**RESOLUTION #35 -2018; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR PARETE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN AND NEW BEGINNINGS SOLAR, LLC**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera seconded by Councilman Stewart to wit:

**THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes Supervisor Parete to sign said agreement.

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

Councilman Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**4-0**; Resolution #35-2018 was thereupon adopted.

**SPEED STUDY:**

- Tom Jackson, Commissioner of Ulster County Department of Public Works wrote a letter to Supervisor Parete requesting support for the study and establishment of a regulated school zone and associated lower speed limit near the Marbletown Elementary School. Currently the posted speed limit for Atwood Road is 40 mph.

- Rosario Agostraro, Superintendent of Schools also sent a letter requesting support for lowering the speed limit near the Marbletown Elementary School to 30 mph along Atwood Road.

**RESOLUTION 36- 2018; REQUEST THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A SPEED STUDY IN THE VICINITY OF THE MARBLETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH A LOWER MAXIMUM SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety, and welfare would be served by the establishment of a School Zone with a lower Maximum Speed Limit in the vicinity of Marbletown Elementary School, along Atwood Road, Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ulster County, in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare has expressed interest to install and maintain upgraded School Zone Speed Limit Signage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town requests the establishment of a Lower Maximum School Zone Speed Limit of 30 miles per hour, in the vicinity of the Marbletown Elementary School, along Atwood Road, Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rondout School District is in support of efforts to improve roadway safety near their facility and specifically supports a request for the establishment of a reduced speed school zone: and therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Marbletown, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1622 hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation and the Ulster County Commissioner of Highways to install a reduced maximum speed limit, as a school zone, in the vicinity of the Marbletown Elementary School, along Atwood Road, Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Supervisor to take whatever steps that are reasonably necessary to carry out this resolution and directs the Town Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works.

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

Councilman Borzumato	Voting <u>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**4-0;** Resolution #36-2018 was thereupon adopted

**LIASON REPORTS:**

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (Town Clerk Moody):**

- Town Clerk Moody announced Green Up Day will be on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 1:00pm. If you would like to help pick up trash in town please stop by the Town Clerk's office and pick up a marked garbage bag which can be taken to the Transfer Station at no charge.
- The High Falls Pet Show will take place on Sat. May 12<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of the High Falls Community Church.

**ECC (Councilman Stewart):**

- Councilman Stewart announced on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 1:00pm the ECC will be creating the High Falls Pollinator Garden at the corner of Rt. 213 and Berme Rd. All are welcome and should bring rakes, gloves, etc.

**OTHER TOWN BUSINESS (Supervisor Parete):**

- The town will be trading a piece of property with a resident and the new piece of property will be new parking spots on Rest Plaus Road for the Rail Trail.
- Supervisor Parete is sending out customer surveys to all residents who have obtained a building permit over the past year to get an idea on how the town is doing and how they can improve the permit process.
- The town had looked into an efficiency study for the Building department which came in at about \$15,00.00 which is a bit high so they will begin the re-evaluating process as the customer service surveys come back.
- The dais/court bench from the old town hall is going to be brought over and will now be in M-1 and they are looking into getting a microphone system to make it easier for people to hear. This was an issue brought up by a couple of residents.
- Councilman Sweeney discussed changing the dates of two town board meetings this year from Tuesday evenings to Saturday mornings so more residents could attend. The Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled and rescheduled to Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and the Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled and rescheduled to Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The meetings will still take place at the RMC in M-1. *Supervisor Parete will do a resolution stating the same for to be approved at an upcoming town board meeting.*

**RMC BUSINESS (Councilman LaFera):**

- The building is switching the alarm system to a solar system.
- The front entrance of the Marbletown side will be closed and the main entrance, by the Marbletown sign will be the only one used.
- We are in the process of signing a service agreement with Lowe's for air conditioning.
- There was a new stop sign installed on the Marbletown side.
- There has been a new 911 system implemented in the building for emergencies.
- The quarterly fire drill was done and everyone was out of the building under three minutes, which is the goal.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

