



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:01pm

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

Absent:

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press and Rondout Valley Holistic Health Community Representatives

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RONDOUT VALLEY HOLISTIC HEALTH COMMUNITY:

- Supervisor Parete welcomed the representatives from the Rondout Valley Holistic Health Community to the meeting and thanked them for coming to the meeting.
- A short video was viewed about the program and what they bring to the community every month.
- Cornelia Wathen, RVHHC Organizing Council, spoke about the program and described it as an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to making free or low-cost holistic healthcare and education available to children, adults and seniors in the Rondout Valley area. Community Holistic Healthcare Day is the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at the Community Center. They also do a free holistic self-care class 1st Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm at the Community Center. These are all volunteers and no one gets paid.
- Barbara Miller spoke about the financials of the group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Wilcock - Mill Dam Road resident and local DJ. Discussed the ZBA not approving the special use permit for the 1712 House on Mill Dam Road for wedding events. As a resident and someone who DJ's for weddings he can see how things can become contentious between neighbors. He is hoping that the right balance can be found for the residents and the town.

Ramona Jenkin – Resident who had the same comments as Michael Wilcock.

Jacob Sherman – Local resident questioned why the agenda was not on the website? Questioned why the town has three different consultants Peak Engineering, Brinnier and Larios and Nelson, Pope & Noorhis. Questioned the new trucks for the highway department.

Supervisor Parete responded to Mr. Sherman's questions and comments and explained that the consultants questioned all do different things for the town. Peak Engineering is in the process of reviewing all the town buildings and they are also looking at the retaining wall at the transfer station that needs improvement. Nelson,

Pope & Noorhis work directly with the Planning Department.

Bobbi Esmark – Resident who thanked the town board for adding the public comment to the agenda.

Requested to possibly have the town board meeting agenda put on the website at least 48 hours before the meeting so residents can see what issues will be discussed and voted upon. Also, inquired if ‘Other Business’ could be defined more on the agenda so residents would know what exactly will be discussed.

Kate Reese Hurd – Resident who expressed her concerns over 5G and what the electromagnetic fields could possibly do to people’s health. She provided handouts to the town board and anyone else who requested one.

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera, to approve the meeting minutes from 04/17/2018. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

NATURAL POWER HIGHWAY GARAGE AGREEMENT

- The customer agreement between Natural Power Group, Inc and Town of Marbletown was presented for review.

RESOLUTION # 46-2018; RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH NATURAL POWER GROUP FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown committed to meeting municipal electricity needs from renewable sources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Natural Power Group, Inc. owns the Wallkill Hydroelectric Facility located at 49 Wallkill Avenue Wallkill, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to purchase hydroelectric from Natural Power Group, Inc.

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 which has been attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

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 Aye

Councilman Sweeney Voting Aye

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #46-2018 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION # 47-2018; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has a vacancy for the position of Assistant Recreation Director; and

WHEREAS, the position is a Civil Service position; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of Personnel is required to certify a Civil Service list for the Position of Assistant Recreation Director; and

WHEREAS, no current list is available; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Jessica Phelan as Provisional Assistant Recreation Director at the Union contract rate of \$15.81 an hour for up to 28 hours per week. Effective 4/18/2018.

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>Aye</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>

5-0; Resolution #47-2018 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION # 48 -2018; OPPOSING GOVERNOR CUOMO'S PROPOSED BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS WITHOUT ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE OTHER RETAIL CARRYOUT BAGS

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

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are detrimental to the environment as they do not fully degrade in our oceans or our land and introduce unsafe chemicals into the environment; and

WHEREAS, the expansive use of single-use shopping bags and their method of disposal creates an impediment to the Town and County's waste reduction and its recycling goals while creating unsightly litter, and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminated material that is processed through Ulster County's recycling and compost programs; and

WHEREAS, the most effective solution to reduce plastic bag pollution is to reduce the amount of light weight single use retail plastic bags and to promote the use of reusable bags to customers to carry out groceries and other retail purchases, and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered the best option to reduce waste and litter, and for protecting wildlife while conserving resources, and

WHEREAS, bans on single-use plastic bags, when passed without regulation on thicker and more environmentally harmful plastic bags as well as recyclable paper bags have been shown to increase costs for retailers by increasing the use of more expensive recyclable paper bags and thicker reusable plastic bags that do not, in fact, get reused, and

WHEREAS, the Food Industry Alliance of New York State (the trade association for the grocery industry) is in favor of legislation imposing a minimum fee on all retail carryout bags, and

WHEREAS, a minimum fee on all retail carryout bags has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce the use of all single use bags and promote reusable bags,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Marbletown Town Board hereby expresses its strong support for a statewide ban on lightweight single use plastic retail bags and urges the Governor to allow local governments to regulate other types of retail carryout bags, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor, State and County Representatives and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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>Aye</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>

5-0; Resolution #48-2018 was thereupon adopted.

STREETLIGHTS:

- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumatao to remove the streetlight that is on pole #105761 on School House Rd. 5-0; motion carried. Signed paperwork and approval will be sent to Central Hudson.
- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to remove the streetlight that is on pole #61427 on School House Rd. 5-0; motion carried. Signed paperwork and approval will be sent to Central Hudson.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete discussed creating a subcommittee for the upcoming local law on event space. This committee would be responsible for meeting, discussing and creating a draft law to be presented to the town board. If you would like to be on this committee please e-mail your information to supervisor@marbletown.net. Depending on how many people sign up will determine how many residents will make up this committee. Supervisor Parete has asked Jodi LaMarco from the Blue Stone Press to put this information in the upcoming edition.
- New filters and meters are needed in the High Falls Water District.
- The agreement to bring water to Ulster County Community College will be voted upon in the next month or so.
- The new brochures for the Marbletown Historic District have been delivered and will be distributed.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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