



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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

Present: Supervisor Rich Parete and Town Board members Eric Stewart, Tim Sweeney, Joe Borzumao and Don LaFera (arrived at 7:25pm)

Absent:

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, George Dimler; Highway Superintendent, Oscar Keogan and members of the Stone Ridge Fire Company, Sue Bruck; President of the Rondout Valley Food Pantry, Rod Bicknell; Shawagunk Journal, and Ali Stewart; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and Councilman Sweeney lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION:

The Town Board, along with members of the Stone Ridge Fire Company, recognized and honored Oscar Eugene Keogan for 65 years of service to the Stone Ridge Fire Company.

PUBLIC HEARING; TRANSFER MONEY FROM REPAIR RESERVE FUND TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:

- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Borzumato to open the public hearing on transferring money from a repair reserve fund to a capital reserve fund, 4-0 Aye, 1 absent; motion carried.
- Jack Boden, resident, commented that back in January 2015 there was a resolution, which was approved by the town board, closing expired project fund accounts. The resolution also states crediting back to the repair reserve fund the amount of \$1,817 for the repairs on the shed roof and debits the general repair budget line by the same amount. The town would then close the repair reserve fund with a balance of \$5,775.32, which would be applied to the general building line. In addition, two other funds would be closed, for a total of \$283.66 and these monies would be applied to the building budget line. Mr. Boden questioned why there is not more money in the account? Did the bookkeeper receive a copy of the resolution? Supervisor Parete said he would speak with the bookkeeper and the town accountant. Mr. Boden provided a copy of the resolution to the town board.
- There being no more comments Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to close the public hearing on transferring money from a repair reserve fund to a capital reserve fund, 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sue Bruck, President Rondout Valley Food Pantry: Commented how happy the Rondout Valley Food Pantry is about the space that they are renting from the town (3775 Main Street, Stone Ridge) and they are looking forward to signing a new lease for another year. The lease runs from May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020, at \$1,150

per month.

Carol Laurito: Resident of Marbletown for 46 years. Ms. Laurito thanked the town board for helping her with a problem she had. She felt everyone was very open and she is very supportive of this administration. She also has a newsletter from years ago, that she would like to share and possibly have put up on the website.

Richard Parete: Resident and Supervisor of the town, who pointed out that there was recently a letter to the editor in the Blue Stone Press from former supervisor Mike Warren. Mr. Parete pointed out that not everything in the letter was true and people should not believe everything they read.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

April 2019 Vouchers

	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	#153-235	\$69,541.25
Highway Fund	#114-148	\$53,742.60

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this voucher. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

High Falls Water District	#26-37	\$11,760.20
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A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this voucher. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

RMC April	#37-53	\$16,996.02
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A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this voucher. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the meeting minutes from 3/5/2019. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.
- Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the meeting minutes from 3/19/2019. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

2018 YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS:

- Supervisor Parete presented and discussed the 2018 year-end adjustments.
- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve the 2018 Year End Adjustments to the General Fund and authorize Supervisor Parete to sign said 2018 year-end adjustments. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the 2018 Year End Adjustments to the Highway Fund and authorize Supervisor Parete to sign said 2018-year-end adjustments. 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #30-2019; TRANSFER MONEY FROM REPAIR RESERVE FUND TO CAPITAL RE-SERVE FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown established a Repair Reserve Fund to Reconstruct the Highway Garage Roof and additional Capital Improvements, namely gutters and leaders on the Transfer station roof on April 3, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the transfer of \$20,000 to the said Repair Reserve Fund on May 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Repair Reserve Fund to Reconstruct the Highway Garage Roof and additional Capital Improvements, namely gutters still has \$3,961.75, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown wishes to consolidate Repair Reserve Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund and held a public hearing on April 16, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown after a public hearing on April 16, 2019 authorizes moving \$3,961.75 from the Repair Reserve Fund to Reconstruct the Highway Garage Roof and additional Capital Improvements, namely gutters and leaders on the Transfer station roof to the Capital Reserve Fund.

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>Absent</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

4-0 Aye, 1 absent; motion carried.

Resolution #30-2019 was thereupon adopted

7:35pm Councilman LaFera arrived at the meeting.

RESOLUTION #31-2019; SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2019, A LOCAL LAW KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW FOR EXTENSION OF TERMS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Marbletown to adopt **Local Law 2 of 2019, known as the EXTENSION OF TERMS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS LAW**, in order to achieve the purposes and objectives set forth in the Local law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Schedule a Special Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Marbletown on May 7, 2019 for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing.
2. A public hearing will be held by the Town Board on May 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM local time at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915-1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY, to hear all interested parties on the proposed Local Law #2 of 2019 entitled "**A Local Law # 2, 2019 EXTENSION OF TERMS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS LAW**"
3. The Town Clerk is directed to advertise such public hearing in the official newspaper of said Town, on the website of said Town and is directed to refer the proposed local law to all municipalities adjacent to the Town and any other applicable entities as required.

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 Aye, motion carried.

Resolution #31-2019 was thereupon adopted

RESOLUTION #32 -2019; ENTERING IN TO LEASE WITH RONDOUT VALLEY FOOD PANTRY FOR OLD TOWN HALL

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has vacant space at our old Town Hall at 3775 Main Street Stone Ridge, NY 12484, and

WHEREAS, the Rondout Valley Food Pantry provides a valuable service to the residents of the Rondout Valley School District, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Marbletown Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a one-year lease with the Rondout Valley Food Pantry for \$1150 a month effective May 1st, 2019 till April 30th, 2020.

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 Aye, motion carried.

Resolution #32-2019 was thereupon adopted

RESOLUTION #33-2019: REQUESTING OLD ROUTE 213 TO BE ONE WAY ROAD.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown would like to create parking in the Hamlet of High Falls, and

WHEREAS, if Old Route 213 became a one-way road the Town can create parallel parking on the road, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown mailed a questionnaire to nearby residents and businesses and the response was overwhelmingly supportive of making Old Route 213 a one-way road, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, the Town of Marbletown Town Board requests from New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to make Old Route 213 a one-way road entering from the West near the Spy Restaurant and exiting to the East near the High Falls Post Office.

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 Aye, motion carried.

Resolution #33-2019 was thereupon adopted

- Supervisor Parete took a moment to thank both Councilman LaFera and Stewart for all of the work they did to assist with moving this initiative along. Councilman Stewart stated the feedback he received from the letters that were sent out was overwhelmingly positive.

RESOLUTION #34-2019; TOWN OF MARBLETOWN PURCHASE TRUCK

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

WHEREAS, the Marbletown Highway Department is responsible for treating town road surfaces, and

WHEREAS, an effective fleet replacement program is essential for controlling vehicle suitability, availability, reliability, safety, and environmental impacts and total cost of ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent requests to purchase a 2019 Ram 5500 Diesel Dump Truck with Fisher V Snowplow Package from Robert Green Truck Division on the Onondaga County Bid #7974 for the price of \$64,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the highway department will fund the purchase with money from surplus equipment sold, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marbletown town board authorizes the purchase of 2019 Ram 5500 Diesel Dump Truck with Fisher V Snowplow Package from Robert Green Truck Division on the Onondaga County Bid #7974 for the price of \$64,500.00.

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 Aye, motion carried.

Resolution #34-2019 was thereupon adopted

- Highway Superintendent Dimler stated they will be putting up, for auction, a 2014 truck, and will get approximately \$28,000-\$30,000 for it.

RESOLUTION #35-2019; APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

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

WHEREAS, there now exists on the Town of Marbletown Board of Assessment Review vacancies due to the expiration of a term; and

WHEREAS, Stacy Sindt has expressed an interest in being appointed to a position on the Board of Assessment Review; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown does hereby designate and appoint Stacy Sindt to the Board of Assessment Review, to fill the term effective immediately as follows: Appointment Term Expires September 30, 2023.

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 Aye, motion carried.

Resolution #35-2019 was thereupon adopted

ECC:

Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, presented the Town Board with a letter to NYSERDA urging them to allow any home that is not on the gas grid to be eligible for a pellet stove rebate, regardless of income level or whether the have an old wood stove to turn in. The Town would also be asking for a slightly higher rebate (perhaps \$1,600) for wood pellet stoves that have an internal battery backup. The ECC is asking for the towns support and for Supervisor Parete to sign the discussed letter. A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to authorize Supervisor Parete to sign the letter. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Councilman Sweeney suggested canceling the Tuesday June 4th meeting and rescheduling it to Saturday June 8th, to allow weekenders to attend the town board meeting. He also suggested doing rescheduling one of the meetings in September also. Supervisor Parete stated he would put together a resolution for the next meeting.
- Town Clerk Moody stated the town offices will be closed on Friday for Good Friday. The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, for Good Friday and on Sunday to observe Easter.
- Town Clerk Moody also stated Earth Day is coming up and the town clerk's office will be distributing marked garbage bags that can be taken to the transfer station by Sunday, April 28th at no charge.
- Superintendent Dimler provided the town board with the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds, pursuant to the provision of Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town of Marbletown agrees that the money levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways. A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to accept the Section 284 of the Highway Law and forward on to Tom Jackson at the County. 5-0; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 7:55pm Supervisor Parete made a motion that the town board move into Executive Session to discuss two lawsuits. Councilman Sweeney seconded the motion. The public was excused for the evening.
- At 8:21pm Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting.
- No decisions were given, and no votes were taken.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman Sweeney made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman LaFera; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

