



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

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

Absent: Joe Borzumato and Don LaFera

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Ali Stewart; Blue Stone Press and Max Freebern; Shawangunk Journal Reporter.

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

October 2019 Amendments

General Fund

Vouchers

V#649

Total Payments

\$503.80

V#650

\$717.55

New total amount of October vouchers

\$93,954.94

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

Highway Fund

V#371

\$171.45

New total amount of October vouchers

\$42,912.28

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

High Falls Water Fund

V#108

\$2,784.61

V#109

\$19,250.22

V#110

\$21,038.13

New total amount of October vouchers

\$20,011.95

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

November 2019

General Fund

Vouchers

#651-718

Total Payment

\$69,118.31

Highway Fund

#372-425

\$99,461.05

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

High Falls Water District

#111-124

\$12,417.40

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

RMC

#155-172

\$7,494.10

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

RMC

#4-5

\$1,991.00

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Courtney Wilder – Resident how has lived here for 2 years and her family spends a lot of time at Tongore Park, they love the park. Even with the problems with the water, that should not be enough to close the park. In Cottekill, where the park possibly could be moved was not suitable in 2017.

Nicole Bonneau – Resident who has moved to Stone Ridge and would like to second what Courtney said about the park. She is disappointed about the swimming being closed.

Laurel Sweeney – Resident who would like to point out that the proposed Short-Term Rental Law was reviewed by the Ulster County Planning Board, Town of Marbletown Planning Board, PZC and residents to come up with the draft. The draft law has been edited and has incorporated most discussions that have taken place.

Laura Cunningham – Resident who is questioning the property by the college for a new town park? Who is doing the survey? The development on 52 acres is going to be very expensive with the construction.

Bill Terpening – Resident who submitted a statement during Public Comment. Mr. Terpening has concerns about Larry Ricci's accessory apartment application for a 2-bedroom accessory apartment and its approval by the town CEO. Mr. Ricci's application was for a two-bedroom accessory apartment and now amended, after the complaint, to a one bedroom. Mr. Ricci's application is marked "Amnesty Application." Mr. Terpening feels this situation strongly indicates improper favoritism given by town officials.

Stacy Sindt – Resident who has lived here for 19 years and would go anywhere for a park town. Nineteen years later and the fact that the town wants to bring a town park that we can use is great for the community. Please trust in the system.

Stephanie Renza – Resident and soccer mom who said there was never enough kids to play. Not enough soccer players to warrant new fields. What we have is good and we should preserve the wetlands.

RESOLUTION#92-2019 TO ADOPT GENERAL, HIGHWAY, & SPECIAL DISTRICTS 2020 TOWN BUDGET, FINAL

The following Resolution was offered by Tim Sweeney, seconded by Eric Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Budget for the Year 2020 has been duly prepared by the Supervisor and Town Board and a duly publicized public hearing was held on the 7th day of November 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.; and

WHEREAS, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were heard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby

ADOPTS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, as amended, altered, and revised, as the Budget for the Town of Marbletown for the Year 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>Absent</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>

3-0 Aye; 2 absent, Resolution **#92-2019** was thereupon adopted.

The following budget amendments were discussed and voted upon:

Town Clerk_____A1410.11 Increase from \$81,067 to \$87,000

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this 2020 budget amendment; 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

- Town records are kept in storage sheds at the old town hall and these records need to be reviewed and moved to the new town hall. One of the part time deputies will be working on this project one day a week once tax season has slowed down and the weather gets warmer.

Environmental Commission__A7510.41 Increase from \$4,000 to \$10,000

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and Seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

- The ECC would like to expand their grant writing activities and they would like to install an electric vehicle charger in High Falls.

Contingency_____A1990.4 Increase from \$60,000 to \$80,000

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and Seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve these amended vouchers 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried.

- This money was added to the contingency fund to make possible a requested increase in funding for the Marbletown First Aid Unit.

RESOLUTION #93-2019 TO ADOPT 2020 HIGH FALLS WATER BUDGET

The following Resolution was offered by Tim Sweeny, seconded by Eric Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Preliminary High Falls Water Budget for the Year 2020 has been duly prepared by the Supervisor and Town Board and a duly publicized public hearing was held on the 7th day of November 7, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.; and

WHEREAS, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were heard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby

ADOPTS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, as amended, altered, and revised, as the Budget for the High Falls Water District for the Year 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>Absent</u>
Councilman Sweeney	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Councilman LaFera

Voting Absent

Supervisor Parete

Voting Aye

3-0 Aye; 2 absent, Resolution **#93-2019** was thereupon adopted.

PROPOSED SHORT TERM RENTAL LAW DISCUSSION:

- Supervisor Parete opened the floor up to any final discussion or comments in regard to the proposed Short-Term Rental Law.
- The discussion of changing the age of a guest from 12 years old to 8 years old.
- The Building department will be creating a registration of all short-term rentals which will be on the town website, with the thought that it will be updated every quarter.
- Susan Sprachman asked about notifying neighbors. Supervisor Parete responded that the online registration will be available as a 'read only' version and anyone will be able to go on and see if their neighbors have registered.
- Attorney Tracey Kellogg discussed having a Q & A at a later date for anyone that would be interested.
- The application will be one page and the time period will be Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st and an inspection will happen within a month of the application.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Highway Superintendent George Dimler stated that he would be taking a tree down on Duck Pond Road.
- Town Clerk Moody stated that she received a letter from DOT regarding a formal speed limit study had been completed on Rt. 209 between Rt. 213 and Old Route 209. The DOT states the 55-mph speed limit is reasonable and correct for the conditions on and adjacent to this section of highway.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 3-0 Aye, 2 absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody

Town Clerk/Tax Collector