

Town Board Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER

• Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and Supervisor Parete lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:
Supervisor Parete – Present
Councilwoman Foote – Present via conference call
Councilman LaFera – Present
Councilwoman Sprachman – Present via conference call
Councilman Stewart – Present

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, James Samuel Burdick; Blue Stone Press via conference call, and Max Freebern; Shawnagunk Journal via conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comments were taken during the meeting. The meeting was live streamed on the Town Facebook page.
- Supervisor Parete told people that if they had public comments they could be e-mailed to the offices or they could mail their comments to the town offices.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

February 2020 Amendments	Vouchers	Total Payment
General Fund	#112	\$4,000

Total Amount Feb. 2020 \$70,844.65

A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these vouchers 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

Highway Fund #59 \$671.58

Total Amount Feb. 2020 \$51,127.15

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and Seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve these vouchers 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

 March 2020
 Vouchers
 Total Payment

 General Fund
 #113-179
 \$49,499.60

 Highway Fund
 #60-113
 \$95,651.78

A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and Seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve these vouchers 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

High Falls Water District #16-28 \$7,143.76

A motion was made by Councilman LaFera and Seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve these vouchers 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

RMC

No vouchers for RMC were submitted as of Tuesday, March 17th.

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman to approve the meeting minutes from the 3/3/2020 town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

COVID-19:

- Supervisor Parete announced that due to the Coronavirus the town offices would be closed to the public until further notice and staff has been reduced. Business can still be conducted via e-mail or phone calls. We will put a bin outside the office and residents will be able to leave things inside or anything can be mailed to the offices.
- Marbletown has one confirmed case. Due to HIPPA laws information will not be made public.
- The town will continue to post updates and any pertinent information on the town website and our Facebook page.

RESOLUTION #35-2020; GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC--HIGH FALLS/GRADY PARK

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown would like to enhance the Hamlet of High Falls by connecting it to the rail trail, improving Grady Park and increasing parking and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, Town of Marbletown received a \$125,000 grant from Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and WHEREAS, the Town has met with Greenman-Pederson Inc. to discuss the project, and

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorize the Supervisor to sign the attached contract with Greenman-Pedersen Inc. for Project management, Design Development and Construction Phase Support at a cost not to exceed \$83,816.

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

Councilman Stewart
Councilman LaFera
Councilwoman Foote
Councilwoman Sprachman
Supervisor Parete

Voting Aye
Voting Aye
Voting Aye
Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #35-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #36-2020; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISMENT OF BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY STAND-BY POWER AT THE RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart seconded by Councilwoman Foote:

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown houses its municipal offices at the Rondout Municipal Center at 1925 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Rondout Municipal Center is also home to the Town of Rosendale municipal offices (shared services), and

WHEREAS, the Rondout Municipal Center is an important asset to both communities and serves as an Emergency Management Headquarters in the event of an emergency, and the building will benefit from emergency stand-by power which it currently lacks, and

WHEREAS funding for the construction of the Emergency Stand-by Power project is provided by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR);

WHEREAS, Weston & Sampson PE, LS, LA, PC has prepared design documents for the construction of emergency stand-by power at the Rondout Municipal Center consisting of stand-by generator, automatic transfer switch (ATS) and electrical improvements, and

WHEREAS, the solicitation of bids by the Town of Marbletown is required by law and as such requires authorization by the Town Board, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board is authorized to advertise for bids for the Emergency Stand-by Power project at a date to be determined by the Supervisor, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be approved by both the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman LaFera Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilwoman Sprachman Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #36-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #37-2020; RESOLUTION APPROVING HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Sprachman seconded by Councilwoman Foote to contribute \$5,000 to the project:

To NYS Historic Preservation Program staff,

The Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), with the support from the Marbletown Town Board and Town Supervisor, is submitting this application for 2019-21 Certified Local Government (CLG) funding to follow recommendations in our Historic Resource Reconnaissance Survey and report completed in December of 2019, which focused on properties up through the 19th century and included over 500 properties. This proposed project will focus now on a potential landmarked hamlet and better documentation of an existing hamlet to consider expansion and boundary definitions for planning.

I and the Marbletown Board are committed to the documentation and protection of our rich history which is critical for preserving the rural character and small-town atmosphere of Marbletown in the face of pressure to develop open spaces and the expansion of business and residential building. While residents of our community value our historic character and homes as evidenced by our 2005 community strategic plan, more can be done in the planning and expansion of districts and protections. Thus, following the recommendations of our recent partnership with the CLG grant program and the up-to-date survey with recommendations, photographs and

accurate descriptions provides us now a roadmap to complete the next step of this work in recording our history and the selection of future landmarks and districts.

For this grant, the MHPC has elected to work again with Larsen and Fisher Associates (LFA), a well-respected local firm that provides field services and consultation on preserving and managing historic resources. The two principals of LFA, as well as, one of our MHPC commissioners who will consult on the project, hold 36FR61 certificates. Members of our commission will provide oversight on the project, ensuring that it is completed on time and within budget. They will also consult with LFA on the methodological design of the project incorporating the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reconnaissance and nomination guidelines and along with the town, provide support services synergy of data in CRIS. Finally, our commissioners will conduct community-wide presentations using town facilities regarding the surveying and districts researched focusing on the importance of preservation and the local land marking of homes and districts.

Marbletown is committed to supporting this effort. Should the project be awarded, the town will provide \$5000 to the 2019-21 project and provide administrative support as needed to ensure the successful completion of the survey. The MHPC co-chairs Dr. Timothy Hunt and Mr. Anthony DiGuiseppe along with Vice-Chair Ms. Marian McCorkle-Beckerman will ensure that the completed deliverables meet the standards stipulated by SHPO, that the completed documentation is filed appropriately, and target properties are entered into state database, CRIS.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

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

Councilman Stewart
Councilman LaFera
Councilwoman Foote
Councilwoman Sprachman
Supervisor Parete

Voting Aye
Voting Aye
Voting Aye
Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #37-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION # 38-2020; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Sprachman seconded by Councilman Stewart:

WHEREAS, Marion McCorkle-Beckerman and Claudine Brenner have served on the Historic Preservation Commission as Vice-Chair and Secretary respectively, and

WHEREAS, Laura Shane Cunningham has served as an Associate Member, and

WHERAS, Marion McCorkle Beckerman and Claudine Brenner have indicated a desire to be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS, Laura Shane Cunningham has indicated a desire to be appointed to the Marbletown Historic Preservation Board as a full member, and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission voted to recommend as Marion McCorkle-Beckerman, Claudine Brenner, and Laura Shane Cunningham for four-year terms, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Marion McCorkle Beckerman, Claudine Brenner and Laura Shane Cunningham to the Historic Preservation Board to a term expiring on 12/31/2023.

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman LaFera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilwoman Sprachman
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #38-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #39-2020 AUTHORIZING APRIL PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman **WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as Worldwide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Town Board, of the Town of Marbletown, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in The Town of Marbletown.

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye
Councilman LaFera Voting Aye
Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye
Councilwoman Sprachman Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #39-2020 was thereupon adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councilman Stewart gave an update on the excellent work that the Food Pantry has been doing. They have provided 189 bags of food, which is 567 meals to 27 families.
- The food pantry is in need of diapers, baby wipes, peanut butter and canned goods. If you can donate any of these items, please do so.
- If you would like to help out:
 - o For food assistance please call 687-4013
 - o To volunteer (deliveries and on-site) please e-mail charlottervfp@gmail.com
- The transfer station will be closed on Friday but open on Saturday and Sunday. The days will be revisited next week and forward.

<u>Motion to adjourn:</u> There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Stewart; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody Town Clerk/Tax Collector

