



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER

- Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Parete took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present via Zoom

Councilwoman Foote – Present via Zoom

Councilman LaFera – Present via Zoom

Councilwoman Sprachman – Present via Zoom

Councilman Stewart – Present via Zoom

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Tracy Kellog; Attorney (via Zoom) and James Burdick; Reporter Blue Stone Press (via Zoom)

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE:

- Supervisor Parete made a statement that he, and all of the town board members, were sickened and saddened by the death of Mr. Floyd and hopes that justice will be served.
- Councilwoman Sprachman stated that she, and all the other town board members, are always available to talk to residents about their concerns on the town's law enforcement or if they have any questions. E-mails are also welcome.
- Councilwoman Foote mentioned there would be a letter from the Town Board in the newest edition of the Blue Stone Press, coming out Friday.
- Councilman LaFera re-iterated the new parking regulations that have been set for High Falls. The new signs will be up by the end of the week.
 - No littering, swimming, open containers/alcohol, or fires will not be permitted down by the falls.
- Councilwoman Foote stated on the last warm day she went down by the falls, with her mask on, and it was packed. She ran into a young man, with a fishing pole, who was disappointed that he could not fish due to the lack of social distancing and no masks.
- Councilman Stewart added that the Sheriff's office will be patrolling the High Falls creek area and will be issuing citations. He also stated that the water is not safe to swim in due to the bacteria counts being extremely high from agricultural runoff, cow manure and goose poop.
- Councilman Stewart gave an update on Grady Park and mentioned that Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. had started taking trees down in February and March but had not completed in time to protect the endangered bats that are there, and then Covid-19 came. Some trees are still slated to come down. There is also some standing water in the park and the engineer went out that and it is not connected to a larger body of water.
- Councilman Stewart added that the Christmas tree in High Falls will be removed and a new tree will be planted in Grady Park. The property that the tree sits on is owned by the D&H Canal Historical Society

and it is their decision what is done with the tree. The tree is slated to be removed next year. Relocating the tree would be very expensive. The Veteran's Memorial will also be moved.

- Councilwoman Sprachman pointed out that as soon as we are able we will have a community meeting to discuss the design of the new park.

RESOLUTION #55-2020; CENTRAL HUDSON EASEMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared and considered an Environmental Assessment Form which evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, Granting an Easement is an unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the granting of this Easement will not have a significant negative impact upon the environment; now therefore be it

WHEREAS, that a negative declaration is hereby made pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and be it further

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown has no to use this area of land, now or in the future, and the Town Board has determined that the remainder of town property will not be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Town of Marbletown Assessor the Town has determined that there is no development value to this Easement; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Town Law § 64-2, in relevant part, "a town may acquire by lease, purchase or eminent domain procedures and when real property is no longer needed for town purposes, a town board, upon adoption of a resolution subject permissive referendum, may convey real property"; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Easement Agreement attached to this Resolution as Attachment A (the Map) and Attachment B (Agreement).

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 #55-2020 was thereupon adopted.

- Attorney Kellogg reviewed the SEQR and determined that it is unlisted and there is no impact on the town.

RESOLUTION #56-2020; RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALPAY

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Sprachman and seconded by Councilwoman Foote:

WHEREAS, various Municipal Departments wish to automate their payment system; and

WHEREAS, the Government Electronic Payment Acceptance Act (P.L.1955,c.325) ("Act") authorizes a municipality to establish a credit card payment system upon the passage of a Resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the need to provide convenient payment options at no cost to the Town of Marbletown; and

WHEREAS, MuniCIPAY a division of Nationwide Payment Solutions has agreed to provide a card swiping

system with a merchant service fee of 2.65% (\$ 1.50 minimum) to the using cardholder; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with MuniPAY Nationwide Payment Solutions.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Sprachman	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0; Resolution #56-2020 was thereupon adopted.

- This resolution was voted upon after Brinn Dimler gave a power point presentation on MuniPAY.
- The system will not cost the town any money. A fee of 2.65% will be applied to any credit or debit card transactions. ACH transactions will have a flat fee of \$1.50.
- Residents will be able to set up an account with MuniPAY and monitor their activity.
- The town will still accept checks and cash as payments.

RESOLUTION #57-2020; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, Egidio Tinti has indicated a desire to be appointed to the Marbletown Zoning Board of Appeals, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Egidio Tinti as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 12/31/24.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Sprachman	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0; Resolution #57-2020 was thereupon adopted.

- Egidio Tinti will replace Will Husta who is stepping down and will become an alternate on the Zoning Board.

RESOLUTION #58-2020; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman:

WHEREAS, there two vacancies for alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, Brendan Masterson and Will Husta have indicated a desire to be appointed to the Marbletown Zoning Board of Appeals, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Brendan Masterson and Will Husta as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 12/31/20.

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilman LaFera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Councilwoman Sprachman Voting Aye
Supervisor Parete Voting Aye
5-0; Resolution #58-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #59-2020; RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for an alternate Planning Board Member, and

WHEREAS, Tracey Dewart has indicated a desire to be appointed to the Marbletown Planning Board as an alternate member, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown appoints Tracey Dewart as an alternate member of the Planning Board for a term to expire 12/31/2020.

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 #59-2020 was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION #60-2020; RESOLUTION MOHONK FIREWORKS

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman:

Whereas, Mohonk Mountain House is desiring the permit for Public Display of Fireworks, to be held on July 4, 2020 and

Whereas, the Town Board has received the application for Fireworks from Mohonk along with the required insurance and workers comp certificates. Legion Fireworks is the operator of the display, and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown approves the application for Fireworks for the Mohonk Mountain House.

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 #60-2020 was thereupon adopted.

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sprachman to approve the meeting minutes from 5/19/2020.

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

5-0 Aye, motion carried.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete announced that there would be a special town board meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd at 12:30pm. Zoom information will be provided on the town website, town Facebook & Instagram pages. Executive session is then scheduled to begin at 1:00pm.
- The shared work program is in its 4th week. The town is saving approximately \$6,300-\$6,400 a week which could be a total savings of approximately \$70,000-\$73,000 over 12 weeks. The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) ends the last week of July.
- It has been announced that Phase 2 will open Tuesday, June 9th which will include restaurants being able to serve food outdoors. Phase 2 also includes retail stores.
- There has been no information provided as to when the courts will open.
- Currently in Marbletown there are three cases of confirmed Covid-19. In total we have had 23 cases and one fatality.
- Councilwoman Foote took a moment to point out how impressed she was with all the businesses and restaurants during the Covid-19 and a big thanks to everyone!
- Councilman Stewart took one final moment to remind everyone that comments, concerns, questions can be e-mailed to any town board members and they would be addressed at the next town board meeting. He would also like to thank the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission, and Councilwoman Foote, for coming out on Memorial Day to help out with putting tubes up around tree saplings.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilwoman Sprachman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Foote; 5-0; all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector