



## **Town Board Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

**This regular meeting was held via Zoom at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 6:00pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm 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

Councilman Hunt – Present via Zoom

Councilman Stewart – Present via Zoom

Also, present – Heather Moody, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Tracy Kellogg, Town Attorney

### **PUBLIC HEARING LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF ROOSA FARMHOUSE AT 200 BONE HOLLOW ROAD:**

- The public hearing that was opened on December 1 is still open while the Town waited to see if the Ulster County Planning Board had any comments. The Ulster County Planning Board sent their Referral Response on December 4, 2020 with a decision of “No County Impact”.
- Supervisor Parete stated that the public hearing was still open and if anyone had any comments they could call into the number that was provided to them. No calls were taken, and the resolution would be discussed later during the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<b><u>November 2020 Amendments</u></b>	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>#622</b>	<b>\$63.57</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$135,221.56</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>#437</b>	<b>\$41,149.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$124,430.33</b>
<b>High Falls Water District</b>	<b>#118</b>	<b>\$78.09</b>
	<b>#119</b>	<b>\$10.64</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$22,682.07</b>

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and Seconded by Councilman Hunt to approve these amended vouchers.

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

**5-0 Aye, motion carried.**

<u>December 2020</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	#623-679	\$58,802.73
<b>Highway Fund</b>	#438-480	\$22,427.42
<b>High Falls Water District</b>	#120-128	\$15,660.66
<b>RMC</b>	#138-151	\$13,993.47

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilwoman Foote to approve these vouchers

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

**5-0 Aye, motion carried.**

#### **MEETING MINUTES:**

- Councilman LaFera made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hunt to approve the meeting minutes from the 11/24/2020 special town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve the meeting minutes from the 12/1/2020 town board meeting, with amendment of comments from the presentation of the historic designation of the Roosa Farmhouse at 200 Bone Hollow Road. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #109-2020; HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HMEO**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman LaFera and seconded by Councilman Hunt

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has a need for a full-time employee, and

**WHEREAS**, Ulster County Personnel has deemed Joshua Bendell as an eligible employee, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Marbletown Town Board approves the hiring of Joshua Bendell as HMEO at a rate of \$21.15 an hour effective November 30, 2020.

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

Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0 Aye; Resolution #109-2020** was thereupon adopted.

**RESOLUTION#110-2020; CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN AND CROSSPOINT CONNECT INC.**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman LaFera  
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown has a need for a service contract for a digital phone system and voicemail, and

**WHEREAS**, Crosspoint Connect Inc. has had a service contract with the Town of Marbletown that provides for parts and labor for operation of the system, and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached contract agreement with Crosspoint Connect Inc. for \$400 annually effective 12/21/2020-12/21/2021. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0 Aye**; Resolution #110-2020 was thereupon adopted.

**RESOLUTION #111-2020; RESOLUTION SETTING TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2021.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Town of Marbletown Board meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown has to set the Organizational Meeting in January, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown schedules a Town Board meeting on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 6PM.

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

Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0 Aye**; Resolution #111-2020 was thereupon adopted.

**RESOLUTION #112-2020 AMENDING TRANSFER STATION RATES**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilman LaFera:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown Transfer Station annual permit is valid from April 1, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marbletown reduces permit fees the final three months, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown changes the permit fees to the attached amount until March 31, 2021.

Permit \$20.00	(Originally \$45.00)
Additional permit \$10.00	(Originally \$20.00)
Senior (62 or older) \$10.00	(Originally \$25.00)
Additional (62 or older) \$10.00	(Originally \$20.00)

One day permits will remain \$10.00

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

Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0 Aye;** Resolution #112-2020 was thereupon adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION #113-2020; TEMPORARY TRUCK DRIVER HIGH FALLS WATER DISTRICT**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Hunt:

**WHEREAS**, the High Falls Water District has a need for temporary truck drivers to transport water from Rosendale Water District to High Falls Water District during the Aqueduct shutdowns, and

**WHEREAS**, Ulster County Personnel has deemed Carl Hornbeck and Thomas Briggs as eligible employees, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Marbletown Town Board approves the hiring of Frank Bell as a Temporary MEO at a rate of \$24.88 an hour.

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

Councilman Lafera	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stewart	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

**5-0 Aye;** Resolution #113-2020 was thereupon adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION #-2020; LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF ROOSA FARMHOUSE AT 200 BONE HOLLOW ROAD:**

- A motion was made by Councilman Hunt and seconded by Councilman Stewart to discuss the resolution approving the landmark designation of the Roosa Farmhouse at 20 Bone Hollow Road. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.
- Supervisor Parete stated that after researching the property it was discovered that the the owners of the Roosa Farmhouse, Korwin/DiGuiseppe, have outstanding expired permits and violations on the property from 2006 & 2008. Councilman LaFera stated he had reached out to the homeowner but has not heard back yet. The town attorney, Tracy Kellogg stated it might be best to table voting on the resolution until the violations have been closed out.
- The discussion also included that there should be an amendment made to the Historic Designation application, adding to the check list: Are there any expired violations or outstanding building permits?
- Councilman Stewart added that it would set a bad precedent if the town approved this designation with outstanding violations and permits.
- Councilman LaFera made a motion seconded by Councilman Stewart to table voting on the resolution to approve landmark until all violations and expired permits are taken care of. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

### **OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Parete announced that Dan Proctor has resigned as Chairman of the Planning Board, effective 12/31/2020. Mr. Proctor has been working with the County throughout the pandemic and right now does not have the time to dedicate to the planning board. Paris Perry is the vice chair of the planning board and Supervisor Parete will discuss having him move into the Chair position. Further discussion will happen at the organizational meeting in January. Councilwoman Foote thanked Dan for his time and energy he put into the planning board. Councilman Hunt stated that the chair of the planning board is a difficult job and Dan did it diligently. Mr. Proctor would like to stay on the planning board.
- Supervisor Parete also announced that Larry Ricci would be stepping down from the planning board after 13 years of service. Sharon Klein, who had been an alternate, will now become a full-time member.
- Councilman Hunt suggested a link from the Association of Towns should be added to the town website explaining the requirements for volunteering and the requirements of such.
- Councilwoman Foote continues to work on finding volunteers for the Preservation Commission and hopes to provide a list of interested folks at the next town board meeting.
- Supervisor Parete announced that the town offices will be closed 12/24, 12/25 and 1/1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- Saturday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> is the "Let's Light Up Marbletown" event where residents will put out their luminary light kits provided by the Youth and Recreation department. Thank you to the Marbletown Hardware store for providing the sand for the kits.
- Town Clerk Moody stated that the tax bills will hopefully be mailed the first week of January. An insert will be included with the bills to explain how tax bills can be paid as the offices are still closed.
- Supervisor Parete reminded everyone to bring their clean plastic bags to the Community Center for the Bags to Benches project with the Lions Club. It takes approximately 500 lbs. of plastic to make a bench.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- At 6:55pm Supervisor Parete made a motion to open an executive session, seconded by LaFera. 5-0; motion passed.
- The Town Board motions to enter into executive session for the purpose of
  - Discussion of matters regarding proposed litigation.
  - Appraisal of the RMC property
- No votes were taken during executive session.
- At 7:48pm Councilman LaFera made a motion to close the executive session and reconvene the meeting with no action taking nor monies expended, seconded by Councilman Stewart. 5-0; motion passed.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hunt; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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