



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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 6:02 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

- Supervisor Parete took a moment to express his condolences to Councilman LaFera due to the death of his mother.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>February</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	#73-106	\$31,831.92
Highway Fund	#31-54	\$21,684.97
High Falls Water	#10-13	\$4,439.58
RMC	No vouchers submitted	

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

Councilman Stewart Voting Aye

Councilman LaFera Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

5-0 Aye, motion carried.

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY POWER PRESENTATION

- Jeff Domanski of Hudson Valley Community Power gave a presentation of the 'Hudson Valley Community Power 2020 Progress Update'; a copy of the presentation can be found on the website.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve the meeting minutes from the 2/2/2021 town board meeting. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-2021; RESOLUTION TOWN OF MARBLETOWN AUDIT CASH ACCCOUNTS

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

WHEREAS, Brian Pickard, CPA has conducted audits of the cash accounts of the following town offices for the year ending in December 2020; Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Transfer Station, Planning and Zoning, Justice Court, Safety, and Building. This audit was conducted to render assurance that all cash receipts and disbursements were properly recorded by the individuals in these departments; and

WHEREAS, the audit also verified that the Town Justices are current in their reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the TSLE&D program and their handling of their cases; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all records of all departments in the Town of Marbletown appear correct and there are no adjustments necessary.

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>
Councilman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0 Aye; Resolution #25-2021 was thereupon adopted.

- Town Clerk Moody explained that she is responsible for 4 different town bank accounts:
 - DECALS - Fishing & hunting licenses – The Town keeps a percentage of the fees and the State gets a portion of the fee's collected.
 - High Falls Water – the Town Clerk's office accepts the payments from the water bills and once a month turns the money over to the Bookkeeper.
 - Town Clerk – the monies collected from the Building dept., planning, zoning, the transfer station, and other town clerk fees (dog licenses, marriage, death, etc. are deposited into this account and once a month this sum is turned over to the Bookkeeper.
 - Tax Collector – all taxes collected are deposited into this account. The tax collector turns the town warrant sum to the Bookkeeper. This includes the annual budgets for the library and the fire districts. Once the full amount is turned over to the town money is then turned over to the County.
 - Town Clerk Moody told the Town Board they were welcome to review the monthly bank statements anytime.
- Money is also collected by the Youth and Recreation Department and this money is also turned over to the Bookkeeper once a month.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete announced that on Friday 2/19 the town offices will be closing at 3:00pm. Karen Barnhart is retiring after working for the Town as the bookkeeper for the past 20 years. The employees will be gathering to celebrate Karen.
- Councilman Hunt and Councilwoman Foote stated the Marbletown Preservation Commission had a great first meeting.
- Councilman Hunt said that the ECC had a very successful workshop recently. He also announced on March 6th at 11:00am there would be a Renewable Energy Workshop. Please check the town website or Facebook for more information.

- Councilman LaFera brought up the most recent monthly Historic Preservation Commission meeting which was held this past Saturday the 13th. Councilman LaFera is the liaison between the town board the HPC and he was not able to log onto the meeting as the link that was sent to him did not work. He also pointed out that no one from the public was able to get into the meeting and the HPC did not legally have a quorum. At the point no one from the public could log in the meeting should not have continued. Supervisor Parete noted he sent an email to the HPC stating they did not fulfill the qualifications of a legal meeting. Supervisor Parete also noted that the HPC is not recognizing the new members who were appointed at the last meeting. The HPC also allowed Marjorie Shelley to vote even though her term expired on 12/31/2020. The question now is 'where do we go from here with the HPC?' Supervisor Parete and the town board will continue to discuss how to proceed.
- Councilwoman Foote and Attorney Kellogg are working on a potential 'Fill Law'. Once it is ready it will be forwarded on to all town board members for review and the Planning Board for comment.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman LaFera made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Foote; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody

Town Clerk/Tax Collector