



Town Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

This regular meeting was held in person and began at 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Councilman Hunt lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Moody took roll call:

Supervisor Parete – Present

Councilwoman Foote – Present

Councilman Davenport – Present

Councilman Tim Hunt – Present

Councilwoman Van Benschoten – Present

Also, Present: Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector

MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Hunt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Davenport to approve the meeting minutes from 4/16/24 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following Amendment from the 4/16/2024 meeting:

<u>4/16/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#259-263	\$2,975.90
		\$65,330.63
<u>4/16/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
High Falls Water District	V#102	\$7,003.25
		\$42,610.34
<u>4/16/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
Community Preservation Fund	V#11-12	\$6,500.00
		\$11,266.00

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<u>5/7/2024</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
General Fund	V#264-298	\$36,890.17
Highway Fund	V#103-117	\$30,961.42
High Falls Water District	V#58-61	\$8,361.02

RMC	V#	\$
Marbletown Fire Protection District #1	V#6	\$86.75
Community Preservation Fund	V#	\$

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

Councilman Davenport	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Van Benschoten	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments on the resolutions for this meeting.

RESOLUTION #62-2024; EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Davenport
WHEREAS, the town of Marbletown is located partially within that portion of the New York City Watershed that lies west of the Hudson River (the “Watershed”); and

WHEREAS, Marbletown is affected by the New York City Watershed rules and Regulations, the New York City Land Acquisition Program and other regulations and program which may be proposed in the Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Marbletown is a signatory to the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”), which created legally enforceable commitments on issues related to New York City’s watershed protection program, including the Watershed Rules and Regulations, the Land Acquisition Program, and the Watershed Partnership and Protection Programs; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County member towns each vote for two regular and two alternate Executive Committee members for two-year terms, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the town board of the town of Marbletown vote for Greg Vurckio from the town of Denning and David Edinger from the town of Olive as regular members and Mary Ann Van Benschoten from the town of Marbletown and Peter Disclafani from the Town of Shandaken as alternate members.

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

Councilman Davenport	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Van Benschoten	Voting <u>Aye</u>

5-0; Resolution #62-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated that this was a policy making board of the watershed, they work with both the State and DEP. Parete added a thank you to Councilwoman Van Benschoten for agreeing to this appointment.

RESOLUTION #63-2024; AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY GRANTS

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Foote and seconded by Councilman Davenport
WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown recognize the importance of using clean energy at the Rondout Municipal Center (RMC); and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commissions in both Towns have received grants from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); and

WHEREAS, an energy assessment is necessary to make improvements at RMC; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown have an intermunicipal agreement in place for all work and services needed at RMC; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rosendale has received and committed \$10,000 of its own grants (\$15,000 after the Disadvantaged Community adder) on the same project. Marbletown will be taking the lead on this project, with the Town of Rosendale participating through an intermunicipal agreement. The NYPA Clean Energy Solutions project will begin with an energy assessment, which will recommend further energy upgrades to the building. We anticipate that recommended upgrades will almost certainly include an upgrade of the building's electrical service and will also likely include (but will not be limited to) improvements to air sealing and insulation, replacing fossil fuel boiler(s) and hot water heaters with electric heat pump alternatives, and solar.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown authorizes the Supervisor to sign any documents and agreements necessary to submit Clean Energy Communities grant applications in the amounts of \$7500, \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$175,000 which NYSERDA awarded to the Town on 4/18/24 (the \$7500 grant) and 3/26/24, and

- 1) Approximately \$175,000 (with the 50% DAC adder) a New York Power Authority (NYPA) Clean Energy Solutions Project at the Rondout Municipal Center (RMC) in conjunction with the Town of Rosendale (which will be using its \$10,000 grant for this purpose).
- 2) Approximately \$10,000 on a New York Power Authority (NYPA) Clean Energy Solutions Project at the High Falls Water District.
- 3) Approximately \$110,000 (with the 50% DAC adder) for two Ford F-150 Lightning electric pickup trucks.
- 4) Approximately \$12,000 for two Husqvarna Auto mower EPOS electric robotic lawnmowers and base station for Town Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all improvements recommended from these energy audits will be implemented with approval from both Towns.

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

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #63-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete thanked Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, for all of his work on the grants.

RESOLUTION #64-2024; APPOINTING LABORER

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Van Benschoten

WHEREAS, the Town of Marbletown created the position of groundskeeper; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of Personnel must review and approve a new hire for the position of Laborer; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Joe Creegan as Part Time Laborer at an hourly rate of \$19.00 an hour effective May 7, 2024.

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

Councilman Davenport Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye

5-0; Resolution #64-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete explained that this will be a part-time grounds keeper to pick up the slack when the full-time grounds keeper is working on bigger projects, i.e. Osterhoudt property. Joe will help out in the summer by flagging for the Highway if needed.
- Councilman Hunt asked what makes this a laborer position? Supervisor Parete stated it would include him flagging, plowing and mowing as needed and he will not be part of the Union.
- Councilwoman Foote asked at what point do we use a laborer for the trails? Supervisor Parete responded that if Jill gets a call that there is a tree down or another issue on the trail she'll send the groundskeeper to take care of it.

RESOLUTION #65-2024; AGREEMENT WITH PAUL KENNEDY CONSTRUCTION

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Davenport and seconded by Councilwoman Foote

WHEREAS, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown would like to remove and discard the partition in the gymnasium at the Rondout Municipal Center (RMC); and

WHEREAS, Rondout Municipal Center Building Manager Joe La Fera has received three quotes for this project:

1. Paul Kennedy Construction of 734 2nd Ave Kingston, NY 12401 for \$5,737.62
2. Raeni's Restoration, LLC of Traver Road Pleasant Valley for \$6,710.25
3. JH Construction of 2079 Rt. 32 Rosendale for \$ 15,350.00; and

WHEREAS, RMC Building Manager Joe La Fera has recommended that said quote from Paul Kennedy Construction be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign agreement with Paul Kennedy Construction which has been attached and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon its passage by both the Town Board of Rosendale and the Town Board 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 Davenport Voting Aye

Councilwoman Foote Voting Aye

Councilman Hunt Voting Aye

Supervisor Parete Voting Aye

Councilwoman Van Benschoten Voting Aye
5-0; Resolution #65-2024 was thereupon adopted.

- Supervisor Parete stated that they don't have the key to remove the partition in the gymnasium and it sticks out about 5 feet. This is a safety issue for the kids playing and the pickleball players. Disconnecting the existing electricity is part of the work that will need to be done. Parete reminded everyone that this would be an RMC expense and the cost will be split between the 2 towns.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Parete stated that the State Comptroller's office had an auditor in the offices since February and they have made some recommendations, and concerns, to the town but have found that during their assessment nothing came to their attention to warrant further services. One issue that was brought up was that they would like to see more engagement from the board members when it comes to the vouchers. Parete shared a 'Voucher Approval Memo' that all the town board members will sign at the meetings. Parete mentioned that they also suggested Councilwoman Foote sign off on Supervisor Parete's vouchers. Councilman Davenport took this opportunity to point out, again, that when you look at surrounding towns financials and leadership Marbletown is doing the right thing financially and things are in order.
- Supervisor Parete said he and Councilwoman Foote met with Ted Fink to review the upcoming proposed local laws on Cannabis and Cell Towers which will be distributed as soon as they are ready.
- Councilman Hunt said they had a trails meeting recently and at the next meeting they will nominate a chair and a secretary. There will also be 2 sub committees, 1 for the Community Center and 1 for the new park. They will also be reviewing the programs that are going on.
- Councilman Foote mentioned she had attended the last ECC meeting and is very impressed at what they accomplish.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Councilman Davenport made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Van Benschoten; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Moody
Town Clerk/Tax Collector