

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – February 6, 2013

The **Workshop Session** of the Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:03PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MATTHEW D. KENNEDY
COUNCILMAN PETER BARTON
COUNCILMAN RON MANGERI
COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA ZULAUF
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID SEARS – ATTORNEY TO TOWN

Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Troops who have served and those currently serving.

Town Board Workshop: Condition of, and Proposed Improvements to, Dover Ridge Water & Sewer Systems

Approximately 20 Dover Ridge Water & Sewer District residents attended the workshop session this evening. Town Engineer, Ron Evangelista began the slide show presentation providing background information about the Water System. He stated the system is roughly 45 years old and is failing, his firm proposed the following recommendations: replacement of storage tank (slightly larger than existing tank), replacement of hydro pneumatic pressure tank, redevelop existing wells, add a generator to the system and install water meters for each residence. The water improvement costs will be roughly \$670,000. He then moved onto the sewer system background and recommendations. The first recommendation pertaining to the sewer system would be to disconnect any sump pumps, roof drains and footing drains from the system. Secondly, install manhole covers, backflow prevention and replace broken and missing sewer lines. Also perform more substantial treatment plant repairs to keep rainwater and groundwater out. The sewer improvement costs will be approximately \$370,000 for a total of \$1,100,000 for both systems. The proposed new household debt would be increased by \$825.87.

Following the slide show presentation the Town Engineer and Town Board members answered questions from the residents. The Workshop session ended at 8:18pm

The Regular Portion of tonight's meeting began at 8:27pm

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy began his report by stating that we just completed the workshop session about the Dover Ridge Water & Sewer District and we can expect some action next month. He also stated that he wished to reaffirm his State of the Town Address, thanked his wife and children for the sacrifices they make, and said that he will strive to make the Town and himself better every day.

He stated that we have a resolution on the agenda for the lease of two new Highway vehicles that our Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, may want to speak on a bit later in the meeting and a resolution for a new radio system to allow the Town to communicate through AM radio.

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The Supervisor stated that he had a conversation with Ron Hicks, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning & Economic Development pertaining to the Town Center District. He also spoke with Senator Greg Ball last Friday regarding the funds for the TCP Pavilion. His office is putting the finishing touches on that grant money and we should receive it shortly. Supervisor Kennedy thanked the Senator for his generosity.

Supervisor Kennedy had a meeting at Town Hall with Assemblyman Kieran Lalor about a proposed shared services program. The Supervisor thanked him for getting involved and is looking forward to working with him in the future.

In respect to Engineering Services, the Supervisor received a request from a vendor for a follow up meeting. He will email all Town Board members for their availability to schedule this meeting.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilwoman Zulauf attended the Fire Commissioners meeting last week, she advised them about the free waterfront membership to all active volunteer firefighters. She advised the Town that the Fire Department has implemented a new recruitment and retention program. She wished the Fire Department well and stated to keep up the good work with the community.

Councilman Barton made mention of the necessity of the new Highway trucks and reported that he would like to have the Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello explain the details.

Councilman Mangeri reported that the Dog Park Committee worked on rules and fees for the Dog Park. They have been submitted to the Town Attorney for review and then will be given to the Town Board for approval. He hopes to have a draft by the next Town Board meeting.

Councilman Moran stated that he would like to see the approval of the resolution on the wage matrix so the Recreation Department can begin hiring for the summer season.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

Jim Dankelman is in favor of the new Highway Trucks, however, not a fan of the Dodge. He urges the Town to pass the resolution because the Highway Department needs these vehicles.

Werner Stiegler questioned the resolution pertaining to the amnesty program for hot tubs and generators asking the date of when residents were responsible to obtain permits for these items and would individuals be “grandfathered” in if they installed one of these items prior to code?

Building Inspector, Shawn Beresford clarified the resolution pertaining to the amnesty program. This is New York State Code and is a matter of safety. This resolution is strictly just an amnesty program for the penalty fee. The owner is still responsible for paying for the permit.

Jim Dankelman spoke about his concerns with the Maintenance position title, duties and salary.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 1 (19)
Approval of Town Board Minutes**

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the January 23, 2013, Town Board Meeting to all members of the Beekman Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Town Board members have had the opportunity to review said minutes, and find same to be in order; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the minutes of the January 23, 2013, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	ABSTAIN
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 2 (20)
To Approve Town Board Meeting Schedule

COUNCILMAN BARTON offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Let it be RESOLVED, that the Regular Meetings of the Beekman Town Board will be conducted throughout the year 2013 at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The meetings will take place in the Meeting Room of the Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, should the date of such meeting fall at a time that is not possible to conduct the meeting, such as in the case of inclement weather, the meeting shall be held the following Wednesday at the same time.

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 3 (21)
To Approve Acquisition of Radio System

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, as was evident during recent events, including during Hurricane Sandy, it is difficult for the Town to regularly and reliably communicate with all residents during times of inclement weather or power loss;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of taking steps to ensure that the Town is indeed able to communicate information, including especially emergency information, to residents, even in times of power loss; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement, as attached, with Information Station Specialists, Inc., for the procurement, on a lease-to-own basis, of a radio system; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Department shall perform as much of the site preparation work as is possible, so as to minimize costs.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BARTON

****Supervisor Kennedy moved to table the resolution in order to explore additional options seconded by Councilman Moran. All in favor. ****

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RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 4 (22)
To Approve As-built Fee Amnesty Period for hot tubs, generator transfer switches, and standby generators

COUNCILMAN MANGERI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Building Department believes that there are many homeowners throughout the Town who now have in place hot tubs, standby generators, or generator transfer switches, but who did not first obtain the proper permits from the Town;

WHEREAS, homeowners who seek permits after-the-fact, for their as-built hot tubs, standby generators, or generator transfer switches would normally be required to pay not only the standard fee, but also a penalty fee, for having failed to obtain the proper permit beforehand;

WHEREAS, the Building Department believes that there are certain contractors who may be unaware of the requirement to obtain these permits beforehand, and who therefore fail to advise the homeowners of this requirement;

WHEREAS, the Building Department believes that by offering an amnesty period, during which the penalty fees will be waived, homeowners will be encouraged to come into compliance, contractors will be put on notice for future projects, and the Building Department will be able to identify, for proper inspection, a great number of homeowners who might otherwise have life and safety concerns, in connection with the work performed; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman does hereby adopt an amnesty program, effective from the date of this resolution, through April 4, 2013*, pursuant to which homeowners who have in place a completed hot tub, generator transfer switch, or standby generator may come before the Town Building Department, for the proper permit**, and shall be required to pay only the regular building permit fees, with penalty fees being waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amnesty period hereinabove established shall not apply to any resident previously issued an Order to Remedy or Appearance Ticket for any such violations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall give notice of this amnesty period as follows: in the official Town newspaper; in fliers posted within Town Hall; on the Town website; and in such other places as she deems advisable

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

****SUPERVISOR KENNEDY made a motion to amend the first RESOLVED paragraph of this resolution to read: RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman does hereby adopt an amnesty program, effective from the date of this resolution, through **May 5, 2013**, pursuant to which homeowners who have in place a completed hot tub, generator transfer switch, or standby generator may come before the Town Building Department, for the proper permit **required at the time and date of installation**, and shall be required to pay only the regular building permit fees, with penalty fees being waived; and be it further Seconded by COUNCILMAN BARTON.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Barton – Aye, Councilman Moran – Aye, Councilman Mangeri – Aye, Councilwoman Zulauf – Aye, Supervisor Kennedy – Aye.****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 5 (23)
To Accept NYS OCFS Funding**

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) makes available certain funds for use in programming aimed at Youth Development Delinquency Prevention;

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted to OCFS and to the Dutchess County Division of Youth Services an application for this Youth Development Delinquency Prevention funding;

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the final review of the application and the awarding of funds, OCFS requires that the Town Board, by resolution, authorize the final submission of the application to OCFS, and agree to abide by certain conditions, outlined within the attached form certification; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute the authorization attached hereto.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 6 (24)
To Approve Recreation Department Salaries and Wage Matrix**

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of setting wages for seasonal and other hourly employees of the Town's Recreation Department;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director, and the Recreation Commission, have proposed approval of the wage matrix, as attached, which the Town Board does itself find to be in order; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt, for 2013, the wages recorded on the attached wage matrix.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MORAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 7 (25)
To Authorize Supervisor to Enter into Lease-Purchase Agreement for 2 Trucks for Highway Dept.**

COUNCILMAN BARTON offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department now has two trucks in disrepair, which trucks are essential to the Highway Department's operation;

WHEREAS, repair of these aging trucks is not believed to be cost-effective;

WHEREAS, the Town has identified two new trucks that should serve the Highway fleet well, which trucks are available at favorable financing rates; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a lease-to-own agreement for the acquisition of two new 2012 Dodge Ram 5500 trucks, as attached, for a total cost of \$85,103.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town shall, in connection with this lease-to-own agreement, trade in the two older trucks referenced above.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MANGERI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:06:13 – 8 (26)
To Approve Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has audited and approved claims pursuant to Sect. 119 of Town Law as set forth in the attached abstracts; be it

RESOLVED, that the payment, therefore, is hereby authorized as follows:

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund:	\$120,965.49
Claims to be paid from DA-Highway Fund:	\$298,445.31
Claims to be paid from CM-Special Recreation Fund:	\$ 5,900.00
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 3,040.55
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water:	\$ 2,322.42
Claims to be paid from the T-trust & Agency Fund:	<u>\$ 3,176.04</u>
	\$433,849.81

Payroll 3	Paid	\$ 56,229.11
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General Fund:	\$ 32,862.44
Highway Fund:	\$ 23,366.67

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kennedy stated that he and Deputy Supervisor, Paul Curran had a discussion with one of our neighboring municipalities regarding exploring their interest in shared services. He hopes to have a similar discussion with another neighboring municipality as well and will keep us posted with any updates.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terri Sudol owns a lunch truck and asked the Town Board for permission to set up her truck and sell concessions at Recreation Park and Town Center Park. Supervisor Kennedy advised that he will speak to the company that is currently holding concessions at Recreation Park to ensure that the hours don't conflict with each other and will have an answer for her by the next Town Board meeting.

Tom Kinsley stated that he was glad the resolution pertaining to the radio system was tabled. In his opinion it is too expensive and recommends mass text messaging as an alternative.

Jim Dankelman expressed his displeasure with the conduct of some Town Board members at the last meeting of the Town Board.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive advised the public of his concerns with communication within Town Hall Departments. He also stated there are Town Committees that were established but haven't given updates in some time. He visited the Beekman Library to view a past Town Board meeting DVD and was advised that the Library hasn't received the Town Board Meeting DVD's in some time. He stated that it was discussed at the last meeting that the Town Engineer Firm would be voted on tonight, why is that not the case? He informed the Town that he received a letter from Senator Ball's office pertaining to the Enhanced Star Program and was happy for the communication from them. He summarized by stating communication is key and would like to see better communication going forward.

Supervisor Kennedy responded to Len Jerrum stating that he made valid points regarding communication and he will see what can be done in the future to communicate more effectively. Regarding the lack of reporting from Committees that were established, the Supervisor stated that it is difficult to get people to get together and urged Len to possibly serve on one of these Committees and get involved. The Supervisor advised Len that further interviews will be conducted before voting on an Engineering Firm and that is why it wasn't on tonight's agenda.

David Anderson advised the Board to take their time selecting an Engineering Firm. He urged them to cover all options and talk to Planning Board Members and residents of the Community. In reference to the communication comments from earlier this evening he stated that we are in the "smartphone era" and a Facebook blast would be a form of communication that would capture a large amount of residents.

Peter Skorewicz, Town Videographer, advised the Board that he sends the Town Board Meeting videos directly to Comcast for broadcast, however; they were unable to narrow down a day and time the meetings will be aired. He offered to volunteer his time to work with the Comptroller to look into a Town of Beekman Television Station. He stated that a negotiation of the Franchise Agreement is due soon; this additional item may be added into that Agreement. This would enable the Town to broadcast around the clock, various Town Meetings, Announcements, Special Events and Emergency Information.

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Supervisor Kennedy agreed to have Peter follow up with Comptroller Fred Knapp on this issue.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Councilwoman Zulauf asked if the Town audit was completed, and if so, can the Town Board get copies? Comptroller, Fred Knapp stated the audit is not quite complete but he will get copies to all Town Board members when it is.

Supervisor Kennedy announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board will be February 20, 2013. There will be a Workshop session commencing at 7:00pm where Bob Novak will speak about ECHO Cottages, followed by the Regular portion at 7:30pm.

ADJOURN:

At 10:18PM with no further business to conduct Councilwoman Zulauf made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT

TOWN CLERK