

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – March 07, 2012

The Workshop portion of the Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:10 PM 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 MICHAEL MORAN
COUNCILMAN RON MANGERI
COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA ZULAUF

ALSO PRESENT: RON EVANGELISTA, TOWN ENGINEER

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. He made one administrative announcement regarding the location of the fire exits.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP:

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES (DIDI BARRETT & RICH WAGER):

Didi Barrett stated that she has lived in Dutchess County in the Town of Washington for 25 years and her roots go back to the 1930s when her grandfather bought a farm in Ancramdale. She is running for office because she would like to step forward and give the voters a choice in their kind of representation. She is a community activist and has spent her career making a difference in the lives of others through working with various not for profit organizations. She looks forward to working in Albany with our community to bring jobs that are good for our economy and environment and she is looking to represent the interests of the middle class.

Rich Wager grew up in Hyde Park and his family goes back for 7 generations in the Hudson Valley. Each generation was born, raised, and settled in the same community. His concern is that children that grow up here no longer settle here because we don't live in an environment for growth. We need more than an advocate to represent this area; we need to fight for our community. We are at a critical junction, the quality of life that is so appealing has been declining over the years. He wants to work together to make upstate New York what we remember it to be.

PRESENTATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS USING TIPS MONEY (RON EVANGELISTA, TOWN ENGINEER)

Ron Evangelista spoke about the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) money that is federal funded by the New York State Dept. of Transportation, which Beekman was selected for. Beekman was granted approximately \$180,000 max. He is proposing the following options. One option is to perform upgrades to the highway garage buildings. He proposed to remove and install 6 insulated 12 x 12 overhead doors in each building, install insulation in other areas, replace the metal roof on the small shed, and raise the roof in one or two bays of the garage to allow the highway crew to work on taller equipment. The projected cost of this proposal is between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

Another option is to construct a stand-alone highway building, which would consist of 5 metal bays on a concrete slab. The cost of this proposal would be between \$200,000 and \$215,000. He is requesting the Board give these options some thought and try to come to a decision in the next meeting or two. The

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approval process will take approximately 9 to 12 months. Beekman was selected based on the original 2007 project that was an addition to the salt shed, however the money is for transportation improvement, which his proposals include.

The final option is to construct a lean to that would run the entire 209 foot length of the salt shed. It would consist of 15 bays covered on top, 5 bays totally enclosed, some bays to be occupied by the Maintenance Department and the Highway Department would occupy the remainder of the bays. The approximate cost of this proposal is \$70,000 to \$75,000. Ron suggestion is to use the insurance money if the Board decides on this option due to the fact it would start immediately. If the Board authorizes STIP money for this project it will be a longer wait.

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 8:20 PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy attended the Eagle Scouts Board of Reviews and recommended Dylan Bischoff to be promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. Also attended the Eagle Court of Honor where he presented William Dore with a certificate of achievement. Congratulated both Scouts.

The Beekman Spirit Committee has begun the Art Competition. The Spirit of Beekman is the theme and the winners artwork will be used to create t-shirts that will be sold. The winner will be announced at the Inaugural Beekman Spirit Day / Field Day. The Supervisor asked for volunteers to help with each activity at the Field Day event.

He is vigorously pursuing shared services with our surrounding Towns. This would help reduce expenditures and keep our taxes low. He is reaching out to other Town Supervisors with the primary focus being on Animal Control and Street Sweeping. He met with the Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee and looks forward to working with them. They will have the Animal Shelter report ready in a few weeks.

He attended the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Wappingers Falls last weekend. Made an announcement regarding open burning, reminding residents there is no burning from March 15th to May 15th. In reference to the Oil Spill Fund Claim, we have sent FOIL requests to the DEC and are receiving some information.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilwoman Zulauf reported that she attended the Association of Towns in NYC on February 20, 2012. She attended a few classes and networked with other Town Officials. She attended the February 21st Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting and distributed the minutes for said Committee. She also attended the Fire Commissioners meeting.

Councilman Barton had nothing new to report.

Councilman Mangeri conducted the interview for Lawrence Kunz for the Citizens Budget Oversight Committee and also attended the Town Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

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Councilman Moran reported that they are still busy interviewing the summer staff at the Recreation. This coming weekend he will be inspecting the playing fields with the Maintenance Director, Greg Brown.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Tony Coviello reported that his Department has completed drainage projects on the following: Hogan Drive, 370ft of pipe, Coon Den Road, basins and pipe was installed, Hynes Road, replaced pipe due to pipe failure, TCP, pipe and catch basins installed, Gardner Hollow Road, pipe and item 4, Lime Ridge Road, drainage easement project completed, Mennella Road, completed 250ft of pipe and catch basins installed. The Highway Department started working on the 2012 284 Agreement. He plans to begin street sweeping, with the new sweeper, the 3rd week of March, weather permitting. Completed various tree work and coal patches throughout the Town. Received the line striping machine.

COMPTROLLERS REPORT:

Fred Knapp gave a presentation regarding the year-end report for 2011. Spoke about estimates on the remainder construction on the TCP Pavillion. Advised the Board that the auditors will be coming in April. Stated that the Town has received all the revenues from the fire district and we will be paying the vendors.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-1 (43)

Re: Approval of Town Board Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-2 (44)

Re: To Appoint Volunteers onto Town of Beekman Committees

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-3 (45)

Re: Adopting the 2012 Recreation Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-4 (46)

Re: To Authorize a Change Order for the Installation of Solar Panels at the Beekman Fire District Fire House

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-5 (47)

Re: Authorizing Trips for Senior Citizens Program

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-6 (48)

Re: Authorizing Additional Recreation Programming Offered by USA Sport Group

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-7 (49)

Re: Authorizing the Implementation of Vending Machines in the Highway Department

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-8 (50)

Re: Payment of Claims

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Barton asked to have the Zoning Advisory Committee dissolved. There was discussion among the Board members as to whether or not the Committee has addressed the mission it was established for. It was resolved that the Committee members would be present at the March 21, 2012 Meeting to answer questions and discuss the future of this Committee.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Werner Stiegler spoke about the Hamlet Zoning issue.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Barton commented on the Hamlet Zoning issue

Supervisor Kennedy makes a motion at 10:46 PM to move to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter and Litigation against the Town. Councilman Barton seconded....All in favor. At 11:18 PM Town Board is back from Executive Session and reads and passes the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 03:07:12-9 (51)

Re: Litigation – To Authorize Consent to Darwin Nation Assurance Company

ADJOURN:

At 11:19 PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Kennedy adjourns meeting. Councilwoman Zulauf makes the motion, seconded by Councilman Moran. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT

TOWN CLERK