

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – September 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:36PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MATTHEW D. KENNEDY
COUNCILMAN RON MANGERI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN – Arrived at 9:00PM
COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA ZULAUF

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN PETER BARTON

Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in Honor of those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 attack. He made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

Recognition of Ruth Hogan as Beekman's Woman of Distinction

Supervisor Kennedy spoke about Ruth Hogan and her accomplishments and volunteerism to our Town. He issued her a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked her for all she has done and continues to do for our Town.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy began his report this evening with commenting on the 9/11 Ceremony that was organized by the Beekman Fire Department. He stated it was well attended and Heather Cooper did a wonderful job once again this year. He reported that with respect to the Shared Services Grant and the Assessor position, he is happy to inform the Town that out of the 16 applicants that applied, the Town of Beekman is ranked number 2 as of now. The grant for shared services is for \$25,000. The Supervisor stated that the 2014 budget process is underway. We will have the Department Head Budget Hearings beginning October 8th, 9th, and 10th and will file the Tentative Budget on September 30th. Verizon contacted the Town to discuss the possibility of installing a cell tower behind the Highway Garage. He will keep us updated with respect to that. Supervisor Kennedy announced that the Time Capsule Opening Ceremony will be Saturday, September 28th at 2:00pm. We will open the capsule and view the items, a band will provide music and the girl scouts will serve refreshments. The items will be on display in Town Hall for a period of time before being reburied along with items from this time period. In closing, he hoped everyone enjoyed their summer and wished all students good luck with the start of a new school year.

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Councilwoman Zulauf reported that she attended the Fire Commissioners Budget Meeting. She also attended the Women of Distinction Award Ceremony and the 9/11 Ceremony. She thanked Heather and the Fire Department for a very nice presentation.

Councilman Mangeri had nothing to report this evening.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

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Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that he attended a safety meeting this morning. They discussed proper flagging protocol and safety gear. The Highway Department has been removing dead trees along the roadways, replacing drainage on Stowe Drive, finished paving Clapp Hill Road and installed speed humps on Gabriels Path. He has received positive feedback and many thank you's from the residents on Gabriels Path. Tony reported at the last meeting that the Highway was manufacturing their own risers for the paving rather than purchasing them and has been saving the Town money this way. He plans to manufacture the risers to pave Skyline Drive and Deana Loop as well. In closing, he distributed pictures of failed drainage pipe on Deforest Road and spoke about the issues with that.

Phil Toombs, President of the Beekman Athletic Club, expressed his sincere gratitude to Supervisor Kennedy and the Town Board for their support of the construction of batting cages at TCP. The Beekman Athletic Club held fundraisers and collected the money necessary to construct these facilities. In addition, he thanked Tony Coviello and his crew for their time and resources helping with this project, Greg Brown for all his help, the Novak family, the Littler family, the Pepsi Company, Salem Fence and Bulldog Concrete.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:12:13 – 1 (107)
To Approve 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 August 7, 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 August 7, 2013, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

****Councilwoman Zulauf stated that she is abstaining, she was not present at this meeting and this meeting was not recorded so she is not able to review. Supervisor Kennedy withdraws this motion because there aren't enough votes to carry this motion. This resolution will be on the next Town Board Meeting Agenda.****

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09:12:13 – 2 (108)
To Appoint Judith Hyatt as Town Assessor and to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement
with the Town of Dover**

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman and the Town of Dover have jointly applied to Dutchess County for a Municipal Consolidation and Shared Services Grant, seeking an award of funds to help implement a system whereby the two towns will appoint and share the services of a single assessor;

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WHEREAS, Ms. Judith Hyatt has ably served for many years as Dover Town Assessor, is well-versed in all duties and obligations of the assessor position, and has served for two months now in the capacity of Beekman assessor, on an as-needed basis, in view of the June 2013 resignation of Beekman's assessor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman does hereby appoint Judith Hyatt to serve as Town Assessor of the Town of Beekman, with her term to commence October 1, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized and directed to execute the attached inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Dover, to provide for the sharing of the services, salary, benefits, and costs of the assessor, and providing further for the sharing of any funds that may be awarded pursuant to the aforementioned grant application.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

****Councilman Mangeri moves to table this resolution for further discussion, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. All in favor.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09:12:13 – 3 (109)
To Provide Instruction to Marshall Sterling to Bind Coverage**

COUNCILMAN MANGERI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Marshall & Sterling has obtained the attached proposal from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, or NYMIR, for blanket insurance coverage for the Town of Beekman (including property casualty, auto, public officials and EPL, crime, flood, and other coverages);

WHEREAS, the pricing of the proposal is below what the Town is now paying for the same coverage through two separate insurers, the deductibles are much lower, and the coverage terms are also more broad, in favor of the insured; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to direct Marshall & Sterling to bind coverage with NYMIR, on the terms attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to cancel the existing coverage with Scottsdale Insurance Company and Darwin National Assurance Company, with the cancellation to be effective concurrent with the inception of the NYMIR coverage.

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09:12:13 – 4 (110)
To Award Bid to R T & Sons Construction, Inc.**

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman advertised a request for proposals (RFP) for improvements to the Recreation Center Park pavilion, bathrooms, and surrounding areas, for which improvements the Town has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant;

WHEREAS, proposals were received and were evaluated by Morris Associates Engineering Consultants, P.L.L.C., who have recommended that the Town Board award the bid to R T & Sons Construction, Inc., the low bidder; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for the Recreation Center Park Improvement to R T & Sons Construction, Inc., at a total cost not to exceed \$35,000.00, and does authorize the Supervisor to finalize and execute a contract to this effect, in consultation with the engineers, the Town Comptroller, and the Town Attorney.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MANGERI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09:12:13 -5 (111)
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; now therefore be it

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

Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 715.79
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,900.55
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	\$ 4,101.28
Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 83,768.58
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway	\$ 19,737.71
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 29,667.93</u>
	\$140,891.84

Payroll	17	Paid	\$ 78,514.70
General Fund:	\$ 54,409.86		
Highway Fund:	\$ 22,104.84		

Payroll	18	Paid	\$ 65,994.66
General Fund:	\$ 46,725.30		
Highway Fund:	\$ 19,269.36		

Payroll	19	Paid	\$ 54,391.13
General Fund:	\$ 35,157.78		
Highway Fund:	\$ 19,233.35		

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Zulauf announced that the Fall road cleanup day is set for Saturday, October 12th at 8:00am.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, spoke about the drainage issue on his property and the Highway Department's involvement. He distributed photos for the Town Board's review and described his complaint.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned the number of votes necessary in order to pass a resolution or motion? Supervisor Kennedy explained that we need a majority which is three Board Members. He also questioned why the Comptroller hasn't given a report as to the Town's finances in several months.

Greg Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, spoke to defend his work ethic in response to a written comment that was made regarding the preparation of the 9/11 Memorial Park grounds.

Supervisor Kennedy announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30pm

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

At 9:23pm Supervisor Kennedy made a motion to move to executive session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Councilwoman Zulauf. All in favor.

At 10:35 the Town Board returns from executive session taking the following action:

Supervisor Kennedy moved to provide a notice of claim and have further conversation with the claimant concerning Mr. Cunningham and his issue with piping, hereby resolved to provide direction to the Highway Superintendent to purchase piping that was discussed: roughly 400 feet of 24 inch pipe. Further resolved, that the Supervisor and Town Attorney shall confer as necessary with the claimant to enable this claim to be submitted to the carrier, hopefully for reimbursement to be pursued. Councilwoman Zulauf seconded, All in favor. Councilman Mangeri – Aye, Councilman Moran – Aye, Councilwoman Zulauf – Aye, Supervisor Kennedy – Aye.

ADJOURN:

At 10:37PM with no further business to conduct Supervisor Kennedy made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Mangeri. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT

TOWN CLERK