

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – October 2, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:35PM 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
COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA ZULAUF
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN – Arrived at 7:42pm

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN PETER BARTON

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE

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 fire exits.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy announced that he will pull the recognition of Henry & Jean Baker this evening because they were unable to attend this meeting. We will recognize them at the next meeting on October 16th. The Supervisor reported that he attended the Time Capsule Opening Ceremony, which was very well attended and was a beautiful day all around. He thanked all those who were involved in the planning; the original Committee members, Ruth Hogan, the Baker's, Carolyn Rayburn, Greg Brown for setting up and Hudson Valley Council Band for providing music. The items are displayed in the Town Clerk's Office and will be re-buried, along with current items, in a few weeks. He also congratulated the two essay winners; Samuel Renaud – First Place and Moira Kennedy – Second Place.

The Town Budget process is well underway. He presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk. He thanked Fred Knapp, Comptroller, Sebastian Perez-Lawrence, Budget Officer, and the Citizens Budget Oversight Committee for their help and input preparing this. We have three budget workshops scheduled for October 8th, 9th, & 10th at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The Supervisor has been in conversations with Verizon regarding the possibility of installing a cell tower behind the Highway Garage. He hopes to have an agreement drawn up for the next Town Board meeting to present to the Board. These discussions listed a monthly payment be made to the Town for a 20 year term. The Supervisor thanked the Town Attorney for all his assistance with this agreement.

In closing, Supervisor Kennedy announced the Senior Picnic will be held on October 24th at the Community Center and Town Cleanup is Saturday, October 19th from 7:00 – 2:30.

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Councilwoman Zulauf reported that she attended the Time Capsule Opening where she enjoyed seeing the items that were buried. For the last few evenings she was involved in interviews for the Assessor position. In closing, she reported that the paving we are seeing on Beekman Road is part of the Safety Assessment that the County performed last year.

Councilman Mangeri reported that he was involved in the interviews for the Assessor position.

Councilman Moran reported that he also was involved in interviews for Assessor position.

Supervisor Kennedy thanked Peter Skorewicz for videotaping the Time Capsule Ceremony and John Garito for raising it up out of the Capsule.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that his crew has been very busy lately. They mowed the high grass and weeds at Doherty Park where they will be creating a new parking area. They have removed the swimming docks at the Rec. They are continuing the roadside mowing of brush for clearer visibility. They have now completed the 284 Agreement for 2013. Tony reported that they will be renting a crusher for two days next week to recycle the material behind the Highway Garage into item 4. In closing, he announced Town Cleanup is Saturday, October 19th from 7:00 – 2:30pm.

PRESENTATION BY TOWN COMPTROLLER AND BUDGET OFFICER

Town Comptroller, Fred Knapp and Budget Officer, Sebastian Perez-Lawrence, gave an overview of the Town's financial standing. They advised that we are in a very good position with very little debt. They spoke about the 2012 Audit and gave a brief review of the Town's 2013 Budget year-to-date. Sebastian then discussed the 2014 budget, announcing there will be no increase in the tax levy; however, we are facing some challenges and will need to cut back where we can.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:02:13 -2 (116)
To Approve Payment of Claims**

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF 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 A-General Fund	\$ 36,669.68
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway	\$ 10,411.89
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 2,642.00</u>
	\$ 49,723.57

Payroll	Paid	\$
General Fund:		
Highway Fund:		

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kennedy moves to un-table the resolution to Appoint Judith Hyatt as Town Assessor and to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Dover, seconded by Councilwoman Zulauf.

**RESOLUTION NO. – Other Business
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;

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	ABSENT
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	NO
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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Supervisor Kennedy addressed the issue at TCP where pedestrians are walking in the roadway to access the soccer fields which is posing a safety issue. It has been decided to have signs posted that direct people to utilize the walking bridge to access the soccer fields. He also reported that the work at the Community Center has been completed and the Community Center will re-open on Friday. The Supervisor had communications with Comcast on Monday and is hopeful to have the final draft of the franchise agreement by the 16th of this month so that we can move forward with renewing our agreement with them. One final piece of

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other business that the Supervisor addressed was the issue with the time capsule drainage. When we opened the capsule it had been full of water. The Supervisor asked the Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello to look into ways to improve the drainage around the capsule.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Adams, Beyer Drive, asked the Town to investigate whether the proposed cell tower would interfere in the fire department and highway departments radio communication and would Verizon be willing to allow the Fire Department to have an antenna installed on the cell tower. He questioned if the Town was paying for the Senior Picnic that is scheduled for October 24th? In closing, he stated that Town Supervisor Candidate, Paul Curran utilized the Town Seal on his campaign literature, which is illegal, and asked to have him remove the seal from his literature.

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, gave a presentation of poster boards composed of correspondence from Dutchess County in reference to his drainage issues.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, stated that Town Historian, Thom Usher, was involved in the planning of the Time Capsule Ceremony and was left out of the Thank You's and wanted to see him recognized. He announced that the Library is considering getting the Historical Society up and running again. Lastly, he had some questions pertaining to the budget.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

There was no further General Board comment this evening.

Supervisor Kennedy announced that the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board will be October 16th at 7:00pm and reminded the public about the Budget workshops scheduled for next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

ADJOURN:

At 9:34PM with no further business to conduct Councilwoman Zulauf made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Mangeri. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT

TOWN CLERK