

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 16, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:00PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
ABSENT: COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN
ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE

Supervisor Barbara Zulauf 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. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

ECHO COTTAGE PRESENTATION BY BOB NOVAK

Bob Novak gave a video presentation this evening about Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO Cottages). These units consist of a one bedroom portable home you place on your property temporarily for elderly family members as an alternate to placing them in a nursing home. He is asking the Town to make some changes to the Town Code so these mobile homes would be permitted in residential areas. Many residents from the audience as well as Town Board members asked several questions. Town Engineer, Dan Koehler, distributed the current Town Code as it is written along with his revisions. Supervisor Zulauf thanked Mr. Novak for his presentation

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BY NICOLE HARRISON

Nicole Harrison is currently attending Western Governors University and is working on obtaining her Masters Degree in Nursing. As part of her core curriculum she is required to do an extensive research project in Public Safety. Nicole has chosen to focus on Disaster Preparedness for our Community. She asked the Town Board permission to conduct a study on this topic. The Town Board is very willing to help out in Nicole's research. She was also asked if she would consider volunteering on the Town of Beekman's Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Committee. Supervisor Zulauf thanked Nicole and asked her to keep the Town posted.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Zulauf attended the 19th Annual salute to Dutchess County Heroes where local Fire Departments, Rescue Squads & Police Departments had an opportunity to submit names for local heroes in their departments. Town of Beekman residents, Rob Mallen received the Teamwork within a squad award and Kenny Mallen received the Lifetime achievement award. The Supervisor met with the Youth for Restoration group to discuss their project to restore the Mill House and she also met with representatives of the State Historical Preservation to get the Mill House on the National Register. She also met with Comptroller, Andrew Forman and Patrick Manning to discuss the Town's Veridian account. There are many energy suppliers that offer a discounted service so we are making sure that we are getting the best rate for energy supply. The Supervisor wasn't able to attend the Annual Egg Hunt but she heard it was a huge success. She thanked Jeanne and her staff for all their efforts in making it a huge success. In closing, Supervisor Zulauf reported that she is still continuing the discussions with both Central Hudson regarding the natural gas line and Verizon regarding the cell tower and is hopeful to have agreements established in a few short weeks.

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Councilman Battaglini attended both the CAC meeting and the Fire District meeting. He advised us that the NYS Department of Corrections is offering to give the reservoir, located on Green Haven Prison property, to the Town. The Town Board members will meet at the reservoir next week to investigate if we would want to take it over. In closing, Councilman Battaglini advised the public that we need to put the Time Capsule back in the ground and is

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looking at the first week in June to do so. He will work with the Town Historian to obtain items to place inside and offered the public to submit items to the Town Clerk as well.

Councilman Del Vecchio attended the Rec Commission meeting where they discussed business as usual; their next meeting is Wednesday, May 14th. He viewed the fields at Doherty Park and TCP to identify the areas where vehicles are accessing the fields and vandalizing them. Councilman Del Vecchio attended the Egg Hunt at the Rec, a great time was had by all. He commended Jeanne and her staff for putting together a wonderful event. In closing, he announced that the Fishing Derby is May 3rd.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that the required work at the Rec Park has been completed. They improved drainage and blacktopped walkways. The street sweeping throughout the Town is still in progress. His department has repaired many collapsed catch basins and cleaned out others. All the dirt roads within the Town have been graded. They conducted a traffic count on Gardner Hollow near Mayfair Road and discovered within a 24 hour period, 2,401 vehicles passed through that area. The Highway Department is installing a Guard Rail to assist in keeping vehicles on the road and off of private lawns. They are performing maintenance on one of their trucks, taking the engine apart and sandblasting the frame. The Highway Department had to sand last night due to the light snow fall we received.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 04:16:14 –1 (65)
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Town Board Meeting to all members of the Beekman Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Town Board members have had the opportunity to review said minutes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

Councilman Del Vecchio made a friendly amendment to change Page 2, his report on the Minutes, to reflect that he did not attend the meeting with Jeanne and the Arlington School Superintendent, he reported on the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO 4:16:14 – 2 (66)
RE: Authorize Attendance at NYS Retirement Education Seminar**

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SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Retirement System Employer Education Unit is presenting a one day Employer Education Seminar on Thursday May 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for Town of Beekman bookkeeper, Bill Brady to understand the reporting requirements for payroll and personnel staff; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost of the seminar; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Bill Brady is authorized to attend NYS Retirement Education Seminar.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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RESOLUTION 4:16:14 – 3 (67)
RE: Music for Memorial Day Ceremony

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman holds a Memorial Day service and parade each year to remember, reflect and honor those veterans who have served our great nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with the PUMC Wind Ensemble for their participation in our service on Monday, May 26, 2014 at a cost of \$250.00.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:16:14 – 4 (68)
RE: To Authorize Fishing Derby for 2014, and Purchase of Fish

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Fishing Derby is an annual tradition here in Beekman, and has been for years;

WHEREAS, through the generous donations of businesses and individuals funding has been secured; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the use of the Recreation Swim Area on Saturday, May 3, 2014, in connection with this event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town will accept monetary donations from individuals, which monies, once received by the Town, shall be earmarked for the purchase of fish, and for expenses related to the fishing derby event; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor’s Office shall procure the necessary permit from DEC for this event, and is authorized to spend up to \$910.00 for the purchase of fish for this event.

Seconded by SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:16:14 – 5 (69)
RE: Authorize Community Day Entertainment**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Community Day is an annual event that is popular and well attended by Town of Beekman Residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, Community Day for 2014 has been scheduled for Saturday, July 19th and will be held at Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget includes funding for entertainment for Community Day; now therefore be it

RESEOLVED, The Town Board accepts donations from The Party Hopper for a Themed Double Water Slide in exchange for Diamond Sponsorship a value of \$1,000, Southwest Sandart will make a donation of Joust for a Emerald Sponsorship a value of \$500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the following vendors: Fun Time Amusements for Inflatable Rock Wall in amount of \$1,485, and Trackless Train in amount of \$985, Jump-n-Fun for Dunk Tank in amount of \$100.

Seconded Councilman COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:16:14 – 6 (70)
RE: Authorize Town Board Expenditures 911 Memorial Park Improvement**

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COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman secured a piece of steel from The World Trade Center to put into a 9-11 Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Park was built with mostly donated materials, time and labor; and

WHEREAS, a grant was received from NY Senator, Greg Ball in the amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the town must supply funds of a 10% in kind match in order to meet grant requirements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman will contribute to the future construction of this Memorial Park with an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Seconded Councilman SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Zulauf	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:16:14 – 7 (71)

RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI 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:	\$ 68,260.59
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 12,028.06
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 3,295.55
Claims to be paid from SW-Dover Ridge Water	<u>\$ 745.79</u>
	84,329.99

Payroll 8	Paid	\$51,707.27
General Fund: \$32,864.44		
Highway Fund: \$18,842.83		

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE

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Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business this evening.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned the situation on Mayfair with respect to the traffic count study that was performed. He asked the Board to explain what the ARB and CAC stand for which they did. He thanked Nicole Harrison for her presentation.

Mary Bronzi, Pleasant Ridge Road, is very concerned with the amount of littering on our roads. She suggested the Town post no littering signs on roads to discourage this behavior. Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, stated his department will post “Keep Beekman Clean” signs.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Zulauf stated that Councilman Moran and Councilman Stiegler were called out of Town for this evenings meeting so they were unable to be present. She reminded the Town Board that road cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at 8am.

Councilman Del Vecchio stated that the Ethics Board is currently looking for volunteers. Supervisor Zulauf stated the ARB is looking for members as well. Bob Novak volunteered to serve on the ARB.

Supervisor Zulauf stated the Fishing Derby is Saturday, May 3rd, registration begins at 7:30am, fishing from 8-12, award ceremony beginning at 12:15. Secondly, on Wednesday, April 30th at 6pm, County Executive, Marcus Molinaro will be at Town Hall for a Public meeting. All are welcome to hear him speak and ask questions.

Councilman Del Vecchio reminded the public that the Town of Beekman Transfer station stopped in the beginning of March. He encouraged residents to utilize Royal Carting on Route 82 or the Town of Union Vale Transfer station on Route 55.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 7th at 7pm.

At 8:37pm Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to executive session to discuss proposed, pending and current litigation seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

At 9:40pm the Board returns from Executive Session where Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following: Supervisor Zulauf is authorized to verify a complaint, with the Town of Beekman as the Plaintiff against certain parties whose names will not be disclosed at this time, the complaint will be a matter of public record and Michael Varble is authorized to file it in Supreme Court, Dutchess County, once the Supervisor executes it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Battaglini, all in favor.

ADJOURN:

At 9:42PM with no further business to conduct Councilman Battaglini made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK