

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 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
 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN – ARRIVED AT 7:31PM
 COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

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, especially one of our own Marc Coviello, son of Tony Coviello who in the past two days encountered first hand, the challenges of defending our freedom. Please keep him in our thoughts & prayers for a speedy recovery. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

REPORTS:
SUPERVISOR:

The Supervisor reported that she attended the monthly Dutchess County Supervisor's & Mayor's meeting. They had discussions regarding energy tax and will continue to have discussions, which the Supervisor will pass on to us. She had preliminary discussions with Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director, about the upcoming Community Day. Supervisor Zulauf met with Bridget Barclay of Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority regarding taking over the Dover Ridge Water & Sewer System.

This past Thursday, the Supervisor and her Secretary, Pam, met with Dutchess County personnel. The title of Budget Officer is a civil service position, which we didn't realize, so there is a resolution on tonight's agenda to change William Brady's title to Bookkeeper. She thanked Greg and Todd for all their work in Town Hall, moving furniture and painting the offices. She thanked Tony and the Highway Department for keeping our roads clean and safe during all the storms.

Supervisor Zulauf, Andrew Forman and Rachael Rancourt met with Cornerstone in an effort to streamline our phone system. We are in the process of developing a zero tolerance for all Town of Beekman employees which will include random drug testing. In closing, the Supervisor stated that the Town Board will review the various departments receipt books this evening and sign off on them.

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Councilman Stiegler reported he contacted Geneva Claire Hamilton, Chair of the Open Space Committee, to inquire about attending their next meeting. He has been in contact with Greg Brown, gathering information about the responsibilities of the Maintenance Department. In closing, he thanked Bill Brady and Andrew Forman for having the bills ready for review.

Councilman Battaglini reported he attended the Fire Commissioners meeting last Wednesday where they discussed the various areas where dry hydrants can be installed. He also attended the MS4 meeting this morning with the Town Engineer, Dan Koehler.

Councilman Del Vecchio informed the public, the Town Attorney will not be present at every meeting, this was a cost cutting measure where the Town will only call on him as needed.

Receiver of Taxes-Judith Crawford, Town Justice-John Garito, Town Clerk-Rachael Rancourt and Building Inspector-Shawn Beresford presented their receipt books this evening for review and signature from the Town Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

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Tony Coviello reported that the Highway Department has begun work on this year’s 284 Agreement. They installed drainage pipe and basins on Cedar Lane, preparing it for paving in the Spring. Tony distributed materials on the NYS law & 284 Agreement. He wanted to clarify the 284 money is already in the adopted budget, the Highway Department isn’t asking for additional monies to repair roads. In addition, we are also enrolled in the CHIPS program, where the State reimburses a portion of road repairs each year. The Highway Department has repaired drainage issues on Emma Way and Stowe Drive recently and has been extremely busy plowing and sanding. In closing, Tony reported that we received a check for \$ 2,400 for the sale of scrap metal.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:12:14 –1 (32)
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the January 22, 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 January 22, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:12:14 –2 (33)
RE: Amend expiration dates for Board Members**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Board appointments, as per resolution 01:22:14 - 2; and

WHEREAS, Board appointment expiration dates were incorrectly established; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the corrected expiration dates are:

- Planning Board Michael Gallina to expire 12/31/20
- Zoning Board of Appeals Murray Johnson to expire 12/31/17
- Architectural Review Board Bruce Oswald to expire 12/31/17

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Conservation Advisory Council Rich Brown to expire 12/31/19

 Rod Gonzalez to expire 12/31/20

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 3 (34)
RE: Appointment to Ethics Board

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board will make appointments to the various boards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes the following appointments to be effective immediately:

Ethics Board Dan Wiko Term to expire 12/31/21

WHEREAS, appointments of the chair positions are appointed by the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chair position is a yearly appointment and serves at the pleasure of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submissions of the new Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 19-9 of Town Code unless already on file and information has not changed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointees shall file their Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving their term.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 4 (35)
RE: Appoint Liaison to Boy Scouts

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board will make appointments to various community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts is a national program that develops our youth to be more productive in society; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes the following appointment to be effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Neal Townsend is appointed as Liaison to Boy Scouts.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:12:14 – 5 (36)
RE: Amend William Brady's title**

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, appointments were made at the Town Board meeting on January 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, William Brady was appointed to Budget Officer; and

WHEREAS, Budget Officer is a Civil Service competitive position and William Brady was not on the eligible list of candidates for Budget Officer; and

WHEREAS, this appointment should have been taken from the list of active positions for the Town of Beekman; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that William Brady, with the advice of Dutchess County Personnel be appointed to the position of Bookkeeper, full time with an hourly salary of \$29.23.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 6 (37)
RE: Elimination of Manufacturers Tax

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014-2015 New York State Budget includes a provision that would eliminate the corporate income tax on manufacturers for all of the state except for counties in the MTA Region, including Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will drive manufacturing jobs out of our communities. A manufacturing business in Dutchess County would pay a 6.5% corporate tax, while a business in Ulster or Columbia County would have no corporate tax; and

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown metro area is one of only two New York Regions to lose private-sector jobs in 2013; and

WHEREAS, proposals to split New York State into separate tax zones are divisive and pit New Yorkers against each other; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman, memorializes the State Senate, Assembly and Governor to apply fairness and economic equality to all of New York State by elimination of the corporate tax on all manufactures across the state, or remove the provision to do so from the budget altogether; and be it further

RESOLVED, Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to New York State Senators Greg Ball, 40th Senate District; New York State Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor, District 105.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 7 (38)
RE: Removal of Budget Oversight Committee

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Budget Oversight Committee was formed February 22, 2010 by Town Board decision; and

WHEREAS, terms have expired for those appointed; and

WHEREAS, there has not been any further interest by these to either continue with re-appointments or to join the committee by appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Budget is overseen and is the responsibility of the Supervisor, Town Board, Comptroller and the Bookkeeper; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Budget Oversight Committee be dissolved immediately.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 8 (39)
RE: Authorize sale of unused equipment and parts at Highway Garage

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has a surplus of miscellaneous vehicle parts and a 1999 GMC flatbed utility truck that is no longer in service; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of disposing of these extra materials; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendant to place the equipment for sale on Auctions International.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 2:12:14 – 9 (40)
RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO 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:	\$ 45,319.18
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 81,545.77
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	<u>\$ 950.00</u>
	\$127,814.95

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Payroll 3	Paid	\$ 66,634.19
General Fund: \$32,250.17		
Highway Fund:\$34,384.02		

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business to discuss this evening.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, stated he received a phone call from NYSEG stating due to the upcoming storm you may experience power outages. He questioned how the Town would notify the residents about dry ice and warm shelter in these situations?

Supervisor Zulauf encouraged residents to go to the Town website and register their email address with us, in the future we will send important information related to Town events to everyone who registers through an email blast.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Zulauf's Secretary, Pam is organizing a Fishing Derby Committee. If anyone would like to volunteer or donate money please contact Pam.

Aflac would like to present their products to Town employees. This is at no cost to the Town and is just an additional option for the employees if they so choose.

At 7:59pm Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a matter which will imperil the public safety if it is disclosed. Councilman Battaglini seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURN:

Supervisor Zulauf takes the minutes following Executive Session.

At 10:15pm the Board returns from Executive Session taking no action.

At 10:16PM with no further business to conduct Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK