

## **BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF  
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER  
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
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 and also for a former employee of the Town, Catherine Strack, who passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Zulauf stated she has begun the health insurance review process. There will be some major changes this upcoming year. She hopes to have some plans to review in the beginning of April. Last week the Supervisor met with a representative from Senator Murphy's Office, Matt Slater. They had discussions about grant opportunities that are available and upcoming Town events. In closing, the Supervisor stated for the last few days she has attended the Annual Association of Towns classes where she met with fellow officers and obtained a wealth of information.

##### **TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilman Stiegler** had nothing new to report

**Councilman Battaglini** attended the fire commissioners meeting where they discussed business as usual. He also attended the Association of Towns yesterday.

**Councilman Del Vecchio** attended the Recreation Commission meeting where they discussed upcoming registrations for baseball and soccer. The Recreation summer program guide was announced. He also attended Mondays Association of Towns classes where he obtained information relating to funding and reserves on purchasing equipment and fiscal responsibility.

**Councilman Moran** commended Tony and the Highway Department for doing such a great job with snow removal and keeping the roads safe.

##### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that he isn't happy with the ice control sand product he received. He spoke to the vendor who recognized a problem with the current product and advised Tony he will issue a credit and ship a better product. He also advised the Board there are some issues getting salt delivered; the Hudson River is frozen and the barges can't get down the river. In closing, he stated that we may go over budget on snow removal this year due to the frequency of minor storms that occurred during the day where more product is used than in the larger storms.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

There was no public comment this evening.

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RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:18:15 – 1 (33)**  
**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 February 4, 2015 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 February 4, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:18:15 – 2 (34)**  
**RE: Accept Abandoned Property**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on February 4, 2015 before the Town Board to accept an abandoned property in the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, comments were received at the public hearing for the Town Board to consider; and

WHEREAS, no written comments were received within the allotted time period to the Town Clerk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman authorize Town Departments to bring the following property into compliance with the Town Code of abandoned properties as noted in Chapter 14:

7 Lake Road, Kalwarski, Richard 6658-10-377624

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Moran       | AYE |
| Councilman Stiegler    | NO  |
| Councilman Del Vecchio | AYE |
| Councilman Battaglini  | AYE |
| Supervisor Zulauf      | AYE |

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:18:15 – 3 (35)  
RE: Create New Contractor Position for Rec**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has the ability to approve Program Service Provider Contracts for various services provided to the residents of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department hires contractors for various programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board did approve Program Service Provider contracts on December 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Playgroup Program needs an assistant; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the creation of a new contractor position for Playgroup Assistant Supervisor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Bridget Mare be the Program Assistant Supervisor at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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. 02:18:15 – 4 (36)  
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         | \$ 129,600.92      |
| Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund        | \$ 45,361.92       |
| Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer | \$ 2,870.55        |
| Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water | \$ 1,015.79        |
| Claims to be Paid from the T-Trust & Agency       | <u>\$ 2,944.70</u> |
|   | \$ 181,793.88      |

Payroll 3                      Paid \$75,131.06

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General Fund \$36,388.12  
Highway Fund \$38,742.94

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:

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:18:15 – Other Business  
RE: Re-Bid Concession Stand at Rec**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the Town clerk, on 1-21-2015, to advertise for requests for proposals for the Concession Stand at Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, no Requests for Proposals were received by the deadline of February 18 at 2:00pm; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to place an advertisement in the Poughkeepsie Journal for Requests for Proposals for the Concession Stand at Recreation Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the new deadline date is March 16, 2015, at 4:00pm.

**\*\*\*Councilman Stiegler made a friendly amendment to reflect that no proposals/bids were received. Seconded by Councilman Moran. All in favor.\*\*\***

Seconded COUNCILMAN MORAN

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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

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Councilman Battaglini announces that the ice water drill has been re-scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, advised the public that he expects to receive \$7,500 in equipment rental use for plowing the County Roads for the past three weeks.

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**GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:**

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7PM.

At 7:32PM Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio. All in favor.

Councilman Del Vecchio took notes for the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

At 8:37PM the Board returns from executive session taking the following action: Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following; WHEREAS, the Town is contemplating certain legal actions against certain auditors who provided the Town auditing services during the tenure of Fred Knapp as the Comptroller and WHEREAS, in connection with that action the Town may be required to retain a forensic accountant, LET IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to retain a forensic accountant to review the working papers of that auditing company and recommend the next course of action for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:39PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK