

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

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:03PM 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

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.

### **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

Cathy Sheehan and Kyle Steller from the Mediation Center of Dutchess County were here this evening to discuss the coalition on Elder Abuse and raise awareness. They spoke about warning signs and who to contact if you suspect an elder is being abused, whether physically or mentally. Elder Abuse Awareness Day is Friday, June 12, 2015.

### **GERRY HUTCHINGS – DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Gerry Hutchings, Dutchess County Legislator, gave an overview on the maintenance of the County's infrastructure for this year. There are over 400 miles of roads, 140 bridges and 180 drainage ditches throughout the entire County. The total cost of maintenance and repairs for this year will be \$8,425,000. The County expects to receive \$3,800,000 of that back from the State in CHIPS money.

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Zulauf attended the ice water rescue drill at the Green Haven Facility pond this past Sunday. She also attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting for Dutchess County where they discussed flooding, storms and power outages pertaining to natural disasters. In conjunction with that she also received important information with respect to declaring a State of Emergency and Disaster Recovery processes. In closing, she had the opportunity to meet with Assemblyman Kieran Lalor, the Building Inspector and Town Engineer to review some local issues as well as a discussion on updating the Veterans plaque in Town Hall.

#### **TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilman Stiegler** has been in communication with the Maintenance Department who is getting ready for the spring sport season by ordering the materials they will need to get the ball fields ready. For the last few weeks they have been performing general building maintenance.

**Councilman Battaglini** reported that the last CAC meeting was cancelled due to the weather, however, they have submitted a new plan for timber harvesting and are waiting for feedback from the Board. He attended the MS4 and Fire District meeting where normal business was discussed. He thanked the Highway Department for clearing back some snow banks and mentioned that the Highway Department is currently looking into a new product that will potentially save the Town 30 percent of materials for snow removal.

**Councilman Del Vecchio** attended the Recreation Commission meeting, all the leagues are currently getting prepared for the upcoming season. He announced there are less than 60 days left to register for Recreation activities at a discounted rate, after May 15<sup>th</sup> prices will go up. The Town is currently looking for a vendor to run the concession stand at Recreation Park, if anyone is interested please step forward.

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**Councilman Moran** echoed Councilman Battaglini’s remarks regarding the Highway Department looking to save money. He reported that the Highway Department has begun the initial sweeping, however, there is more snow expected.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Tony Coviello, spoke about a computerized sand distribution system that he would like to purchase for five of the trucks in his fleet. They currently have this system in one truck which has proven to save a significant amount of money. The cost for the five additional computerized systems is \$7,500, however, we would save more than that in product in the first year. The Highway Department has been working on Gardner Hollow Road installing drainage pipe and catch basins. The dirt roads throughout Town have been graded over the past week. Initial street sweeping has begun and will continue for the next few weeks. In closing, Tony advised the public of an ongoing issue with respect to street signs being stolen. He has filed a report with the Sheriff’s Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

There was no public comment this evening.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03:18:15 – 1 (41)  
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 March 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 March 4, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

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. 03:18:15 – 2 (42)  
RE: Approve Attendance at Hudson Valley C.E.O. Educational Conference**

**COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI** offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Code Enforcement Officials Educational Conference will be held April 22-24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the course offers 19 required hours of in-service credit; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the course is \$300.00; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that Shawn Beresford is authorized to attend the Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference.

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. 03:18:15 – 3 (43)  
RE: Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR 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; be it

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

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 25,624.92
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 6,584.95
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 29,237.73
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 891.66
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
	\$ 118,439.26

Payroll 5 3/12/2015 Paid \$79,183.66

General Fund \$33,071.62  
Highway Fund \$46,112.04

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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OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Moran announced this Saturday, March 21, 2015 is Founders Day at the Beekman Library. He reported that he and Supervisor Zulauf met with our Insurance Agent regarding Health Insurance Policies. There are several changes this year and costs have gone up.

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Town Clerk, Rachael Rancourt and Peter Rancourt, 1438 Clove Valley Road, spoke about the allegations from the last Town Board meeting made by their neighbor with respect to the detached garage on their property.

**GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:**

Councilman Del Vecchio reminded the public that after May 15, 2015 recreation program prices go up. The Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 1-4 at Recreation Park.

Councilman Del Vecchio notified the residents that Fred Knapp, former Comptroller, was arraigned again for stealing an additional \$150,000. He previously pled guilty to stealing over \$390,000. The Town Center Park pavilion which was constructed in 2011, due to this winter and the construction/engineering of it has left the structural integrity of the building in question. There are major issues with the concrete slab and block work. The special recreation fund has been depleted by previous administrations therefore there is no money to address the issues with the pavilion.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7PM.

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:12PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini & Councilman Stiegler. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK