

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 19, 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 WERNER STIEGLER
 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN – arrived at 7:30pm

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.

CENTRAL HUDSON NATURAL GAS LINE PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN BURGER

Stephen Burger, Manager Natural Gas Expansion & NYS Governmental Affairs gave a presentation this evening regarding the proposal of a Natural Gas main installed to service Green Haven Correctional Facility. The Department of Corrections approached Central Hudson a year ago to begin the process. The prison consumes 1.4 million gallons of oil per year, this would be a significant cost saving measure. Central Hudson is asking the Town to approve a franchise agreement to allow gas distribution facilities within the Town to service the Prison only at this point. Once Central Hudson has this franchise agreement they can move toward the next step. They would like to begin construction around August of this year. Stephen opened the floor to public questions and several residents and Board members made inquiries.

PRESENTATION BY COUNTY LEGISLATOR GERRY HUTCHINGS – 7:31pm

County Legislator, Gerry Hutchings spoke this evening regarding the repeal of the sales tax exemption. This was done in an effort to balance the budget rather than exceed the property tax cap. The Legislators only have a say in 30% of the budgeted items, with the remainder 70% being mandated by State and Federal programs. Gerry states the County has cut spending while preserving critical services most important to the residents. He encouraged residents to contact their State Representative and tell them you support immediate mandate relief. He believes we can get rid of the energy tax if Albany pays some of its own bills.

Gerry also updated us on a resolution the Legislators just passed regarding the County Seal. The State Police requested use of the County Seal on hand gun permit renewals, which they are handling. The resolution stated no use of the County Seal without permission.

In closing, he mentioned that he received an inquiry from a college student at Marist regarding if Dutchess County had the highest reimbursement for the TANF act (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). Research showed that Dutchess County was not the highest and that New York City was significantly higher.

REPORTS: 7:43pm

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Zulauf began her report this evening stating she attended a Federal Funding Webinar yesterday and is now eligible to represent the Town. She made a reminder that Royal Carting is no longer running a transfer station at Town Hall, residents are encouraged to utilize the Town of Union Vale Transfer station, go to Royal's facility on Route 82 or hire private pickup. In closing, she reported that negotiations with the Teamsters and CSEA contracts will begin next week. They are due to expire in the next few months.

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Councilman Stiegler wanted clarification on where residents can purchase a dump ticket for the Town of Union Vale Transfer Station. He was advised that residents can go to the Union Vale Town Hall to purchase one.

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Councilman Battaglini attended a CAC meeting on the 10th. He looks forward to working with them. He also attended the Fire Commissioners meeting where they appointed his successor, Rob Mallen.

Councilman Del Vecchio reported that the Annual Fishing Derby is May 3, 2014 they are currently accepting donations for this event. He encouraged residents to register for the various summer camp programs offered at the Rec. In closing, he announced the Rec will offer a new after school care program this upcoming September.

Councilman Moran reported that the Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, will give a report on the Highway Department activities this evening.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Tony Coviello began his report this evening by stating the Highway Department has been very busy. They installed high intensity markings on speed humps on Gabriels Path. They have begun the street sweeping and are doing one neighborhood at a time. All roads should be done in four to six weeks. The Highway Department has been patching pot holes with cold patch throughout the Town. Residents are encouraged to call in pot holes as they appear. Several collapsed catch basins have been addressed and brush chipping has commenced. Tony sold four out of the six lots on auctions.com and made \$7,352.50. He will have more items in the future to go to auctions.com.

RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT:

Judith Crawford, Receiver of Taxes, gave a summary report of her up to date collection for the 2014 County / Town Taxes. She has collected \$8,654,336.16 thus far and \$2,250,589.37 remains uncollected at this time. The collection period goes through June 2, 2014 after which time any uncollected funds get turned over to the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03:19:14 -1 (50)
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 5, 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 March 5, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:19:14 – 2 (51)
RE: To Authorize Concession Stand Services at Recreation Park

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Old School Catering has provided concession stand services for Recreation Park during the 2012 and 2013 summer seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enter into an agreement with Old School Catering to manage and provide concession stand services for Recreation Park for the 2014 and 2015 summer seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed said agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Old School Catering, attached hereto.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:19:14 – 3 (52)
RE: Authorizing Entertainment for the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for April 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funds have been included in the 2014 Annual Budget to provide entertainment during said event; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with “Two by Two Zoo” for an amount not to exceed \$350.00.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:19:14 – 4 (53)
RE: Declare April as World-Wide Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month

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

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact to each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson’s Action Network, Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson’s Disease Association and the National Institute of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity as well as cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson’s disease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby proclaims April 2014 Parkinson’s Awareness Month in the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MORAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO 3:19:14 – 5 (54)
RE: Authorize attendance at Storm Water Conference

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Floodplain and Storm Water Managers Association is holding its annual meeting in Poughkeepsie March 25-27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the purpose is to update knowledge to promote Floodplain and Storm Water Management practices to reduce flood damage and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the conference is \$135.00 per person for the Thursday session; and therefore be

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RESOLVED, that Dan Koehler and Ezio Battaglini are authorized to attend the Storm Water Conference on Thursday March 27, 2014.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 19, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 03:19:14 – 6 (55)

RE: To Nominate Jane Straub to the NYS 40th Senate District “Women of Distinction”

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman was asked to nominate a member of the community to “Women of Distinction,” which will be honoring their first class in New York State’s 40th District; and

WHEREAS, “Women of Distinction” recognizes and award women who have had a profound impact on the community through their work, volunteerism, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Jane Straub has volunteered for the Town for over 10 years, and has been an active and valued participant in the development of the Town’s Library Programming for the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Jane Straub’s service to the community extends well beyond her work for the Town’s Library Department, as she is an active volunteer and representative of the Beekman Community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the Town of Beekman is a true asset and serves as an example for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of nominating Jane Straub to the New York 40th Senate District’s “Women of Distinction”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby nominates Jane Straub to the New York 40th Senate District’s “Women of Distinction”.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO 3:19:14 – 7 (56)
RE: Allow BAC to Hold Tag Sale During Registration**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Beekman Athletic Club has been active in the Town of Beekman and continue to play an integral role in our Town’s volunteer efforts, community and youth development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman recognizes the positive impact the Beekman Athletic Club has on the Beekman Community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Board will allow the Beekman Athletic Club to hold a tag sale on April 5, 2014 between 9am and 3pm during their picture day in the parking lot of Town Hall.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO 3:19:14 – 8 (57)
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:

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| Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund: | \$ 38,382.63 |
| Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund | \$ 42,186.34 |
| Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer | \$ 4,608.49 |
| Claims to be paid from SW-Dover Ridge Water | <u>\$ 1,245.72</u> |
| | 86,423.18 |

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| Payroll 6 | Paid | \$51,312.88 |
| General Fund: \$31,345.56 | | |
| Highway Fund: \$19,967.32 | | |

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Councilman Moran | ABSTAIN |
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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Zulauf asked the Board to think about suggestions for the 911 Memorial Park. The Town was given a \$50,000 grant by Senator Ball’s office for improvements to that Park. Councilman Battaglini would like to have input from the Fire Department and the Highway Department as well, since they were instrumental in the planning and construction of that Park.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gene Brandon, 39 Stowe Drive, asked the Board about improvements to the Dover Ridge Water / Sewer System. Supervisor Zulauf stated that the Town Engineer is meeting there tomorrow to discuss some issues and several issues will definitely be settled later this year.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Town Board is April 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.
Supervisor Zulauf made the reminder announcement regarding the Easter Egg Hunt at the Rec on April 12, 2014 2pm – 4pm.

ADJOURN:

At 8:31PM with no further business to conduct Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK