

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – JULY 15, 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 EZIO BATTAGLINI
 COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
 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.

RECOGNITION OF VIRAJ KUMAR BY SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator Murphy thanked Viraj Kumar – Youth for Restoration for all his dedication and commitment to the Town of Beekman and making his community a better place to live. Viraj and his group performed improvements to the Mill House, which is now on the National Historical Register, and hopes to apply for grants to make further improvements to this building. Viraj thanked Senator Murphy and the Town Board and acknowledged all the members of Youth for Restoration.

PRESENTATION:

Andrew Forman, Town Comptroller, gave a summary this evening on the expenses and revenues for both the General Fund and the Highway Fund for 2015 thus far. The balance of the Highway Fund is \$235,221.00 and the balance of the General Fund is \$ 1,500,040.00. He advised the public that the new highway truck will be delivered mid-September or early October. He also mentioned that all the paperwork regarding the Fred Knapp theft has been submitted to the insurance company and we are now waiting on them.

Andrew Forman commented on the credit card policy that was passed at the last Town Board meeting. The State Comptroller's Office recommended this policy to the Town. It will allow flexibility in purchasing, and significant savings with online products. At the last meeting there were some concerns with the Fred Knapp theft and credit card use. Andrew Forman clarified that Fred Knapp did not have a Town credit card, he paid for a personal credit card with Town checks.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Barbara Zulauf advised the public that the NYS Comptroller's Office has been reviewing the Dover Ridge Water & Sewer rates and are performing a risk assessment. The Internal auditors are still reviewing the finances for 2014. The Town Board is currently reviewing and updating the personnel manuals. The Town has recently opened up communication with Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce and we added their link on our website. In closing, Supervisor Zulauf would like to create an Economic Development Plan Committee where residents and local business owners can participate and give ideas on current businesses and looking into new businesses in the Town of Beekman. If anyone would like to participate, please contact the Supervisor's Office at 845-724-5300 ext. 232.

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Councilman Stiegler reported that the TCP pavilion has settled from this past winter and everything seems to be working properly. The Town will have to decide what to do about the footings only being 12" deep before this

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upcoming winter. He also mentioned that the dam at the rec needs improvements. The maintenance department has temporarily fixed the issue but it will need to be re-visited and a permanent solution found.

Councilman Battaglini attended meetings with Michael Richardson and Supervisor Zulauf to discuss the personnel manual. He attended the fire district meeting where they discussed business as usual. In closing, he stated that the CAC has asked the Board to schedule a public hearing on the Timber Harvest Law.

Councilman Del Vecchio attended the workshop at the library last night in reference to the personnel manual. He was out of Town and unable to attend the last rec commission meeting. Councilman Del Vecchio stated that he received an email from the BAC president with respect to the outstanding job Greg Brown does in keeping the fields in great condition.

Councilman Moran reported that Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent was pulled away unexpectedly tonight and unable to give his report. He stated that most of the road work is complete for this year and they also discussed the TCP pavilion flooding problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 07:15:15 – 1 (85)
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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 07:15:15 –2 (86)
RE: Authorize 2016-2018 Dutchess County Urban County CDBG Consortium Requalification Ballot and Cooperation Agreement Amendment**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (“Act”), as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnership (“HOME”) of Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to make grants to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development Programs; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Dutchess and the Town of Beekman (“Cooperating Municipality”) entered into an existing Cooperation Agreement dated June 29, 2000, as amended, to form the Dutchess County Urban County (“Consortium”) for the purpose of undertaking the CDBG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, the existing Cooperation Agreement must be amended as specified in Schedule A attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the public interest for the Cooperating Municipality to renew the existing Cooperation agreement for 2016-2018 in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Cooperation Agreement and enter into an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement, attached; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barbara Zulauf be and hereby is authorized to execute 2016-2018 Dutchess County Urban County CDBG Consortium Requalification Ballot and Cooperation Agreement Amendment between the Municipality and the County of Dutchess for the purposes of undertaking a Community Development Block Program pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program of Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended.

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. 07:15:15 – 3
RE: Approve Dunk Tank for Community Day

PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 07:15:15 – 4 (87)
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	\$ 77,074.15
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 40,531.16
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 4,869.55
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 915.79
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Agency	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
	\$ 127,890.55

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Payroll 13 Paid 7/2/15 \$75,455.64

General Fund \$46,100.67
Highway Fund \$29,354.97

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

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:

Supervisor Zulauf announced that the Zoning Board has an opening if anyone is interested to please contact the Secretary to the Supervisor.

Dutchess County Transportation is asking residents to complete a survey which will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office and the Supervisor encourages people to complete them.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, commended the Comptroller on his report this evening. He also thanked Senator Murphy for promoting Veteran services.

Greg Brown, Maintenance Supervisor, gave a summary on the baseball and softball state tournaments and standings. He also updated us on other projects his department has been working on. In closing, he expressed his concerns with the criticism that has been circulating regarding the Maintenance Department.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Moran commented on the wonderful Library Gala event he attended on June 27th.

Councilman Del Vecchio congratulated Viraj and his family and thanked Senator Murphy for presenting the award. He also reminded the public that this Saturday, July 18th is Community Day.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN:

At 7:59PM 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