

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – April 18, 2012

The Workshop portion of the Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:11 PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MATTHEW D. KENNEDY
COUNCILMAN PETER BARTON
COUNCILMAN RON MANGERI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN
COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA ZULAUF

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID SEARS – ATTORNEY TO TOWN

Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy 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. He made one administrative announcement regarding the location of the fire exits.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP:

Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee: Presentation on Bonding

Chairman, Paul Curran stated that the Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee is giving the same Bonding presentation they gave last fall and asking the Town Board if they would like to move forward with this proposal. Committee member, Mike Senno gave the slideshow presentation and spoke about a capital plan to improve the 14 miles of road that are in dire repair. The total of the Bond they proposed last fall was in the amount of \$1,175,210. Currently, the interest rates are extremely low and if the Town decides to move forward, this would repair the roads in the worst condition and enable the Town to get on a regular maintenance schedule.

Supervisor Kennedy states that he is interested in obtaining a current dollar amount Bond presentation and requests that the Committee work together with our Highway Superintendent to gather that information.

The Presentation from Thom Usher, the Town Historian is postponed until after the Highway Superintendent report.

Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent reported that Benton Moore Road is paved and they will be completing the driveway aprons shortly. In the month of March the Highway Department completed the street sweeping, Tony states that the sweeper is a great asset. It did need new brooms and they have been replaced. When we acquired the machine the brooms were at 80%, Tony states we should get more than a season out of new brooms. The Highway Department has been utilizing the software that was purchased to diagnose errors with equipment, and has proven to be very helpful. Last week he attended a conference in Indiana regarding the fast 500 machines that was a great learning experience. Our machines will be installed in the next few weeks.

Tony Coviello read a letter about his quest to obtain a piece of Remembrance from 911. He has been diligently working on this project and was surprised to learn that a member from the Beekman Fire Department, Rob McDonald, had also been requesting a piece. Working together they accomplished that goal. They received confirmation by the Port Authority of NY & NJ that the Town of Beekman had been approved for a piece of steel from the Twin Towers. They are

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planning to create a Memorial and unveil it at the 2012 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony. Tony requested to have a resolution read and passed to create this Town Memorial.

Rob McDonald is a 1st Lieutenant in the Beekman Fire Company and states that he has been pursuing this piece with the help of his fellow firefighters for the better part of a year. His original request stated “Mutual Aide Department seeking a memorial piece of what we left behind on 9-11”. He is happy to announce that with the collaboration of Tony Coviello, Ezio Battaglini, Fire Commissioner, and Chief of Department, Robert Mallen, a piece of steel has been secured. He asks the Town Board to consider the Memorial space on Beekman Poughquag Road.

Supervisor Kennedy reads the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Tony Coviello and Rob McDonald were able to secure a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to use as a memorial for the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Rob McDonald request that the memorial be placed at the Southwest corner of Town Hall property, located on a piece of flat land next to the Town Highway Garage and beside the Beekman-Poughquag Road entrance of town Hall; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the construction of the Town of Beekman September 11th Memorial; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman September 11th Memorial be erected at the Town Hall property, located next to the Town Highway Garage and beside the Beekman-Poughquag Road entrance of Town Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Town of Beekman September 11th Memorial be unveiled and presented to the Town during the 2012 Memorial Ceremony.

Seconded: by all members of the Town Board

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

The Beekman Town Board had a brief recess at 7:59 PM

The meeting resumes at 8:12 PM

Thom Usher, Town Historian will give his presentation at the next Town Board Meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 8:12 PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

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REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy begins his reports with commending both men on their great effort with respect to the September 11th Memorial. Since the last meeting, the Supervisor attended the fishing derby and thanked Peter Barton for his part in the event and thanked Fred Miles and Tom Sprague for organizing the event. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for Ramblers Restaurant and Party Time Rentals. Announced that baseball and soccer started this past Saturday and wished all players good luck this season. He thanked the Recreation and Maintenance Departments for their efforts in getting everything ready for the start of these sports. Finally, he thanked the Citizens' Budget Oversight Committee for their services.

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Councilwoman Zulauf reported that she attended both ribbon cutting ceremonies and the annual fishing derby. She thanked the Poughquag Sportsman Club for organizing.

Councilman Barton reported that he attended both ribbon cutting ceremonies. He thanked Fred from the Poughquag Sportsman Club.

Councilman Mangeri reported that he attended both ribbon cutting ceremonies and wished them well.

Councilman Moran attended the Recreation Commission meeting last week. He stated there were issues with the Recreation Department's phone and fax and that Fred Knapp addressed and had fixed. Recreation is looking into prices at Costco wholesalers for possible reducing expenses.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

Building Inspector, Shawn Beresford made an announcement regarding the statewide burn ban until May 15th. He then introduced the proposed local law; Chapter 114-Abandoned and Vacant Properties. He gave a slideshow presentation about this proposed new local law.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 1 (71)
RE: Approval of Town Board Minutes

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the April 11, 2012, Town Board Meeting to all members of the Beekman Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Town Board members have had the opportunity to review said minutes, and find same to be in order; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the minutes of the April 11, 2012, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MANGERI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 2 (72)
RE: Authorizing the Town Clerk to Attend Conference and Seminar Event

COUNCILMAN BARTON offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has requested to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association (NYSTCA) Annual Conference being held in Saratoga Springs from April 22nd to April 25th; and

WHEREAS, the NYSTCA Annual Conference is an excellent educational opportunity for the Town Clerk, from which the Town of Beekman stands to benefit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Annual Conference being held in Saratoga Springs, New York, from April 22nd to April 25th.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 3 (73)
RE: To Set a Public Hearing for the Maintenance of Abandoned and Neglected Properties

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Building Department has identified several abandoned and neglected properties in the Town of Beekman, which in some instances could potentially pose a health or safety concern to residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to ensure that these abandoned and neglected properties are properly maintained, so as not to create blighted or dangerous conditions within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of enacting a local law that would enable the Town to perform the necessary maintenance of these abandoned and neglected properties, and to recoup its expenditures via the tax levy on the parcels in question; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of setting a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed local law for the maintenance of abandoned and neglected properties, a copy of which is attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on the 2nd day of May, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, in the Town of Beekman, New York, at which public hearing members of the public are invited to provide comment on the proposed local law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of the time and place of the aforementioned public hearing be posted and published once on or before the 22nd of April, 2012 in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that apart from participation in the public hearing, members of the public are invited to submit written comments to the Town Clerk's Office, which written comments must be received on or before the 2nd day of May 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed local law be filed in the Town Clerk's Office and posted on the Town's website for review by any and all interested parties.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BARTON

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 4 (74)

RE: Authorizing Festivities for the Town of Beekman Memorial Day Parade

COUNCILMAN MANGERI offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Town Clerk organizes a Memorial Day ceremony each year; and
WHEREAS, funds have been included in the 2012 budget for the Memorial Day Ceremony, to be held May 28, 2012; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt is hereby authorized to contract with the UMC Wind Ensemble for this event at a cost of \$250.00.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 5 (75)

RE: To Renew the Town of Beekman’s Contract with Cornerstone Communication

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman’s contract with Cornerstone Communication for telephone service has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to renew said contract; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to renew the Town of Beekman’s contract with Cornerstone Communication for telephone service, based on the agreement attached hereto.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BARTON

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	ABSTAIN-CONFLICT OF INTEREST W/ EMPLOYER
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 6 (76)

RE: Authorizing Credit Card Payment Service in the Town Clerk’s Office

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has requested that the Town of Beekman enter into an agreement with Value Payment Systems for implementation of a credit card payment service for residents; and

WHEREAS, with this service, residents will be able to make payments at the Town Clerk’s Office using their credit card, at no cost to the Town; and

WHEREAS, approval of this service will provide residents with another payment method; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Value Payment Systems for the purposes of allowing residents to make payments to the Town of Beekman using a credit card; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said service will only be made available in the Town Clerk’s Office and will be administered by the Town Clerk.

Seconded COUNCILMAN MANGERI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE
Supervisor Matt Kennedy	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:18:12 – 7 (77)

RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN BARTON 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:	\$ 30,216.58
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund:	\$ 37,701.53
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water Fund:	\$ 3,586.34
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund:	\$ 41.00
Payroll 8 Paid 4/12/2012	\$ 48,704.86
General Fund:	\$ 32,937.90
Highway Fund:	\$ 15,766.96

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Peter Barton	AYE
Councilman Mike Moran	AYE
Councilman Ron Mangeri	AYE
Councilwoman Barbara Zulauf	AYE

Supervisor Matt Kennedy AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney to Town, David Sears was contacted by DEC regarding the flood plan prevention law. The federal government is requesting us to move up the date of the Public Hearing. David request a motion to move the date of the Public Hearing to April 25th at 7:00 PM for a special meeting. Supervisor Kennedy makes the motion, seconded by Councilman Barton, all in favor.

Councilwoman Zulauf questions the progress of the TCP Pavillion.

Town Engineer, Ron Evangelista states that the bathrooms will be in use this weekend, we have received authorization from the Health Department. There will be punch list items. He announces that we are slightly under budget.

Councilwoman Zulauf advised the Town Board that April 28th at 8:00 AM is their road cleanup day for Beekman-Poughquag Road, Main Street, and Church Street.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive requests to have the 2012 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony be videotaped. Asked a question pertaining to the proposed abandoned property law. Asked a question pertaining to Royal Carting and the transfer station.

Comptroller, Fred Knapp addressed the question about Royal Carting and the transfer station.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

There was no additional Board comment this evening.

Supervisor Kennedy announced the next meeting will be April 25th 2012 for the proposed flood law.

ADJOURN:

At 9:10 pm with no further business to conduct Councilwoman Zulauf makes the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT

TOWN CLERK