

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – November 6, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 6:42PM with Supervisor Matthew D. Kennedy presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE

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 fire exits.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ON BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE CHANGES

At 6:43pm Supervisor Kennedy made the motion to open the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Mangeri. All in favor. The Supervisor briefly explained this local law proposes the “as built” fees for building permits be tripled in amount of the original permit. For example; an above ground pool building permit costs \$100 to obtain prior to construction. Applying for the permit after the construction of, also known as “as built” would cost \$300. Supervisor Kennedy asked if any member of the public would like to be heard on this topic. There was no public input. Building Inspector, Shawn Beresford, spoke briefly on this proposed local law. At 6:46pm Councilwoman Zualuf made a motion to close this Public Hearing seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

At 6:56pm Supervisor Kennedy made the motion to open the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget seconded by Councilwoman Zulauf. All in favor. The Supervisor asked if any member of the public would like to comment on the Budget. There was no public comment on the Budget this evening. At 7:01pm Supervisor Kennedy made the motion to close the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Barton. All in favor.

The Regular portion of tonight's meeting begins at 7:02pm

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Kennedy began his report this evening by reminding the public to submit items to be buried in the 2013 time capsule. He gave a brief update about the pending contracts for the Comcast Franchise Agreement and also the Verizon cell tower agreement. He apologized for not having the final draft of these documents and hopes to have them by the next meeting.

Supervisor Kennedy attended the Senior Picnic that was held at the Community Center. He thanked all who were involved in this event. It was a wonderful day with great food, music and dancing.

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In closing, he stated we will have a discussion later this evening pertaining to Dial-a-Ride versus Friends of Seniors.

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Councilwoman Zulauf reported that she attended the Senior Picnic and had a wonderful time. She thanked the Teen Leadership for a fabulous job raking the leaves at her home, which was a project she bid on and won at the Community Day Auction.

Councilman Barton acknowledged the support of the entire Town regarding the question on the ballot to extend the Highway Superintendent's term from a two year to a four year term.

Councilman Mangeri thanked all the residents who took the time to get out and vote in yesterday's election.

Councilman Moran recognized Comptroller, Fred Knapp, for doing a great job preparing the budget this year.

Supervisor Kennedy congratulated the Candidates who won and ran in yesterday's election and wishes them all the best.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13 – 1(122)
To Approve 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 October 16, 2013, 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 October 16, 2013, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded SUPERVISOR KENNEDY

ALL IN FAVOR

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13 – 2(123)
To Amend the 2013 Budget, in connection with an easement expense**

COUNCILMAN BARTON offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, at the September 12, 2013, meeting, the Town Board approved a resolution to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase piping to meet the Town's obligations in connection with an easement and maintenance agreement, on property owned by resident John Cunningham; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has purchased the required pipe at a cost of \$9,968.80, and the 2013 budget must be amended to account for the purchase and payment; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED; that the Town Comptroller and Supervisor are hereby authorized to decrease budget line DA.1990.4 (Contingency) by \$9,968.80 and increase budget line DA.5110.0413 (Repairs Contractual Services) in the amount of \$9,968.80.

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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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13 – 3(124)
To Sign SPCA Renewal Contract**

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman requires a location to house, shelter, and care for stray and lost dogs, which service is now performed by Dutchess County SPCA; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County SPCA has submitted a proposal for the renewal of said services, for the coming calendar year, which proposal the Board finds to be reasonable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement, as attached, with SPCA to house, shelter, and care for stray dogs in the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney will review the agreement with the SPCA prior to its execution by the Supervisor.

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 11:06:13-4(125)
To Seek Bids for 2014 Highway Materials**

COUNCILMAN MANGERI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to seek bids for the following highway materials for the year 2014:

1. Cast Iron Grates & Frames, Concrete Basins;
2. Tar & Latex Bituminous Road Materials;
3. Bituminous Mix – Hot & Cold, Bituminous Concrete (Blacktop) Hot & Cold;
4. Blue Quarry Stone, Tailings, ROB Gravel, Washed Sand, Washed Gravel, Grits, Washed Stone, Item 4, Ice Control Sand, Top Soil – Screened & Unscreened Recycled Crushed Aggregate; and
5. Tree Work.

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to seek bids for the aforementioned materials; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to publication, bid documents are to be reviewed by the Town Engineer and the Town Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the request for bids shall be in accordance with the updated Town of Beekman procurement policy.

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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RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13-5(126)
To Authorize the Town Clerk to Advertise a Request for Bids for Scrap Metal

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town held its annual Clean-Up Day on October 19, 2013, and has received a sizeable volume of old equipment and materials that need to be disposed of;

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that these materials be sold for scrap as the materials cannot be used by the Highway Department; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a request for bids for the sale and removal of scrap metal located at the Beekman Highway Department.

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. 11:06:13-6(127)
To Amend Dog License Fees

COUNCILWOMAN ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, in connection with the 2014 budget process, the Town Board expressed a desire to revisit the fees charged for dog licensing, which fees have not been changed in years;

now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, effective January 1, 2014, the fee for a spayed or neutered dog will change from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and the fee for an unspayed or unneutered dog will change from \$15.00 to \$18.00.

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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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13 – 7(128)
To Authorize Temporary Hire to Assist Town Justice Clerks**

COUNCILMAN BARTON offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a Town Justice Clerk is retiring at year’s end, and the Town Justices have requested funding for a temporary position, in order that the prospective new clerk might receive training from the retiring clerk before she departs;

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that the temporary hiring will help effectuate a smooth transition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Justices are authorized to hire a temporary worker, to bear the title of “Temporary Court Clerk”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Temporary Court Clerk shall work not more than 17.5 hours weekly, with the schedule to be determined by the Justices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Temporary Court Clerk, by direction of the County Department of Human Services, may remain in position not longer than 90 days from the date of hire; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the hourly rate of pay of the Temporary Court Clerk is hereby set at \$15.00.

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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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:06:13-8(129)
To Approve Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR KENNEDY 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; now therefore be it

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

Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$	2,181.35
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$	2,700.55

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Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	\$	765.45
Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$	84,460.00
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway	\$	131,666.26
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	\$	168,866.69
Claims to be paid from the CM-Special Recreation Fund	\$	<u>3,128.45</u>
		\$ 394,769.35

Payroll	20	Paid	\$50,436.87
General Fund:		\$ 33,135.87	
Highway Fund:		\$ 17,301.00	

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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OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of Capital Requests

Supervisor Kennedy began this discussion on Capital requests by proposing to create a subcommittee to review these projects submitted, put them into order of greatest need to least, and investigate means of financing these projects. Councilman Mangeri and Councilman Moran volunteered to be members of this subcommittee along with the Comptroller, Fred Knapp. The Supervisor offered the Department heads that placed Capital requests to be heard this evening if so desired. Recreation Director, Jeanne Scigliano, Maintenance Supervisor, Greg Brown and Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello gave a brief description of the items they need.

Supervisor Kennedy announced that the Highway Department has requested the Town to commence discussions on the renewal of their contract which is up in the next few months. Supervisor Kennedy asked Councilwoman Zulauf to participate in these meetings as well, as she is the incoming Supervisor for January 1. The Supervisor's last piece of other business was to report that he made several attempts to contact the Deer Farm owner in respect to planting trees; however, has been unsuccessful in getting a response.

Discussion of Dial-a-Ride

Supervisor Kennedy stated he has been contacted by various seniors questioning why the Town replaced Dial-a-Ride with Friends of Seniors. The Supervisor requested Comptroller Fred Knapp report on this change. Fred stated back in 2010 Dutchess County changed their approach to Dial-a-Ride and raised the fees significantly. There were only a select few seniors utilizing this service; therefore, the Town looked into a less expensive means of transportation for our senior community. Friends of Seniors offers a comparable service at a less expensive rate.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Geneva Hamilton, Martin Road, member of the Open Space Committee, spoke this evening in reference to the Deer Farm. She thanked Supervisor Kennedy for his efforts to contact the Deer Farm owner. With the wind storm from last week several of the sheds in the enclosures were knocked down and deer may have been injured. She is requesting the Supervisor follow up with a letter to the Deer Farm owner.

William Crane, member of the Open Space Committee, congratulated Barbara Zulauf and all those who won yesterday's election. He reinforced what Geneva stated previously.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, stated the Highway Department did a great job during Town Cleanup. He thanked Barton Orchards for the apple and pumpkin pies served at the Senior Picnic and thanked Supervisor Kennedy for organizing such a wonderful event. Warned the seniors to keep a look out for scam mail. Advised the public about vandalism which occurred on his street.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Kennedy announced that the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board will be November 20, 2013 at 7:30pm.

ADJOURN:

At 8:34PM with no further business to conduct Councilwoman Zulauf made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Kennedy. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK