

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 11, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:02PM with Supervisor Mary Covucci presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MARY COVUCCI
 COUNCILMAN ROBERT SWARTZ
 COUNCILWOMAN SHARON WOHRMAN
 COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
 COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

Supervisor Mary Covucci 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. Supervisor Covucci made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE MARCH 2018 STORMS**
 - **Chief Tom Kinsley, Town of Beekman Fire District**
 - **William Beale, Emergency Management Coordinator, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response**
 - **Marc Coviello, Dutchess County Legislator**
 - **TJ McCormack Communication Specialist, Office of Senator Terrence Murphy**
 - **Dylan Miyoshi, Upper Hudson Valley Region Representative, Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo**
 - **Cindy Chadwick, Director of Public Affairs, NYSEG**

Each of the above listed officials had the opportunity to address how their offices handled the storms. They gave brief summaries of situations they encountered and how they handled them. In addition, it brought to light ways to improve service in the future. It was a joint collaboration of government coming together to aid our constituents. During this review process, Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, recommended The Information Station in order to communicate with our residents more effectively. This machine is capable of broadcasting information to the public via an AM radio station. County Legislator, Marc Coviello, will research grant opportunities that may aid Beekman in obtaining this type of system.

After each of the Officials had the opportunity to speak, Supervisor Covucci allowed the public to address any questions or concerns they had. Several residents spoke about their dissatisfaction with NYSEG's communication process and length of time it took to have power restored.

OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Covucci read a statement refuting the allegations made by a Town resident at our last Town Board meeting, regarding the amount of drainage pipe and various other road materials used on Schoolhouse Lane, Andrews Road and Gardner Hollow Bridge projects. Town Engineer, Jon Bodendorf, gave a brief summary of his measurements and totals for all three sites which were in line with Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent's reported information. Town Engineer, Jon Bodendorf, Supervisor Covucci, Councilwoman Wohrman, Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello and Highway Foreman, Ken Tompkins performed site visits to each location in question, took measurements and recorded a video which was played for the audience this evening. Councilman Battaglini then read a Town Board statement regarding the accusations that were made. Thus after a full investigation those accusations were proven to be false. In conclusion, Supervisor Covucci read her perspective on

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the situation with this resident and spoke to all Town employees and Elected Officials that have been singled out in a negative manner by this one resident. She thanked these individuals for their hard work and dedication to this Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions posted this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 04:11:18 – 1 (52)
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 28, 2018 Town Board Meetings 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 28, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler ABSTAIN
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
Dated: April 11, 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 04:11:18 – 2 (52)
RE: THE TOWN BOARD ENGAGING SPECIAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW §20(2)(a) FOR A MATTER WHICH THE TOWN ATTORNEY HAS A CONFLICT**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20(2)(a) of the Town Law the Town of Beekman is desirous of retaining Thomas F. Kelly of the firm Kelly & Meenagh, LLP as Special Counsel for a matter in which the Town Attorney has a conflict with a known party; and

WHEREAS, the matter which is known to the Town Board cannot be disclosed publicly at this time without jeopardizing the Town of Beekman’s legal rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Thomas F. Kelly at “Special Counsel” pursuant to Section 20(2)(a) of the Town Law at a rate of \$185 an hour; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a letter of engagement with Mr. Kelly.

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:11:18 – 3 (53)
RE: Authorize Sale of Equipment at Auction

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has surplus equipment listed below

2000 Chevrolet 3500 Series Pick Up Truck with VIN
#1GBJK34F8YF444481

Stihl Steel Saw MS260

Stihl Steel Saw MS360

Snap-On Modis Elite EEMS300

And;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in disposing of this equipment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, to place these items for sale at Auctions International.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:11:18 –4 (54)
Re: Board Appointments

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board will make appointments to the various boards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made:

- Appoint John Frustace as an alternate member to the Planning Board with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

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And be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19-9 of the Town Code, unless already on file and the information has not changed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointees shall file their Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving their term.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 03:14:18 -5 (55)
RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN 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	\$ 22,979.93
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 27,007.86
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 28,412.96
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 38.38
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 79,939.13</u>

Payroll Paid on 4/5/18	
General Fund	\$ 26,473.79
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 36,892.31</u>
	<u>\$ 63,366.10</u>

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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Supervisor Covucci announced the Fishing Derby is Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8:00AM - 10:15AM at the Rec Park Lake. Awards will be given at 10:30AM. The update on the Robin Court litigation is that the settlement check has cleared and Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, is making plans for the completion of the Road. She also reminded the public that the May 23, 2018 Town Board Meeting has been changed to May 30, 2018.

Supervisor Covucci announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00PM. Public Hearing - 7:00PM Solar Energy (Continued) to April 25, 2018.

ADJOURN

At 9:07PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilwoman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK