

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 25, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM 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.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING – Continued

Supervisor Covucci opened the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in Favor. There were no public comments on this topic this evening. Supervisor Covucci made the motion to direct the Attorney to make the changes agreed upon, and then forward the proposed Local Law amending the Town’s Zoning Code for the purpose of adding regulations pertaining to solar energy systems to the Town Clerk so that she may refer it to the Town Planning Board pursuant to Town Code §155-71 and to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development pursuant to §239-m of the General Municipal Law and §155-73 of the Town Code, for their review and comment, with a request that any comments be received prior to the Town Board Meeting on June 13, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in Favor.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 – 1 (56)
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 April 11, 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 April 11, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE

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Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4:25:18 – 2 (57)
RE: ADOPT RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS AT
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby adopts the following rules of decorum for all periods of public comment at its Town Board meetings for the year 2018:

The presiding officer shall have, to the fullest extent provided by New York State law, the sole authority to regulate public comment at any meeting as s/he, in his/her sole discretion, shall see fit, including, but not limited to, the authority to set priority for topics of comment and to declare any person to be out of order for failure to follow his or her directives in this regard. In governing the meeting and regulating public comment the presiding officer shall consider, but shall not be strictly bound by the following guidelines:

- A. The public shall be allowed to speak during the period of the meeting designated as “Public Comment” or as such other time as a majority of the Town Board shall suspend these rules, or at a duly called public hearing, or any other time required by state law or the Town Code of the Town of Beekman. Speakers must sign-in and provide their name, address and organization they represent, if applicable. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer. During the segment of the meeting designated “Public Comment”, speakers shall limit their remarks to three minutes and will be advised by the presiding officer when three minutes have expired. Speakers are requested to conclude their remarks at that time. “Public Comment” is intended to afford persons an opportunity to express opinions on items on the Town Board agenda or general public comment periods. No Speaker shall be declared out of order, prevented from speaking or barred from attendance at any meeting because of any disagreement with the Speaker’s position or view on any matter, because of the Speakers identity or because of any disagreement with the content of relevant testimony.
- B. All remarks shall be addressed to the Town Board as a body and not to any member thereof. Speakers shall observe the rules of decorum set forth in Subsection C below. Interested parties or their representatives may address the Town Board by written communications. Written communications shall be delivered to the Town Clerk.
- C. Rules of decorum
 - 1. Purposes of rules of decorum.
 - a. To ensure that meetings of the Town Board are conducted in a way that allows the business of the Town to be effectively undertaken.
 - b. To ensure that members of the public who attend meetings of the Town Board can be heard in a fair, impartial manner.
 - c. To ensure that meetings of the Town Board are conducted in a way which is open to all viewpoints and which is protective of the content of each speaker’s speech and expression, yet is free from abusive, distracting or intimidating behavior.
 - d. To ensure that these rules of decorum are understood by persons attending Town Board meetings.
 - e. To ban egregious, inappropriate, and obstructive behavior at meetings of the Town Board.
 - 2. Rules for the Speaker.
 - a. The speaker shall conduct himself or herself in a professional and respectful manner.
 - b. All remarks shall be directed to the Town Board, and not at Town staff or the public in attendance.

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- c. The speaker shall not defame, intimidate, make personal affronts, make threats of violence, or use profanity.
- 3. Rules for the public. Members of the public in the audience shall not engage in any of the following activities during a Town Board meeting:
 - a. Shouting, Clapping, unruly behavior, distracting side conversations, or speaking out.
 - b. Defamation, intimidation, personal affronts, threats of violence, or profanity.
 - c. Behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- 4. Persons Authorized to be approach dais. No person except members of the Town Board and Town Staff shall be permitted to approach the dais without the consent of the presiding officer.
- 5. Enforcement of rules of decorum.
 - a. Upon a violation of these rules of decorum, the presiding officer shall request the person or persons violating a rule or rules to cease the violation.
 - b. If a violation continues, the presiding officer warns the person(s) that he/she may be required to leave the meeting room if a violation continues.
 - c. If the person or persons does not cease the violation(s) the presiding officer shall declare the person out of order at which time the person or persons will be ordered to leave the meeting room by the presiding officer.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 – 3 (58)
RE: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN COMPTROLLER**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, there currently is a vacancy in the position of Town Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, after an extensive search, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman is desirous of appointing a Town Comptroller in accordance with Section 20(3)(b) of the Town Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby appoint Thomas M. Carey as the Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a Consulting Agreement with Mr. Carey in substantially the same form and substance as attached hereto subject to final review by the Town Attorney.

SECONDED: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE

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Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 – 4 (59)
RE: APPROVE THE NAMING OF A ROAD IN THE
DELFINA ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Clapp Hill, LLC (the “Developer”) has obtained planning board approval for the development of approximately 100 acres located at 1723 Route 82 (Tax Map# 6659-00-791546); and

WHEREAS, such development will require the construction of one private (1) road; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County 911 requires that all private roads be named, identified, numbered and clearly marked for emergency response purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has requested the Town Board name the road “Delfina Drive; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 64(9) the Town Board must accept or deny the proposed road name subject to the consent of the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves and accepts the proposed use of the name “Delfina Drive” by Clapp Hill, LLC for the proposed private road to be located on the parcel known as Tax Map Parcel # 6659-00-791546, located at 1723 Route 82 in the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the naming of Delfina Drive is subject to approval by the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response.

SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Swartz AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 – 5 (60)
RE: Approve Entertainment for Community Day**

COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Community Day is an annual event that is popular and well attended by Town of Beekman residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, Community Day for 2018 has been scheduled for Saturday, July 21 with a rain date of July 22rd and will be held at Recreation Park; and

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WHEREAS, the 2018 Budget includes funding for entertainment for Community Day; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the following vendors-

- Legion Fireworks for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00;
- Emcee (Gary Whitaker, Strictly Entertainment DJ Services) not to exceed \$500.00

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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RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 -6 (61)

RE: Approve Beekman Fire Department's Use of Town Hall Parking Lot for their Vehicle Operations Course on May 19, 2018

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire Department is holding a Vehicle Operations Course on May 19, 2018 and

WHEREAS, they would appreciate utilizing the Town Hall Parking lot to accommodate their vehicles and personnel attending the course; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board allow the use of Beekman Town Hall parking lot for the Beekman Fire Department to accommodate their Vehicle Operations Course on May 19, 2018.

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 -7 (62)

RE: Authorize Music for Memorial Day

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman holds a Memorial Day service and parade each year to remember, reflect and honor those veterans who have served our great nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with the PUMC Wind Ensemble for their participation in our service on Monday May 28, 2018 at a cost of \$250.00.

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Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04:25:18 -8 (63)
RE: Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI 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	\$ 75,994.38
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 62,179.98
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 3,682.97
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 8,053.31
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 1,004.59</u>
	<u>\$150,915.23</u>

Payroll Paid on 4/19/18	
General Fund	\$ 32,590.27
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 22,761.00</u>
	<u>\$ 55,351.27</u>

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

*****Councilman Stiegler made a friendly amendment to remove voucher # 20180535 from this payment of claims resolution, reducing the A-General Fund amount to \$75,844.38 which reduced the total amount to \$ 150,765.23. Seconded by Councilman Battaglini.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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

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OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS

Supervisor Covucci read any FOIL requests received since the last Town Board Meeting.

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, was upset at comments that were made during the last Town Board Meeting. He is unhappy regarding the three minute time limit within the “Adopt Rules for Public Comment periods during Town Board meetings” Resolution.

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, made a suggestion with respect to the “Adopt Rules for Public Comment periods during Town Board meetings” Resolution. She feels that certain Town presentations should be limited to a specified time and possibly the presentations should happen at the end of a meeting rather than the beginning.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, would like to know the qualifications of the Comptroller consultant that was approved this evening and made a suggestion that the Comptroller gives a report at a Town Board meeting every three or four months.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Covucci announced the Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018. The Parade kicks off at 10:00AM followed by Ceremony at Town Hall and BBQ at the Fire House. The Supervisor also advised the public that County Legislator, Marc Coviello, has been selected to serve as the Director of Veteran Service after the retirement of the former Director.

Supervisor Covucci announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:00PM. She also reminded the public that the May 23, 2018 Town Board Meeting has been changed to May 30, 2018.

ADJOURN

At 7:36PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilwoman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK