

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 5, 2015

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

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN
ABSENT: COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE – arrived at 7:30

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 – 1 (88)
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 15, 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 15, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 –2 (89)
RE: Authorize Town to be Lead Agency for Hamlet Change and Set a Public Hearing**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman has the ability to amend local laws; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in amending Town Code “Hamlets”; and

WHEREAS, a workshop was held July 1, 2015 with the Town Engineer and the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had ample time to review suggested local law change; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman will act as the lead agency for the SEQRA application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on the 16th day of September 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall 4 Main Street Poughquag, in the Town of Beekman NY, and that the time and place of such hearing and setting forth the proposed amendment, be published on or before the 16th day of August 2015 in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman, on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk’s office and on the Town of Beekman website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 239 of General Municipal Law, Dutchess County Planning and Development has been provided with said proposed local law and will be notified of date and time of the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the proposed local law will be available for examination and inspection in the office of the Town Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm on all business days.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 -3 (90)
RE: Authorize Disposal of TV and VCR**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town is in possession of a TV and VCR; and

WHEREAS, the equipment is of no value to the Town; and

WHEREAS, Beekman Supervisor, Barbara Zulauf has spoken with Union Vale Supervisor, Lisette Hitsman about this equipment properly being disposed of at their recycling center; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to dispose of a Samstron TV model #SAM#2740, serial # 39zn904033z (Sept 2000) and a FUNAI VCR model LC-910, serial #H27811248; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the TV and VCR be delivered to the Union Vale Recycling Center for proper disposal.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 – 4 (91)

RE: Authorize Youth for Restoration to Apply for Grant for Mill House

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, grant opportunities are available for many projects in municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a TAG grant opportunity is available to write a detailed damage and condition report for needed restoration to be performed at the Mill House; and

WHEREAS, the TAG Grant supports Professional Services of Architects, Engineers and other designs and preservation professionals working with not-for-profit groups and municipalities to preserve their buildings, structures and other resources that serve an arts and/or cultural function; and

WHEREAS, the grant amount to be awarded is \$3,000.00 with a cash match of \$500.00, as a retainer with the engineer consultant; and

WHEREAS, Youth for Restoration has demonstrated a vested interest in the Mill House restoration; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, in conjunction with Viraj Kumar of Youth for Restoration, be hereby authorized to complete the TAG Grant application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the awarding of the TAG Grant to the Town of Beekman, the retainer will be submitted to the consultant Walter Sedovic Architects, who will provide the condition report, with a fee not to exceed \$500.00.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 – 5 (92)

RE: Authorization to Apply for Hudson River Valley Greenway 2015 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, grant opportunities are available for many projects in municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, an opportunity is available for the revitalization of Van Wyck Park; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, along with the Town Engineer, be hereby authorized to complete the Hudson River Valley Greenway 2015 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program application.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 – 6
RE: Approve Intermunicipal Agreement for Information Technology Services**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 08:05:15 – 7 (93)
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	\$74,382.27
Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund (Bond Payments)	\$120,018.75
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$107,180.02
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$1,879.39
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$514.54
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Agency	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$304,074.97

Payroll 14 Paid 7/16/15 \$87,147.45

General Fund \$ 64,192.18
Highway Fund \$ 22,955.27

Payroll 15 Paid 7/30/15 \$90,023.34

General Fund \$68,999.07
Highway Fund \$21,024.27

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilman Moran AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT
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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Zulauf stated that there have been rumors circulating that she intends to disband the Highway Department. She set the record straight stating that she has no desire to disband the Highway Department and thanked them for the work they do.

She advised the public that there is a grant opportunity for Dover Ridge that the Engineer is looking into.

Councilman Moran attended the Fire Department picnic and had a great time. He also thanked the Highway Department for the great job they do.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Bronzi spoke about her concerns with waterfront memberships for Veterans and would like to see the policy changed to be complimentary for our service men and women. Councilman Del Vecchio commented that he will bring it to the attention of the Rec Commission.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, advised the public about scam phone calls he is receiving. He asked questions pertaining to the Transportation survey and questioned how the Town did with Community Day.

Councilman Del Vecchio stated that Community Day was a big success and commended the rec for a great job with that event.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Moran thanked all who volunteer in our Fire Department.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00PM.

At 7:34PM Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to executive session to discuss proposed, pending and current litigation seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio. All in favor.

The Town Board returned from executive session at 8:14PM to offer the following:

Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following and moves for its adoption: Whereas the Town of Beekman has retained Christopher Gallo to examine the working papers of O'Connor Davies during the time period where they were providing accounting services to the Town during the time that Fred Knapp was the Comptroller, and whereas Mr. Gallo has issued a report of his finding regarding possible malpractice on the part of O'Connor Davies; therefore be it resolved, the Town Attorney, Michael Varble is hereby authorized with prior authorization from the Supervisor to commence an arbitration proceeding naming Town of Beekman against O'Connor Davies to be commenced no later than the tolling agreement. Seconded by Councilman Stiegler. Roll call vote: Councilman Moran – Aye, Councilman Del Vecchio – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye.

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Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following and moves for its adoption: Whereas the Town is currently engaged in a tax certiorari matter against the tenants of the Stop and Shop property located at the intersection of Route 55 and Beekman Road in the Town of Beekman, and whereas appraisal reports are due to the court on or before December 15, 2015, therefore be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to authorize Town Attorney, Michael Varble, to retain McGrath & Co., to provide an appraisal in connection to the Towns defense of the tax certiorari matter involving Stop and Shop. Seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. Roll call vote: Councilman Moran – Aye, Councilman Del Vecchio – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye.

ADJOURN:

At 8:16PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Moran. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK