

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – December 17, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN  
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
ABSENT: COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

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 HEARING: ECHO COTTAGES**

Supervisor Zulauf opened the public hearing giving a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the Town Code, Chapter 155 Zoning law, ECHO Cottages. She stated that the Town must be listed as Lead Agency to complete the EAF short form, which declares that these amendments will not have a negative impact on the environment. Councilman Del Vecchio declares the Town as Lead Agency for this unlisted action, roll call vote: All in favor. Councilman Del Vecchio declares a determination of non-significance; otherwise known as a negative declaration, roll call vote: All in favor. Supervisor Zulauf then opened up to public comment. Mrs. Biskup, Mayfair Road had a concern with one of the amendments relating to age and the requirement of a physician's note. The Supervisor advised her that they will take her concern under consideration. Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive questioned the cost of an ECHO unit. Bob Novak advised him of the two options; one is to purchase a unit for \$60,000 or rent one for \$1,300 per month plus set up and take down. At 7:10 PM, with no further comment, Councilman Del Vecchio moved to close the public hearing seconded by Councilman Battaglini and Supervisor Zulauf. All in favor.

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**REPORTS:**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that his Department has been busy repairing a drainage issue at the Fire House and repairing a dry hydrant on Emma Way. They milled and blacktopped Andrew Road, disposed of a large willow tree that NYSEG cut down on Depot Hill and hauled in road sand in preparation for winter. He reported that plowing has begun for this season and so far is going very well.

Supervisor Zulauf thanked Tony Coviello and the Highway Department for doing a great job with the snow removal during the last storm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

There was no public comment this evening.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 1 (211)  
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the December 3, 2014 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 December 3, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 2 (212)  
RE: Award Bid for Drainage Pipe**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, authorization was given for the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for drainage pipe; and

WHEREAS, bids for the drainage pipe were received, opened and read publicly on December 15, 2014, at 10:00am and have been reviewed by the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bid is hereby awarded as recommended by the Highway Superintendent as attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the said services.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 3 (213)  
RE: Re-Appointments to Boards**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO 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 Town Board hereby makes the following appointments to be effective immediately:

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Conservation Advisory Council – Bob Cohen Term to expire 12/31/23

Ethics Board – Donna Burkhart Term to Expire 12/31/19

Planning Board – Rob Lopane Term to Expire 12/31/22

Rec Commission – Bob Fossati Term to Expire 12/31/21

WHEREAS, appointments of the chair positions are appointed by the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chair position is a yearly appointment and serves at the pleasure of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Donna Burkhart is appointed Chair of Ethics Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the new Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 19-9 of the Town Code unless already on file and 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 SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 4 (214)**  
**RE: Dog Park Rules**

COUNCILMAN MORAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution 4:3:13 was passed setting Beekman Dog Park hours of operation and rules; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous of the Beekman Town Board to amend the hours of operation during winter months due to snow accumulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Beekman Dog Park be closed from December 1 thru March 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the closure be posted at the Beekman Dog Park, on the Towns Website and on Beekman Recreation Website.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI / SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran	AYE
Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Del Vecchio	AYE

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Councilman Battaglini            AYE

Supervisor Zulauf                AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 5 (215)**

**RE: TCP Rules**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI        offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Town Board can set times of operation at various Town sites; and

WHEREAS, the walking trails at TCP are subject to snow accumulations during winter months; and

WHEREAS, it is not practical to maintain this trail due to snow accumulations and windy conditions causing drifting; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the trail at TCP not be sustained and groomed, but will be available at users own risk for cross country skiing and snow shoeing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this be posted at the trail entrance, posted on the Town of Beekman Website and on Beekman Recreation Website.

Seconded    SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Moran                AYE

Councilman Stiegler              ABSENT

Councilman Del Vecchio         AYE

Councilman Battaglini          AYE

Supervisor Zulauf                AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 6 (216)**

**RE: Authorize Extension of the IT Shared Services Intermunicipal Agreement**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF            offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is currently participating in an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Dover for Information Technology Services; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Beekman and Dover received a grant from Dutchess County to share IT services; and

WHEREAS, part of the new IT Shared Services Grant requires that Dutchess County approve all IMA's that are part of shared services grants; and

WHEREAS, the IMA is anticipated to be completed before March 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby extends the existing IMA until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 or until superseded with a new one.

Seconded    COUNCILMAN MORAN

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:17:14 – 7 (217)  
RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO      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	\$28,876.60
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$23,515.15
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,870.55
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 2,895.33
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust and Agency Acct	<u>\$ 6,224.20</u>
	\$64,381.83

Payroll 25	Paid 12/04/14	\$56,232.58
General Fund \$32,930.46		
Highway Fund \$23,302.12		

Seconded      SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Zulauf read the resignation letter from Douglas Florence from the ZBA. If anyone is interested in serving on that Board please contact the Secretary to the Supervisor.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, commented that the Highway Department is doing a wonderful job keeping our roads clean during snow storms. He thanked Supervisor Zulauf for speaking to the tree trimming company to ensure they have proper flag men when working on the road. In closing, he wished everyone a safe Holiday season.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

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Supervisor Zulauf wished all a very Happy Holiday Season. The Town Board Re-organization meeting is Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

At 7:39pm, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to executive session to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal, seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio. All in favor.

At 8:28pm, the Board returned from executive session taking the following action: Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following; whereas, it has come to the Town's attention that certain private property owners and businesses in and around Palmer Circle are depositing foreign objects: rubbish, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon highways in violation of Section 214 of Highway Law; now therefore be it resolved that the Town Supervisor and Town Board are authorized to take steps in consulting with those private property and business owners in order to remedy the situation or it cannot be remedied, to take steps needed to erect any necessary signage or barricade to remediate the problem and the continuing violation of Highway Law Section 214. Councilman Moran seconded, All in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:30PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK