

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:06PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, PAUL ACKERMAN

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

REPORTS:

Comptroller Report – Andrew Forman gave a presentation this evening detailing the error he made with respect to over calculating the Capital Reserve Fund balance heading into the 2017 Budgeting process. Many members of the public were present to ask questions and state their concerns. The Board assured the public that they will have a future Budget Workshop session to make adjustments as necessary without cutting vital programs and services.

Highway Superintendent – Tony Coviello gave a brief report regarding his Department. The men have been out 10 times this season for sanding and plowing. He praised them for working hard and doing a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, referred to Resolution #6 and questioned what it is regarding. Supervisor Zulauf stated it is regarding salaries.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 1 (184)
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 December 7, 2016 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 7, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Councilwoman Covucci | AYE |
| Councilman Stiegler | AYE |
| Councilman Del Vecchio | AYE |
| Councilman Battaglini | AYE |
| Supervisor Zulauf | AYE |

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 2 (185)
RE: Appointments to Various Boards**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI 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:

Tamara La Barbera to the Board of Assessment with a term to expire September 30, 2021

Sarah Davis to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire December 31, 2021

David Anderson to the Planning Board with a term to expire December 31, 2023

Geneva Claire Hamilton to the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) with a term to expire December 31, 2024

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 STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Councilwoman Covucci | AYE |
| Councilman Stiegler | AYE |
| Councilman Del Vecchio | AYE |
| Councilman Battaglini | AYE |
| Supervisor Zulauf | AYE |

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 3
RE: Budget Modifications for Year-End - PULLED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 4 (186)
RE: Approve Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway Moneys (284)**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York and the undersigned members of the Town Board Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that the moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of **\$250,000.00** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon **2.11** miles "**4.23 Lane Miles**" out of **68** miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

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2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town Highways:

- (a) On the road commencing at **Grape Hollow Rd** and leading up to Pepper Hill Rd, a distance of **.76** lane miles, **2000** feet of **Grape Hollow Rd**, “one third of the total length” there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$44,000.00** for **Blacktop** Width of traveled surface **20 Feet with a thickness of 2” Sub-base Blacktop and Bank Run Gravel**.
- (b) On the road commencing at County Route 8 and leading into **Lime Ridge Road**, a distance of **.60** lane miles, **1600** feet there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$38,400.00** for **Blacktop** Width of traveled surface **22 Feet with a Thickness of 2” Sub-base Blacktop and Bank Run Gravel**
- (c) On the road commencing at County 9 and leading into **Martin Rd** a distance of **1.33** lane miles, “**3500 feet**” there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$64,000** for **Blacktop** Width of traveled surface **22 Feet Thickness 2” Subbase Blacktop and Bank Run Gravel**
- (d) On the road commencing at Forest Drive Entering into **Cypher Lane** a distance of **.62** lane miles, **1690 feet**” there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$44,100.00** for **Blacktop** Width of traveled surface **24 Feet Thickness 2” Subbase Blacktop and Bank Run Gravel**
- (e) On the road commencing at Baker Rd intersection, leading into **High Ridge Road**, a distance of **.92** lane miles, “**2600 feet**” there shall be expended not over the sum of **\$59,500.00** for **Blacktop** Width of traveled surface **22 feet 2” Subbase Blacktop and Bank Run Gravel**.

Executed in duplicate this ___ day of ___ 2016.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Councilwoman Covucci | AYE |
| Councilman Stiegler | AYE |
| Councilman Del Vecchio | AYE |
| Councilman Battaglini | AYE |
| Supervisor Zulauf | AYE |

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RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 5 (187)

RE: Resolution Authorizing the Retention of RP HUBBELL & COMPANY, INC. to Appraise a Parcel of Town Land Which has no Municipal Function

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is the owner of a land-locked parcel of land, approximately 6 acres in size, obtained by tax deed, situated near Lime Ridge Road and specifically known as Tax Map No.: 6758-00-056139; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman has determined that the property serves no municipal purpose and is deemed excess real property; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized pursuant to Section 62(2) of the Town Law to sell the property by resolution of the Town Board and subject to permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, prior to offering the property for sale to the public the Town is desirous of retaining

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an qualified appraiser in order to determine the property’s market value; and

WHEREAS, the retention of an appraiser is exempt for the Town’s purchasing policy and the General Municipal law as it is professional services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman authorizes the Town Attorney to retain RP Hubbell and Company, Inc. for the purpose of appraising town owned property specifically known as Tax Map No.: 6758-00-056139 in order to determine its market value in an amount not to exceed \$1000.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Councilwoman Covucci AYE
- Councilman Stiegler AYE
- Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
- Councilman Battaglini AYE
- Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 6 (188)

RE: Rescind Resolution 12:07:16-7 Until Further Notice for Elected Officials and Town Board Appointed Employees

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, be Resolution 12:07:16-7 the Town Board approved the 2017 salaries and wages for employees of the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, based on new information the Town Board now wishes to rescind Resolution 12:07:16-7 and amend such resolution as proved in the amended salary and wage schedule as attached hereto and made a part of hereof as exhibit “A”; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution 12:21:16 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby sets the salaries and wages for town employees as set forth in the salary schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the hourly rates for these positons covered by a collective bargaining agreement are subject to change upon future contracts.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

*****Councilman Stiegler offered an amendment to this resolution offering the Town Justices, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent receive their raise. Seconded by Councilwoman Covucci. Roll Call Vote: Councilwoman Covucci – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Councilman Del Vecchio – Aye, Councilman Battaglini – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

- Councilwoman Covucci AYE
- Councilman Stiegler AYE
- Councilman Del Vecchio AYE

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Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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Exhibit A. Amended Wage and Salary Schedule for 2017

Supervisor \$20,057.00 (changed from \$20,458.14)

Secretary to the Supervisor \$34,333.20

Deputy Supervisor No Annual Salary

Town Board \$7,374.16 (changed from \$7,521.64)

Town Clerk \$59,131.97 (changed from \$60,314.61)

Deputy Town Clerk (part time) \$16,948.62

Receiver of Taxes \$37,582.06 (changed from \$38,333.70)

Town Justices \$13,704.03 (changed from \$13,978.11)

Typist: Planning/Zoning Boards \$15.48 per hour

Comptroller \$63,267.02 (changed from \$64,532.36)

Bookkeeper \$16 per hour

Justice Clerks \$52,379.77 (CSEA)

Deputy Building Inspector \$34.50 per hour (CSEA)

Legislative Aide \$40,325.90 (CSEA)

Dog Control Officer \$17,284.31 (CSEA)

Maintenance Mechanic \$63,672.48 (CSEA)

Maintenance Worker \$18.47 (CSEA)

Seasonal Laborer (Maintenance) \$12.50 per hour

Recreation Director \$57,000

Recreation Assistant/Assistant to the Recreation Director \$16.13 per hour

Recreation Assistant/Activity Director \$16 per hour

Recreation Assistant/Activity Coordinator – Senior Program \$21.59 per hour

Recreation Assistant/Activity Supervisor – Senior Program \$16.15

Seasonal Recreation Staff (\$9.70 - \$17.25) as per attached wage matrix approved by the Recreation Advisory Committee

Secretary to the Recreation Advisory Committee \$13.00 per hour

Superintendent of Highway \$66,968.40 (changed from \$68,307.77)

Assistant to the Superintendent of Highway \$ 15.81 per hour

Deputy Highway Superintendent \$ 170.00 per diem

Working Foreman \$ 29.65 per hour (Teamsters)

Automotive Mechanic \$29.20 per hour (Teamsters)

Heavy Motor Equipment Operator \$29.20 per hour (Teamsters)

Seasonal Snowplow Wingman \$ 15.00 per hour

Seasonal Snowplower, Non-CDL \$18.00 per hour

Seasonal Snowplower, CDL \$ 27.52

RESOLUTION NO. 12:21:16 – 7 (189)

RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER 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:

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| Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund | \$ 51,540.57 |
| Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund | \$ 18,911.79 |
| Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund | \$.00 |
| Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund | \$ 877.50 |
| Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund | <u>\$ 4,745.00</u> |
| | \$ 76,074.86 |

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| Payroll 25 | Paid 12/14/2016 | \$ 59,472.01 |
| General Fund | \$ 37,573.98 | |
| Highway Fund | \$ 21,898.03 | |

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Councilwoman Covucci | AYE |
| Councilman Stiegler | AYE |
| Councilman Del Vecchio | AYE |
| Councilman Battaglini | AYE |
| Supervisor Zulauf | AYE |

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OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Zulauf made an announcement that we were involved in a lawsuit a year ago with LaBerge where we had to pay out \$215,000.00. We have recently recovered \$193,000.00 in a settlement towards that case.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Sanders, Robin Court, asked for a total dollar amount spent to date for John Wirth's services regarding the pending litigation. He would also like the amount budgeted for legal services for 2017 and asked for monthly updates via email or in person on the status of the case.

Councilman Del Vecchio commented that on January 9, 2017 they will be back in court.

Recreation Director, Jeanne Scigliano, questioned if the Board was able to tell us where the \$193,000 was recovered from. Councilman Del Vecchio stated it was confidential.

Phil Capalbo, Main Street, thanked Comptroller, Andrew Forman, for getting up this evening and taking accountability for his mistake. He is holding the Town Board responsible that from here forward the accounting will be accurate.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, recognized Marc Coviello for his work with Hudson Valley Hero Project. He also announced that the Arlington Central School District recently voted to give the Veteran exemption to our Veterans.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Zulauf announced the Re-Organization Town Board meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00PM.

At 9:10PM 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.

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At 9:44PM the Board returns from Executive Session. Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to close this session seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. At 9:45PM 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 10:39PM, the Board returns from Executive Session taking no action on either Executive Sessions.

ADJOURN:

At 10:39PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK