

## **BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2017**

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 MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI  
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI

ALSO PRESENT: LISA COBB, TOWN ATTORNEY

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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

7:00PM – Solar Energy (Continued) Supervisor Zulauf opened up for public comment on this Hearing. Linda Porter, Clapp Hill, spoke against this proposal. Councilman Stiegler read written comments from Town resident, Therese Reynolds, regarding her thoughts on the visual aspects of these farms. With no further comment, Supervisor Zulauf announced that this Public Hearing will remain open and continue at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

7:10PM – Amend Chapter 121, Recreation Area, Supervisor Zulauf opened up for public comment. Michele Llanes, Deerview Lane, gave her opinion regarding the conflicting signs at TCP and would like to see dogs allowed in the Park. She feels the signage should be simplified. Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director, expressed her appreciation for this Law as it will codify these rules so that they are enforceable. At 7:19PM, with no further comment, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to close this Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, had questions pertaining to Resolutions #2 and #4 for more detailed information.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 1 (187) 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 November 15, 2017 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 November 15, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 2 (188)**  
**RE: Approve Renewal of Dutchess County SPCA Contract**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman requires a location to house, shelter, and care for stray and lost dogs, which service is now performed by Dutchess County SPCA; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County SPCA has submitted a proposal for the renewal of said services, for the coming calendar year, which proposal the Board finds to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the agreement with the Dutchess County SPCA; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement, as attached, with Dutchess County SPCA to house, shelter, and care for stray dogs in the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 –3 (189)**  
**RE: Approve Abandoned Properties**

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on October 18, 2017 before the Town Board to accept abandoned properties in the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, comments were received by residents for consideration of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, no written comments were received within the allotted time period to the Town Clerk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman authorize Town Departments to bring the following properties into compliance with the Town Code of abandoned properties as noted in Chapter 14:

173 Andrews Road, HSBC Bank, 6559-00-979661  
21 Underhill Road North, Robert and Dawn Maselli, 6759-03-407069  
47 Stowe Drive, Joseph and Denise Massa, 6859-02-553565

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23 Main Street, Red Cardinal Properties. 6758-02-843689.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

**\*\*\*Councilman Del Vecchio made a friendly amendment to remove 21 Underhill Road North, Robert and Dawn Maselli, 6759-03-407069 from this list, seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.\*\*\***

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED: RESOLUTION FAILED

Councilwoman Covucci NO  
Councilman Stiegler NO  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 4 (190) TABLED  
RE: Approve 2018 Beekman Recreation and Parks Fee Schedule**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has the ability to adopt a Recreation and Parks Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee and the Director of Recreation has submitted new suggestions and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had sufficient time to review the attached Recreation and Parks Fee Schedule; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the attached Recreation and Parks Fee Schedule.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

**\*\*\*Councilwoman Covucci made the motion to table this resolution seconded by Councilman Stiegler.\*\*\***

ROLL CALL VOTE TO TABLE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 5 - PULLED  
RE: Approve Salary and Wage Schedule for 2018**

**PULLED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 6 (191)  
RE: Board Appointments**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made:

- Sharon Wohrman to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2022
- Mary Moody to the Ethics Board with a term to expire December 31, 2022
- Michelle Llanes to Recreation Advisory Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2022
- Laura Blaha to the Architectural Review Board with a term to expire on December 31, 2022

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 SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 7 (192) TABLED**

**RE: Accept Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Senior Recreation Building**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman participated in the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant for a senior citizens building; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County did announce preliminary funding for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, Beekman has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for building the senior recreation building; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on October 5, 2016 did support this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby accept the grant of \$100,000 for the new senior Recreation Building.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

**\*\*\*Councilwoman Covucci made the motion to table this resolution seconded by Councilman Stiegler.\*\*\***

ROLL CALL VOTE TO TABLE:

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Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 8 (193)  
RE: Cold War Veterans Extension**

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

WHEREAS; the by Local Law No.3 of 2007 the Town Board of the Town of Beekman adopted the provisions of Real Property Tax Law §458-b providing for a Cold War Veteran’s tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War Veteran’s tax exemption is codified in Article II, Section 135-2 of the Town Code of the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 290 of the laws of the State of New York of 2017 authorizes a local taxing jurisdiction to extend the exemption indefinitely provided qualifying owners remain qualifying owners of qualifying property without regard to a ten year limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has recommended the extension of the exemption without regard to a ten year limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has determined that this resolution constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality review Act and 6 NYCRR Part 617; now therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby extends, indefinitely, the provisions of §458-b of the New York Tax Law concerning the Cold War Veteran’s tax exemption indefinitely and until such time as the Town Board, by Local Law rescinds Local Law No.: 3 of 2007.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 9 (194)  
RE: Approve Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Contract**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, representatives of the Town of Beekman and the Civil Service Employees Association Inc. (CSEA) reached a tentative agreement pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, for the employees in the bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the employees within the bargaining unit ratified said agreement; and

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WHEREAS, the parties’ representatives reserved the right of ratification of said agreement by the bargaining unit and by the Town Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the attached and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Collective Bargaining agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc representing the above mentioned unit for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate town officials.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 10 (195)  
RE: Transfer of Funds**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Whereas, the Town of Beekman’s Recreation Department has accumulated funds in excess of \$123,712.00 through the month of November 2017.

Be it hereby resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman directs the Town Comptroller to transfer \$120,000 from the Recreation checking account known as “My Rec” to the General Fund checking account.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12:06:17 – 11 (196)  
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:

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Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$142,455.81
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 7,621.31
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 106.42
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 0
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 1,206.25</u>
	\$151,389.79

Payroll 24	Paid 11/30/17	\$ 54,848.75
General Fund	\$34,341.67	
Highway Fund	\$20,507.08	

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSENT  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Stiegler distributed the minutes from the last CPRC meeting and announced that the December meeting has been cancelled for the Holiday.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, announced the Beekman Fire District Commissioners election which will be held on December 12, 2017 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM at the Fire House. All registered voters are eligible to vote in the Fire Commissioner election.

Jarret Jakob, candidate running for Fire Commissioner, encouraged everyone to get out and vote on December 12, 2017.

**GENERAL BOARD COMMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:00PM.

**ADJOURN**

At 8:05PM, 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