

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2014

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 EZIO BATTAGLINI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER– ARRIVED AT 7:41PM
ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN

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.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Zulauf began her report this evening with stating she attended the Association of Towns this past Monday with Councilman Del Vecchio, Councilman Battaglini, Councilman Stiegler, Comptroller Andrew Forman and Bookkeeper Bill Brady. She attended very informative classes pertaining to Natural Disaster Planning, Employee Topics and Disciplinary actions and Shared Services. She had the opportunity to speak with the NYS Comptroller's Office, Association of Fire Districts and NYSERDA and was happy to hear that the Town of Beekman is on track with operating procedures.

The Supervisor thanked Tony Coviello and the Highway Department for keeping our roads clear and safe during the past few storms. She also thanked the Maintenance Department for all they do in order to keep our sidewalks clear.

Supervisor Zulauf attended the Business portion of the Association of Towns this morning. The business portion is where the individual Towns have a vote on upcoming Legislation and vote on new officers for this organization.

In closing, she reported we will have a presentation this evening from Cliff Schwark, Chairman of the CAC on Tree Harvesting and Tree Clearing. Included in the Payment of Claims resolution, there is an invoice from the County regarding Election chargebacks. Thanks to Comptroller Andrew Forman negotiating with the County, he was able to cut that bill in half.

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Councilman Battaglini reported that he attended the Association of Towns on Monday. It was a wealth of knowledge and would like to encourage all officials to attend these classes and will see what he can do to have it approved in the Budget for next year.

Councilman Del Vecchio also attended the Association of Towns on Monday and Tuesday this week. He attended classes on Litigation Primer, Tree Harvesting & Planning, Personnel Matter Training and a full day class Tuesday on Grants that are available. In closing, he announced that registration opened up last week for Recreation Summer Camp Programs.

PRESENTATION BY CLIFFORD SCHWARK – TREE HARVESTING

Chairman of the CAC, Cliff Schwark, gave a presentation this evening regarding amending the Tree Harvesting Town Code and also the Tree Removal Town Code. He gave a summary of the CAC's recommendations for revisions. The CAC recommends that the "Tree Harvesting" title be changed to "Timber Harvesting", where the permit would be issued and the site inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer. The CAC recommends to amend the title of "Tree Removal" to "Tree Clearing" and the purpose to prevent the indiscriminate or unnecessary removal of trees and associated land clearing activities and assure compliance with Section 402 of the Clean Water

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Act within the Town of Beekman. The Board and the Public were allowed to comment at the end of the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02:19:14 -1 (41)

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 February 12, 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 February 12, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

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

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RESOLUTION 2:19:14 - 2 (42)

RE: Appointment to Ethics Board

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

Ethics Board Mary Moody Term to expire 12/31/22

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submissions of the new Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 19-9 of 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 COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Councilman Moran ABSENT

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Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION 2:19:14 – 3 (43)

RE: Appointment to Recreation Commission

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF 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:

Recreation Commission	Joe Ellman	Term to expire 12/31/19
	Bob Fossati	Term to expire 12/31/14
	Janeen Cunningham	Term to expire 12/31/20
	John Donnelly	Term to expire 12/31/17
	Jenna Kanterman	Term to expire 12/31/18
	Michele Llanes	Term to expire 12/31/16
	Kathleen Mcdonald	Term to expire 12/31/15

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submissions of the new Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 19-9 of 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 COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran ABSENT
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO 2:19:14 – 4 (44)

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: \$ 60,165.76

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Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 10,078.59
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,870.55
Claims to be paid from SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 790.79
Claims to be paid from T-Trust and Agency	<u>\$ 1,737.00</u>
	75,641.69

Payroll 4	Paid	\$64,433.01
General Fund: \$34,773.07		
Highway Fund:\$30,659.94		

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION 2:19:14 – 5 (45)

RE: Approval of Salary for Highway Temporary Laborer

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a resolution was passed December 4, 2014 stating the salaries of employees for 2014; and

WHEREAS, no salary was set for Highway Temporary Laborer; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2014 salary for the Highway Temporary Laborer be set at \$15.00 per hour.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business this evening.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned why the Town Attorney has not been present at the last few meetings and questioned when Grievance Day is. Councilman Del Vecchio answered the question about the Town Attorney stating it is a cost savings measure and the Board doesn't need representation at every meeting. He was told that Grievance Day is May 28, 2014.

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GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Zulauf's Secretary, Pam is organizing a Fishing Derby Committee. If anyone would like to volunteer or donate money please contact Pam.

Supervisor Zulauf reminded residents to go to the Town website and register their email address with us. In the future, we will send important information related to Town events to everyone who registers through an email blast.

Councilman Del Vecchio asked the residents to exercise the utmost care during the next few days with the black ice.

ADJOURN:

At 8:15PM with no further business to conduct Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK