

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:00PM 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 WERNER STIEGLER
- ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
- 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

Paul Curran, 111 Bowe Lane, spoke in regard to a concern he had with Resolution NO. 2:1:17 – 2(28), the Moratorium of Solar Energy Projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02:1:17 – 1(27)
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 January 18, 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 January 18, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 2:1:17 – 2(28)
RE: Impose Moratorium of Solar Energy Projects

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Beekman desires to enact a Moratorium Law, as

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attached, to temporarily suspend Solar Energy Development in the Town of Beekman for an interim period of time, pending completion and adoption of Town Code referring to Solar Farms, Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems, and Solar Power Plants in the Town of Beekman; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman hereby adopts the Local Moratorium Law, as attached, imposing a six month moratorium on the processing of applications for, and the issuance of any approvals or permits for Solar Farms, Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems, and Solar Power Plants in the Town of Beekman.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2:1:17 – 3(29)

RE: Authorizing Use of the Recreation Beachfront to Beekman Fire Dept.

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Fire Department requested to reserve the Recreation Park Beachfront for their own private use for their annual picnic and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Park has set aside the first Sunday of August for the Fire Department’s annual “Fire Company Picnic” in years past; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Fire Department is authorized to reserve the Recreation Park Beachfront on Sunday August 6, 2017 and it shall therefore shall be closed to the public on that day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Fire Department will reimburse the Town of Beekman for the funds required to pay for all staff costs necessary to facilitate this arrangement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Beekman Fire Department to reserve the Beekman Recreation Park beachfront on August 6, 2017.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2:1:17 – 4 - PULLED

RE: Amend Procurement Policy

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RESOLUTION NO. 2:1:17 – 5(30)
RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI 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	\$ 90,571.95
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 95,838.66
Claims to be paid from the Special Recreation Fund	\$ 59,600.00
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 41.43
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 5,063.44
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 1,320.00</u>
	\$252,435.48

Payroll	1	1/26/2017	Paid	\$ 61,538.55
General Fund	\$ 36,497.78			
Highway Fund	\$ 25,040.77			

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2:1:17 – OTHER BUSINESS
RE: AMEND “RESOLUTION NO. 1:04:17-10 – APPROVE SNOW TUBING TRIP”

Supervisor Zulauf stated we are amending the original resolution because the Recreation Dept. has a snow tubing trip planned at a particular park which is currently lacking snow. The Recreation Director has researched alternate locations.

*****Supervisor Zulauf made an amendment to add another WHEREAS paragraph to include alternate locations, with snow accommodations for snow tubing with a fee not to exceed \$695.00; and authorization for Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director, to utilize the Town Credit Card for a fee not to exceed \$695.00. Seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

Councilwoman Covucci	AYE
Councilman Stiegler	AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Taranto, 391 Clapp Hill Rd, stated that he has concerns with the solar farm project across from his house regarding the zoning and uses of that property in a residential area.

Supervisor Zulauf replied that the 6 month moratorium resolution gives us the time to look into the code regarding solar energy projects.

Councilwoman Covucci added that NYS is working on the solar energy laws and she is communicating with Senator Terrance Murphy's office to get more information as well.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Councilwoman Covucci decided that with her \$1,350 Town income from August to December 31, 2016 she will put a Beekman Beautification Committee together. Their focus will be on putting flowers, soil, and barrels along Rt. 55 in the Town. If anyone wants to join her, please contact Town Hall, leave your name and number and Councilwoman Covucci will get back to you.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Supervisor Zulauf motioned to move to Executive Session at 7:18PM to discuss proposed, pending and current litigation. All in favor.

At 7:36PM the Board returns from Executive Session taking the following action: Town Attorney Paul Ackerman starts with Town Board will entertain a motion to settle a pending matter of litigation in the matter of DeMassi vs the Town of Beekman and authorizes the Supervisor to sign stipulation of settlement and accept a corresponding easement in connection with the resolution of that matter, seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Covucci - AYE, Councilman Stiegler - AYE, Councilman Battaglini – AYE, Supervisor Zulauf – AYE. Paul Ackerman says matter passes 4-0.

ADJOURN:

At 7:42PM with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MELISSA MCALLEY
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK