

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2016

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 DEL VECCHIO
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI

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:

COMPTROLLER REPORT – Town Comptroller, Andrew Forman discussed the 2015 Revenues and Expenses of the General Fund. We will be under the adopted budget by approximately \$20,000. He then discussed the Revenue and Expenses of the Highway Fund. This fund will come in over budget due to the extreme winter we had last year. In closing, he advised us that several of the test wells at the highway garage are being decommissioned and we will only need to test two wells every three years going forward. We should see significant savings there in the future.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello reported that tree trimming has been performed throughout Town. The NYSEG forester advised him that they will be working on the south end of Town in the next few months. The Highway Crew spent two days clearing a major culvert on Roosevelt Drive. All dirt roads throughout Town have been graded. Maintenance on all vehicles have been performed. The Highway Department has sanded four times this winter so far and have used 81 tons of product.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 1 (18)
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 6, 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 January 6, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 2 (19)
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:

Edward Powers- Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with his term to expire December 31, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the new Disclosure of Interest statement pursuant to Chapter 19-9 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:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 3 (20)
RE: Amend Cash Receipts Policy**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Cash Receipts Policy was Adopted September 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, after review of this policy, amendments need to be considered; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the following sections be added to the Cash Receipts Policy:

- Procedures for receipt of Teen Leadership Council Donations
- Procedures for fees collected by staff within programs
- Financial Report for out of office collection, and be it further

RESOLVED that these Amendments take effect January 20, 2016 and be it further

RESOLVED that the Comptroller, Bookkeeper, Supervisor, Secretary to the Supervisor, Receiver of Taxes, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Recreation Director, Assistant Recreation Director, Court Clerks, Highway Superintendent, Legislative Aide, Senior Coordinator and Part-time Activity worker will sign an Employee Acknowledgement Form immediately.

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Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 4 (21)

RE: Approve John C. Wirth Jr. as Land Use Attorney

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman desires to retain the services of special counsel to handle land use and development matters, as well as any litigation arising out of and pertaining to such matters; and

WHEREAS, John C. Wirth Jr., Esq., an attorney maintaining an office for the practice of law at 40 Garden Street, Suite 500 Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, has previously satisfactorily handled such matters for the town; and

WHEREAS, attorney Wirth has expressed his willingness to be retained as special counsel to the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to formally retain attorney Wirth as special counsel to the Town of Beekman as hereinafter set forth in this resolution.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby retains John C. Wirth, Jr., ESQ., effective retroactively to October 1, 2014, as special counsel (“counsel”) to the town, to handle all land use and development matters involving real properties within the Town of Beekman, as well as any litigation arising out of and pertaining to such properties pursuant to town law § 20(2).

And be it further RESOLVED, Said counsel will be compensated at an hourly rate of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars, plus necessary disbursements, for all legal services provided to the town as aforesaid, including litigation.

And be it further RESOLVED, Said counsel shall submit his invoices monthly to the town for legal services rendered during any particular month.

And be it further RESOLVED, Said counsel shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 5 (22)
RE: RFP for Concession Stand

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with a vendor for the operation of the concession stand at Recreation Park for the summer season: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in entering into a contract again for the 2016 season; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to place an advertisement in the Poughkeepsie Journal for Requests for Proposals for the concession stand at Recreation Park.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Del Vecchio AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 6 (23)
RE: Approve Association of Towns Training School and Annual Meeting Expenses

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the annual Association of Towns Conference will be held February 14 – 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, representatives from several departments of the Town of Beekman have included in their budget for 2016 the appropriation to attend said conference: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Supervisor to forward all monies required for registration and mileage for the employees Barbara Zulauf, Rachael Rancourt, Jon Bodendorf and Andrew J. Forman to attend the conference, and to be reimbursed for mileage at current IRS rate.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

*****Supervisor Zulauf made a friendly amendment to add Michael Del Vecchio and Ezio Battaglini to the list of employees attending the conference.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Del Vecchio AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 7 (24)
RE: Accept Bid for Highway Radios

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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WHEREAS, the Highway Department uses radios to communicate while working within the community; and

WHEREAS, there is not a contract for current services for radio usage; and

WHEREAS, a proposal was received and reviewed by the Highway Superintendent for a wireless communications lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with NYCOMCO for a lease program agreement for radios, as attached; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Mobile Units are not to exceed \$22.00 each per month, the Base Units are not to exceed \$39.00 each per month and the Portable Units are not to exceed \$29.00 each per month.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 8 (25)

RE: Approve Attendance at Hudson Valley Leisure Association

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

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Leisure Services Association is a networking group of Parks, Recreation, Therapeutic, and Leisure Service Professionals and Supporters from Orange, Ulster, Rockland, Dutchess, and Putnam Counties that meets once a month. It is a great organization that is very beneficial for members because it allows them to share ideas with others in the field who are very knowledgeable. Besides networking with others, the HVLSA has guest speakers at every meeting on topics that have to do with the Recreation profession and said meeting will offer further knowledge for The Town of Beekman Recreation Director; and

WHEREAS, membership is required at \$25.00 per year for an associate member; and

WHEREAS, the cost of each meeting is \$20 for members; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Jeanne Sciglianno if hereby authorized to attend meetings in 2016, at her discretion, and to be reimbursed for mileage at current IRS rate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that due to the topics of some meetings, Greg Brown is hereby authorized to attend meetings at his discretion.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 9 (26)

Re: Approve Firework Expense for the 2016 Community Day 2016

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Community Day is an annual event that is popular and well attended by Town of Beekman Residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, Community Day for 2016 has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16th and will be held at Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Budget includes funding for entertainment for Community Day: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the following vendors: Legion Fireworks Co., Inc in an amount no more than \$3,500.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 01:20:16 – 10 (27)

RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI 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	\$ 251,600.93
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 95,802.95
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,990.55
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 3,785.79
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
	\$ 354,780.22

Payroll	1	Paid 1/14/16	\$ 80,452.84
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General Fund	\$ 42,789.11
Highway Fund	\$ 37,663.73

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
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OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Several women came to speak about the Pine Grove Motel housing sex offenders and questioned if the Town can do anything about it. Supervisor Zulauf previously spoke with Deputy Sheriff Daren Cummings who advised her that these offenders are placed by Social Services and the Town cannot tell them they cannot be there.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned what citizens do in the event of an emergency, i.e. the upcoming storm that is predicted to hit us on Saturday. He thought there was a committee established to notify residents. Councilman Battaglini stated in the event of an emergency, residents should always call 911.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Zulauf stated that there is still an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If anyone is interested, please contact the Secretary to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00PM.

At 8:07PM, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law and Medical, Financial, Credit or Employment history of a particular person or Corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

ADJOURN:

At 8:55PM the Board returns from Executive Session taking no action and with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK**