

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 3, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM with Supervisor Mary Covucci presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MARY COVUCCI  
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER  
COUNCILMAN ROBERT SWARTZ  
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Covucci appointed Councilman Ezio Battaglini as Deputy Supervisor and thanked him for taking on this role. Supervisor Covucci also announced that the Elected Officials have taken their Oaths and filed them with the Town Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Cliff Schwark, Chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council, commented on Resolution #7 pertaining to the new Appointees.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 1**  
**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 20, 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 December 20, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Swartz AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 2**

**RE: Appointment of the Registrar & Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorized under the Town Law to make appointments and set salaries; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments are hereby authorized and approved:

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Town Clerk \$ 1,500.00 Annual Salary

Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

Deputy Clerk \$ 500.00 Annual Salary

And be it further RESOLVED, that the foregoing salary be paid from the General Fund.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Swartz AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 3**

**RE: Newspaper Designation**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Let it be RESOLVED, that the POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL be named the official newspaper for the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Swartz AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO.01:03:18 - 4  
RE: Designation of Depositories**

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 64 of Town Law provides for the Town Board to designate by written resolution the banks in which certain officers shall deposit the monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following bank is hereby designated the official depositories in which all monies may be deposited and invested:

M & T Bank

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 5  
RE: Signature Authorization on Depository Accounts**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Let it be RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor to sign signature cards and checks for the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to Town Clerk, the Comptroller and Bookkeeper to sign signature cards and to countersign checks exceeding \$2,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two (2) signatures are required on all checks exceeding \$2,500.00, one of which needs to be either the Town Supervisor and/or the Deputy Town Supervisor.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 6 - PULLED  
RE: Mileage Compensation**

**PULLED**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 7**

**RE: Board Appointment**

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 appointment be made:

- John Frustace to the CAC with a term to expire December 31, 2019
- Karen Anewalt to the CAC with a term to expire December 31, 2019

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:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 8**

**RE: Set Date for Grievance Day**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorized under Town Law to set grievance days; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman and the Town of Dover Assessor's Offices need to coordinate days; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Grievance Day will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Grievance Day for 2018 will be held May 23, 2018.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 9**

**RE: Appointment of Town Attorney**

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Law provides that the Town Board may employ an attorney to provide such professional services and advice as the Town Board may require; and

RESOLVED, that Wallace & Wallace be retained as the Attorney to the Town of Beekman for professional services consistent with the scope of professional services in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Town Code for the Town of Beekman at the annual fee of \$ 70,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby continues to retain Wallace & Wallace

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 10**

**RE: Appointment of Engineer to the Town of Beekman**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is presented with important issues respecting future development and long-range planning requiring comprehensive analysis and coordination, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the firm of Hudson Land Design, Civil & Environmental Engineering Consultants, 174 Main Street, Beacon, NY be retained on a contractual basis to provide Engineering, Planning, and Zoning services to the Town of Beekman for all matters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hudson Land Design will also provide administrative services for the Town's Building, Planning, and Zoning Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby continues to retain Hudson Land Design as based on attached agreement.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 11**

**RE: Appointment of New Town Board Member**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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WHEREAS, a position of Town board became available on December 31, 2017 by the resignation of Mary Covucci, Councilwoman and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has authority to appoint to fill the vacancy and

WHEREAS, the unexpired portion of the term will be filled on the election of November 6, 2018; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Sharon Wohrman be appointed to fill the vacant position, and be it further RESOLVED that this term will expire December 31, 2018

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Swartz AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01:03:18 - 12**  
**RE: Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR 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	\$18,350.53
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 6,094.59
Claims to be paid from the SS - Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 661.36
Claims to be paid from the SW - Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,182.82
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>                    </u>
	\$26,289.30

Payroll 26 Paid on 12/28/17 \$ 85,767.84

General Fund \$46,589.75  
Highway Fund \$39,178.09

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Swartz AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business this evening.

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### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, questioned the large amount of payroll. Supervisor Covucci explained that was due to the end of the year time accumulated buyouts. Ms. Peters also questioned the status of the Comptroller and was advised that the Town is still looking. Lastly, Ms. Peters questioned the Receiver position and was advised that she has retired and the Town will appoint someone who can then run in the November election to complete the elected term.

Supervisor Covucci gave an update to Ms. Peters regarding the status of the Robin Court Subdivision litigation. The Town made an offer of settlement; however, the Town hasn't heard back from the Attorney. We hope to have an update soon.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, asked for information on the new Town Board members and questioned the Engineer salary. Supervisor Covucci advised him she will get back to him with the Engineer Salary.

Robert Swartz, Chelsea Cove, newly Elected Town Councilman, addressed Len Jerrum and the other Town residents to give a summary of his background; what led him to run for Town Council and what he hopes to contribute during his term.

### **GENERAL BOARD COMMENT**

There was no further General Board comment this evening.

The next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00PM.

### **ADJOURN**

At 7:24PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK