

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JULY 11, 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 ROBERT SWARTZ
 COUNCILWOMAN SHARON WOHRMAN
 COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
 COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

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.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING – Continued - Linda Porter, 427 Clapp Hill Rd, asked the Supervisor if she would keep this Public Hearing open for a little longer as she anticipates additional residents this evening who may be running late. Supervisor Covucci stated we will move on with the meeting and come back to the Public Hearing.

REPORTS:

Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, gave a summary of what his Department has been working on over the last few weeks. They have been performing town wide tree work with the new bucket truck, repairing and replacing catch basins and the 284 road work for 2018 is about 50% completed to date. He made the Town Board aware that people continue to illegally dump items on Depot Hill and a solution needs to be prepared. Additionally, there is a major issue with the intersection of Hillside Rd, Mayfair Rd and Washburn Rd with obscene paintings on the roadways and road signs. The signs have been replaced several times already and the Highway Department has cleaned up the roadway but it continues to worsen. A resident requested the Highway Department conduct a traffic study of Mayfair Rd down to Gardner Hollow Rd. The traffic study resulted in a high volume of vehicles within a week span, along with excessive speeding in this very residential area. He recommended the Town bring this information to the attention of the Sheriff's Office. In closing, Tony thanked Supervisor Mary Covucci and Councilwoman Sharon Wohrman for the many hours they spend in Town Hall and are always there when he needs them.

Supervisor Covucci thanked Tony and the Highway Department for hanging the first set of Hometown Hero banners.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING – Continued – Supervisor Covucci asked if anyone had any public comments to speak about the proposed solar law. She mentioned that we will close the Public Hearing this evening and vote on it at the next meeting on July 25; however, she will be accepting written comments until July 20, 2018. The public will also have the opportunity to speak about the Resolution posted for the July 25, 2018 meeting. Supervisor Covucci made the motion to close the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

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Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions posted this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

There was no public comment on Agenda items and Resolutions this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

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RESOLUTION NO. 07:11:18 – 1 (90)
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 June 27, 2018 Town Board Meetings 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 June 27, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

SECONDED: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	ABSTAIN
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: July 11, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 07:11:18 -2 (91)
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	\$ 231,613.00
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 23,334.20
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 892.50
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 30.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	
	<u>\$ 255,869.70</u>

Payroll Paid on 6/28/18	
General Fund	\$ 51,749.83
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 19,962.11</u>
	<u>\$ 71,711.94</u>

SECONDED: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	ABSTAIN

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Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 07:11:18 - Other Business
RE: Approve the Rules for use of the Town Beach**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby adopts and approves the Rules for use of the Town Beach and orders the Enforcement by the Town Recreation Department staff.

SECONDED: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Swartz AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: July 11, 2018

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, inquired why he has not been placed on the Agenda to discuss his surveys of the drainage pipe installation. Supervisor Covucci stated that the Town has completed its investigation of the drainage pipe installation and there is nothing further for him to discuss.

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, questioned if there was any update on the issue that Matt Novak brought up at the 6/13/18 meeting referencing the use of the fields at TCP. She questioned the Building Inspector, Shawn Beresford's resignation letter that was read at the June 13, 2018 meeting. She also asked how many employees are affected by the Insurance resolution from the last meeting. She referenced the Payment of Claims resolution asking if the Recreation Payroll could be broken down similarly as the Highway Payroll is done.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, announced that he received a postcard in the mail from Dutchess County Office of the Aging announcing this year's County Senior Picnic, August 15, 2018 at 12PM at Freedom Park in LaGrange. He questioned why Beekman Road was shut down for a period of time last week and stated that in the future, if it happens again, there should be better notification of detour routes.

Linda Porter, Clapp Hill, questioned a statement made by Eric Schwer at the last meeting, pertaining to off grid housing in reference to the proposed Solar project on Clapp Hill.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Covucci advised the public that Faso's office held an opioid forum at Town Hall last week which was very informative. Dutchess County sent two representatives from their office along with representatives from CVS Pharmacy. If anyone would like further information please email pharmaciststeach@cvshealth.com. Supervisor Covucci announced Beekman Community Day will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 with a "Get your game on" theme. She reminded the public about the Hometown Hero program and that applications are available on the website. Tom Carey, Comptroller Consultant, is making progress with the Town's finances and will give a report in August. In closing, Supervisor Covucci announced and thanked Senator Murphy's office for securing a grant for the

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Town of Beekman in the amount of \$12,000 for the purchase of an Information Station which will provide vital information to the public over an AM radio station.

ADJOURN

At 7:43PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK