

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JULY 17, 2019

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
COUNCILWOMAN SHARON WOHRMAN
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN ROBERT SWARTZ

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

Supervisor Covucci spoke about the controversy surrounding celebrating our Flag and how it deeply concerned her. She expressed that we don't teach or encourage our children enough about our Country or our Flag. Supervisor Covucci announced that going forward, periodically she will recite a poem, words of a song or discuss a book that salutes our Country and our Flag.

REPORTS:

Dutchess County Legislator, Faye Garito, reported on several items this evening. She warned our Senior Citizens about telephone scams occurring of late requesting money from them to help their family members who are in trouble. She urged them to be extremely cautious and contact their family members directly to inquire. She also reported that Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello and herself established a safe place to meet for the sale of internet goods. The bays in front of the Highway garage are monitored with safety cameras and will provide security for the exchange of internet purchases. Legislator Garito proudly announced that she co-sponsored and the Legislature passed a "Right to Farm" bill which will notify potential buyers within 500 feet of a farm, what they may expect if they purchase property near a farm. The Dutchess County Legislature passed the budget for Dutchess Community College Monday night. They continue to allocate funds for the purchase of property in connection with the Beekman Road improvements. In closing, Legislator Garito announced that the traffic circle on Clove Valley Road is being eliminated.

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello reported on the work performed by his Department over the last few weeks. The men have installed drainage pipe town wide. He encouraged residents to call his office with information pertaining to collapsed catch basins so the men can repair them. His Department has been removing dead trees that pose safety issues town wide, however, NYSEG has contracted with Nelson for tree removal services and the Town has nothing to do with the Nelson trucks and the projects they are working on. Road striping, pot-hole repairs and updated street signs have been completed. Tony announced that he received \$21,000 from NYS for Extreme Winter Road Recovery. He encouraged the public to slow down when the men are working on the roads, safety is the number one priority. In closing, Tony spoke about equipment that his Department is in desperate need of replacing; the roadside mower, the roller and items needed to get B2 back up and running.

Town Engineer, Dan Koehler, gave a slideshow presentation about what he has been working on and items that need to be addressed in the near future. Some of the projects he's been working on are; the TCP water system, Gardner Hollow Bridge, Town Hall upgrades, Recreation upgrades and Dover Ridge Water system improvements. Upcoming areas he will focus on will be a five year plan, dealing with older developments, code revisions and

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comprehensive plan updates. Dan Koehler introduced Adam from Hudson Land Design to give the annual MS4 presentation. Adam spoke about the annual MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) filing and education requirements. He discussed the six minimum control measures mandated by NYSDEC, he reviewed the 2018-2019 report and advised the public the goals for the 2019-2020 report.

Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions on this evening’s agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, had concerns with resolutions #2 & #3.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 07:17:2019 – 1 (106)
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Deputy Town Clerk Amy Goetz has provided copies of the minutes of the June 19, 2019 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 June 19, 2019 Town Board Meeting.

*****Councilman Swartz offered a friendly amendment; the date of the minutes being adopted in the above resolution should read July 10, 2019. All in favor.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

Councilman Battaglini ABSTAIN
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
Dated: July 17, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 07:17:2019 – 2 (107)
RE: AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the job descriptions of said employee has changed, increasing her responsibilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman approves a salary increase to \$21 per hour effective payroll #15 for Theresa Manzo.

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE

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Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 07:17:2019 – 3 (108)
RE: AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the job descriptions of said employee has changed, increasing her responsibilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman approves a salary increase to \$19 per hour effective payroll #15 for Annette Rembisz.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 07:17:2019 – 4 (109)
RE: Establish Internet Purchase Exchange Site

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Town of Beekman is desirous to provide a site that will lead to safer transactions between the people who meet to exchange internet purchases during daylight hours and

WHEREAS, an area in the parking lot outside the Sheriff's substation at 4 Main Street, has been designated and marked by a sign; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves this location for said purpose to be available starting August 1, 2019.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 07:17:2019 – 5 (110)
RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper 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	\$ 123,188.47
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 64,206.33
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 5,145.86
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 4,897.24
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 592.50</u>
	<u>\$ 198,030.40</u>
6/27/2019 Payroll #13	
General Fund	\$ 40,830.35
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 23,935.88</u>
	<u>\$ 64,766.23</u>
7/11/2019 Payroll #14	
General Fund	\$ 53,859.39
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 23,660.68</u>
	<u>\$ 77,520.07</u>

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Stiegler ABSTAIN
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE
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OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS

Supervisor Covucci announced there will be only one meeting in August on the 21st at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Covucci gave the details for Community Day, which is Saturday, July 20th from 12 noon to 8pm. She discussed the various activities and thanked those who sponsored the event.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Schluter, Antler Court, addressed her concerns with the builder of Stone Ridge Estates. There has been no movement by the developer on resolving issues that have been discussed. Ms. Schluter added that a very old tree now needs to be removed due to being damaged during the construction of the development. Ms. Schluter appreciates the town's diligence and hopes the Town will continue to assist the residents of this development and get these concerns resolved.

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Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, asked about fireworks on Community Day, Supervisor Covucci advised him there will not be fireworks this year, those funds were re-allocated to other Recreation activities. He encouraged Veterans to attend an Honor Flight where they will be transported to Washington, DC to the war memorials free of charge.

Councilman Battaglini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, there was no second, Supervisor Covucci stated to give Mr. DeMasi his three minutes. Supervisor Covucci explained to Mr. DeMasi that his actions earlier this evening were extremely disrespectful to Councilman Battaglini and everyone else and no public servant deserves to be treated that way.

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, advised the public of a new scam. There are people using the name of United Rentals in Newburgh to scam people out of their mortgage and home. He has notified the United Rentals Company and the Sheriff's station of this new scam.

ADJOURN

At 8:14PM 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