

## **BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 17, 2015**

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 EZIO BATTAGLINI  
                              COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER  
                              COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
                              COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN

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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – FACT FINDER’S REPORT – TEAMSTERS LOCAL 456**

Michael Richardson, Labor negotiator, gave a brief summary of why we are having this public hearing. Negotiations have been going on between the Town Board and Local 456 where they were unable to come to an agreement. A neutral party was requested to come in to make a fact finding recommendation and it is that report that is being discussed at this public hearing. People have the opportunity to comment on this report and the Board can consider what is being said and then decide whether or not to impose. Supervisor Zulauf opened it up to public input. Several members of the audience expressed their support for the highway department and the great work that they do. There were many concerns raised; the stolen money and when we can expect the insurance reimbursement, if we have created reserves to accommodate salary adjustments and keeping this contract on the table as opposed to discussing it in a public forum. At 7:58pm, after all interested parties were heard, Councilman Stiegler made the motion to close this public hearing seconded by Councilman Battaglini and all were in favor.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

#### Mary Moody – 2015 Woman of Distinction

Supervisor Zulauf recognized Mary Moody and presented her with the 2015 Women of Distinction award for all her accomplishments and volunteerism in the Town of Beekman as well as Dutchess County.

#### Recognition of Lifesaving efforts of Firefighters and EMT’s

Supervisor Zulauf brought Heather Cooper forward to distribute awards to our volunteer Fire Department and EMT members for their life saving efforts. On Monday, May 25, 2015 a 911 call came in for an unresponsive male. With the help of Dutchess County Dispatch, Beekman Rescue Squad, Transcare and the patient’s family a life was saved that day. All who were involved in that incident were honored this evening for their heroic efforts.

At 8:15pm, Supervisor Zulauf moved to executive session to have discussions pertaining to the Public Hearing on the Fact Finder’s Report, seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio. All in favor.

At 9:05pm, the Board returns from Executive Session

### **REPORTS:**

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Supervisor Zulauf attended a regulatory & compliance seminar. She also attended the Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony and thanked Town Clerk, Rachael Rancourt and Melissa McAlley for their efforts organizing. She also attended an informational session regarding recreation and trails grant opportunities and attended the Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation meeting. Supervisor Zulauf met with Maintenance Director, Greg Brown to discuss all

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our recreation fields. In closing, she announced that the Mill House is now on the national register, funding is available and Youth for Restoration is working on applying for grants for that project.

**TOWN BOARD:**

**Councilman Stiegler** met with the Highway Department to discuss work that they need to perform at the rec and he also met with Jeanne and Greg to establish a timetable for the rec work that needs to be done.

**Councilman Battaglini** attended a Fire District meeting and a CAC meeting.

**Councilman Del Vecchio** attended the In-Motion dance recital and congratulated all the participants involved. Last Wednesday he attended a Rec Commission meeting where they discussed business as usual.

**Councilman Moran** commended Tony Coviello on the oil and stone on Gardner Hollow and Beach Road and how much money it saves versus blacktop.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, reported that the men completed 4.6 lane miles of oil and stone on Gardner Hollow and Beach Road. The total cost for these roads was just under \$40,000 as opposed to blacktop which would have cost the Town approximately \$525,000. The oil and stone process should preserve the road for about seven years. Walker Road and Starlight are being paved next. The 2015 284 Agreement is approximately 50% completed thus far. He also reported that roadside mowing has commenced. The Highway Department spent a full day cleaning out the swimming lake at the Rec and preparing it for the upcoming season. One of the vehicles, unit B3, is undergoing a complete overhaul and all work is being done in-house. In closing, Tony reported that he made approximately \$40,900 from Auction International selling equipment and parts that are no longer being utilized.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

There was no public comment this evening.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 1 (75)  
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 3, 2015 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 3, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded **COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 2 (76)**

**RE: Declare July as Parks and Recreation Month**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of local tax base, increase tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources; now therefor be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman, recognizes July as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Beekman.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 3 (77)**

**RE: Amend Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a resolution was passed on 05:06:15 – 9; and

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WHEREAS, a typographical error occurred for term end date for Councilman Del Vecchio and Councilman Battaglini; and

WHEREAS, the original dates should have been term ending in 12/31/2017 for Councilman Del Vecchio and Councilman Battaglini; now be it

RESOLVED, that this resolutions supersedes the resolution from 05:06:15 - 9 and shall be the official copy on record.

Title	Std Work Day	Name	Tier 1	Current Term	Time Keeping	ROA
<b>Elected Officials</b>						
Supervisor	6	Barbara Zulauf		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	N	21.22
Councilman	6	Michael Del Vecchio		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	5.17
Councilman	6	Ezio Battaglini		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	12.47
Rec. of Taxes	7	Judith Crawford		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	19.10
Hwy Superintendent	8	Tony Coviello		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	27.08
Town Clerk	7	Rachael Rancourt		1/1/2012-12/31/15	N	21.87
Councilman	6	Michael Moran		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	2.58
Town Justice	6	John Garito		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	7.01
Town Justice	6	Robert Ferris	X	1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	
Councilman	6	Werner Stiegler		1/1/2015-12/31/2015	N	6.65
<b>Appointed Officials</b>						
Comptroller	7	Andrew Forman		1/9/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Recreation Director	7	Jeanne Scigliano		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Deputy Bldg Insp	6	Shawn Beresford		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Court Clerk	7	Carol Adams		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	Y	
Court Clerk	7	Judith Merrit		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	Y	

Seconded COUNCILMAN MORAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilman Moran            AYE  
Councilman Stiegler         AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio     AYE  
Councilman Battaglini       AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf           AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 4 (78)**  
**RE: Approve Mermaid for Community Day**

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

WHEREAS, Community Day is July 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Community Day Committee has found a Mermaid who is available July 18, 2015, between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lindsey Fazzinga for her services on Community Day for a fee not to exceed \$30.00 per hour; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Linsey Fazzinga receive \$30.00 as a deposit and the remainder be issued after services rendered.

Seconded     COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Councilman Moran            AYE  
Councilman Stiegler         AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio     AYE  
Councilman Battaglini       AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf           AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 5 (79)**  
**RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILMAN MORAN         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	\$ 26,435.02
Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund (Bond Principal)	\$ 6,417.00
Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund (Bond Interest)	\$ 1,773.42
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 85,266.12
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund (Bond Principal)	\$ 63,583.00
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund (Bond Interest)	\$ 17,572.83
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 4,010.01
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,578.27
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Agency	<u>\$ 3,039.10</u>

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\$209,674.77

Payroll 11                      Paid 6/04/15              \$54,418.48

General Fund    \$35,716.20  
Highway Fund    \$18,702.28

Seconded    COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 06:17:15 – 6 (Other Business)**

**RE: Imposition of Employment Terms for a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 456**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER        offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman and the Teamsters Local 456 reached a mediated tentative agreement on September 22, 2014 for a collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for the bargaining unit consisting of employees in the highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of the bargaining unit rejected the mediated tentative agreement, the Town submitted the impasse to the New York State Public Employment Relations Board for fact-finding; and

WHEREAS, a fact-finding occurred on February 4, 2015, during which the Fact-Finder explored the open issues with the parties viewed in the context of the difficult fiscal realities facing the Town of Beekman and the State-imposed cap on increase in the property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Fact-Finder’s report and recommendations, which is attached to this resolution, were issued on June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Taylor Law, a public hearing was duly held on June 17, 2015 giving the opportunity for the Teamsters Local 456 to explain its position with respect to the Fact Finder’s report and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels it must take action as it deems to be in the best interest to the public, including the interest of the employees involved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Collective Bargaining Agreement for period July 1, 2009 through June 1, 2014 is hereby imposed for period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with an annual wage increase of two percent (2%) retroactive to January 1, 2015 and with all other terms and conditions of Collective Bargaining Agreement remaining unchanged; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate Town Officials and representatives of Teamsters Local 456.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, asked for an update on the cell tower proposal and the NYSEG proposal. The Board advised him that the cell tower proposal will not be moving forward but we did pass a resolution to move forward with NYSEG's proposal.

Greg Brown, Maintenance Department, spoke this evening with respect to petitions being circulated regarding the conditions of the soccer fields.

Jim Bohrman, President of the Beekman Soccer league spoke in Greg Brown's defense stating that he has never received a complaint about the condition of the fields and feels that the Maintenance Department does a great job with the fields.

Tom Mullins, Rec Commissioner, advised that the field condition issues had never been brought to the rec commission's attention. They were made aware of these petitions and they discussed it at the last rec commission meeting. He encourages members of our community to attend these meetings and offer their input.

Councilman Del Vecchio announced that the Rec Commission meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm at the rec.

Phil Capalbo, Main Street, was a coach in Beekman for many years and stated that we have the best fields around and stated that Greg and his department do a great job maintaining our fields. Phil requested the resolution pertaining to the Teamsters contract that was passed this evening.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Councilman Moran announced the Library Gala is this Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Councilman Battaglini advised the Board that Ron Rickey, who addressed the Board several meetings ago with his concerns regarding his hand rails, is willing to comply and is working on it.

Councilman Del Vecchio announced that Community Day is Saturday, July 18, 2015. One of the highlights will be a softball game where Town employees will verse the Fire Department volunteers.

Councilman Moran announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7PM.

ADJOURN:

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At 9:51PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK