

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 21, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:02PM 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
 COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Tree Harvesting & Tree Clearing – Cliff Schwark – Chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council, gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Tree Harvesting & Tree Clearing Law. Cliff and his Committee have been working on this proposal for the last several years. Doug Ramey, a Consultant Forester, thanked the CAC for their work and had two concerns/questions regarding the proposal. One was in reference to the Forester Consultant being paid for by the applicant instead of the Town and the other was in reference to the 50' buffer. Jordan, a Forester, had a concern with the consultant requirements. Brian Arico, Forest Management Company owner, had concerns with the 50' buffer and the consultant requirements. Shawn Beresford, Code Enforcement Officer, wrote his comments with respect to the proposed amendments. He has many concerns with the proposals and feels the current law as is works. Councilman Stiegler emailed the CAC with respect to the 50' buffer and his concerns with possible neighbor issues and fallen trees along roadways. This Public Hearing will remain open for now as we await the Dutchess County Planning Department's input.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

Rae D'Achille, Town Comptroller, stated that we have received \$40,000 from the Gardner Hollow Bridge Grant. She discussed the revenues and expenses for each Department and announced that the Finance Department has hired a part time Payroll/Account Clerk.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, stated that they have almost completed the 284 Agreement for this year. They just paved a section of Lime Ridge Road and Cypher Lane. The Highway Department has completed townwide driveway aprons and installed a drainage pipe easement on Clapp Hill Road. In closing, Tony distributed a packet he received from a concerned resident about the risks of Cell Towers.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There were many residents in attendance this evening to address their concerns with Resolution #10 (Cell Tower). In total, 21 Beekman residents came up to the podium to express their distaste for the installation of a Cell Tower in Beekman. All who wanted to be heard had the opportunity to speak.

RESOLUTIONS:

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RESOLUTION NO.6:21:17 – 1 (91)
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 7, 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 June 7, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
Dated: June 21, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 2 (92)
RE: Approve Payroll Processing Provider

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman currently performs in-house payroll disbursing duties, timekeeping duties and tax filing duties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous to hire an outside source to process Town of Beekman payroll along with Timekeeping and tax filing duties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had the opportunity to review and consider payroll service companies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on February 21, 2017 did authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Acadia HR; and

WHEREAS, Acadia HR did inform us on March 30, 2017 they would not be commencing payroll services to the Town of Beekman; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement Paychex for the purpose of payroll processing, timekeeping, and tax duties for the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 3 (93)
RE: Accept Justice Court Audit**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has audited the statements, books, and records of the Town of Beekman court justices and prepared her findings for review; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby accept the Statement of cash receipts and cash balances for Beekman Court Justice Garito and Beekman Court Justice Ferris; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to submit these audit findings, along with a copy of this resolution, to the New York State Office of Court Administration.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
Dated: May 17, 2017

**RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 4 (94)
RE: Appoint Payroll/Account Clerk**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the position of Payroll/Account Clerk is open; and

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

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted by the Comptroller, Supervisor, and Town Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoint Linda Bloomer to the position of Payroll/Account Clerk at an hourly rate of \$22 per hour, with the work hours not to exceed 17.5 hours per week.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 5 (95)
RE: Amend Workplace Violence Prevention Policy

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy was adopted on December 1, 2008 with revisions on November 16, 2011 and January 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in revising the Incident Response Team section of the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board make the following revisions to the Incident Response Team Section of the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy:

Werner Stiegler, Councilman (914)490-8912
Michael DelVecchio Councilman (845)590-7371
Ezio Battaglini Councilman (845)656-5988
Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director (845)227-5783

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
Dated: June 21, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 6 (96)
RE: Appoint Yoga Instructor

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in filling the Yoga Instructor position for the Beekman Recreation and Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Recreation Advisory Board has had the opportunity to review the attached proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Jennifer Harris as Yoga Instructor with a fee not to exceed \$25.00 per hour.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 7 (97)
RE: Waive Fees for Fire Department Sign

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire Department is desirous in installing an illuminated sign in front of their building on Beekman Poughquag Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in waving fees associated with this process for this municipal entity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby waive the fees associated with the Beekman Fire Department sign installation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the fee for the sign permit with the ARB Zoning Board, the application fee for a variance with the Zoning Board, and the electrical permit fee with the Building Department are hereby waived.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
Dated: June 21, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 – 8 (98)
RE: Allow Overflow Parking from Fire Department on September 17, 2017

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire Department is holding a Family Day on September 17, 2017 from 9:00am – 5:00pm; and

WHEREAS, they would appreciate additional parking to accommodate the many anticipated visitors for the day's events; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board allow the use of Beekman Town Hall parking lot for the Beekman Fire Department to accommodate the overflow parking on September 17, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 -9 (99)
RE: Approve CORCL Boats and Recreation Policies**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department now offers CORCL boats for rent at the lake at the Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Advisory Committee has offered rules and fees for consideration by the Town Board;
and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Town Attorney have had the opportunity to review these rules and fees for the use of the CORCL boats; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the attached rules and fees for the CORCL boats; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these rules and fees will take effect immediately.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 -10 (100)
RE: Cell Tower**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Sprint is seeking to enter into the Town of Beekman to place a temporary cell tower; and

WHEREAS, property at the Highway Garage, town owned-property, is available and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had an opportunity to review this project during a presentation at the Town Board meeting on June 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney and the Town Board have had ample time to review the proposed Sprint Cell Tower; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sprint.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilwoman Covucci NO
Councilman Stiegler NO
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini NO
Supervisor Zulauf NO

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6:21:17 –11 (101)
RE: Approve Location for Blood Drive**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Beekman resident Briana Venditti wishes to participate with the New York Blood Center for a scholarship opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Briana Venditti, will be responsible for advertising and recruiting of donors for the blood drive on July 3rd from 12:00 noon - 6 pm at the Beekman Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, the New York Blood Center will be responsible for the Bloodmobile and will handle all blood donation responsibilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board for the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the blood drive efforts of the New York Blood Center and Briana Venditti to hold their blood drive on July 3rd from 12:00pm - 6pm at Beekman Recreation Park; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby applauds the efforts of Beekman resident Briana Venditti for her “can do attitude” in promoting the New York Blood Center blood drive.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO.6:21:17 – 12 (102)
RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILWOMAN 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	\$ 46,373.21
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$130,721.60
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 2,892.15
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 1,044.02

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Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund \$ 1,693.50
\$182,724.48

Payroll 12 Paid 6/15/2017 \$ 60,293.29

General Fund \$ 38,065.86

Highway Fund \$ 22,227.43

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE
Councilman Stiegler ABSTAIN
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Zulauf read a letter of appreciation from Heather Cooper to Jeanne Scigliano and Dani Plastini for their assistance with her grant application.

Councilman Stiegler distributed the minutes from the April 2017 CPRC meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, commented on the Barton Orchards festival coming up and questioned if they hired Sheriffs to assist with traffic control and parking. He also notified the public about the upcoming Portuguese festival this Sunday, June 25, 2017 at TCP.

Doug DeMasi addressed the public with respect to issues with his property and lawsuits he filed against the Town and that he is unhappy with the settlement.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

There was no General Board comment this evening.

ADJOURN

At 9:17PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK