

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 16, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:00PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF
 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
 COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
 COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI

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.

RECOGNITION

Gerry Hutchings – Appreciation for 14 years of service as County Legislature

Supervisor Zulauf presented Gerry Hutchings with a plaque as a token of our appreciation for his years of service to our Community.

Peter Maher – 2016 Business Person of the Year Award

Supervisor Zulauf presented Peter Maher with a Certificate of Achievement for being named the Hudson Valley's 2016 Business Person of the Year. Peter Maher is a Town resident and we are proud of his accomplishment.

REPORTS

Comptroller, Andrew Forman gave a summary of the revenues and expenses for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for 2016 thus far.

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported that street sweeping began on the 7th of this month. There isn't much sand on the roads this year; however, they wanted to get an early start on the clean-up. The men repaired a drainage issue on Gold Road that was affecting several residents. All dirt roads throughout Town have been graded and the men are still performing tree trimming. In closing, Tony Coviello, reminded the public that a section of Route 55 will be closing beginning March 22, 2016 through July 25, 2016. The detour will be at the intersection of East Noxon Road on one end and Route 82 on the other end.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment on the agenda this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 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 March 2, 2016 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 March 2, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

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Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 2

RE: Declare April as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson’s Action Network, the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson’s Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson’s disease, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson’s disease care includes local wellness, support and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson’s disease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month in the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 3

RE: Authorize Eagle Scout Project

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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WHEREAS, Town of Beekman resident Alex Anewalt is working to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Alex would like to construct a Gaga Pit to be located at the Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, Alex will organize and provide the labor and materials needed to complete the project at no cost to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to authorize this Eagle Scout Project as it will benefit the community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Alex Anewalt to construct a Gaga Pit at the Recreation Center for his Eagle Scout Project at no cost to the Town.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 03:02:16 – 4
RE: Authorize Trips for Senior Citizens**

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Budget includes funding for the cost of a variety of bus trips for the Senior Citizens Program; and

WHEREAS, deposits are required for tours, shows and meals to guarantee the reservations, which deposits are reimbursed to the town through ticket sales; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that payment for the charter of a bus for the following trips is hereby authorized:

DATE	VENUE/Bus Cost	Resident Seniors	Non-resident Non-Senior Grandfathered	Non-Resident Non-Senior New
May 12 th	Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Hampton, NJ Bus Cost \$1360 Bus Deposit due \$200	\$58	\$68	\$78
June 2 nd	Ace in Hole/Royal Manor Garfield, NJ Bus Cost \$1025 Bus Deposit due \$200	\$52	\$62	\$72

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July 25 th	Essex Steam Train/Boat	\$54	\$64	\$74
	Bus Cost \$1149			
	Bus Deposit due \$200			
August 15 th	Mohegan Sun	\$33	\$43	\$53
	Bus Cost \$1360			
	Bus Deposit due \$200			
September 15 th	Huguenot Street/ Benmarl Winery New Paltz, NY	\$51	\$61	\$71
	Bus Cost \$780			
	Bus Deposit due \$200			
November 10 th	Ehrhardts Resorts Hawley, PA	\$43	\$53	\$63
	Bus Cost \$1135			
	Bus Deposit \$200			
December 1 st	NYBG/Lunch Arthur Ave	\$56	\$66	\$76
	Bus Cost \$970			
	Bus Deposit due \$200			

Be it further RESOLVED, that deposits for tours, shows, and meals for above trips are hereby authorized not to exceed said total fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all registration costs incurred by the Town of Beekman will be reimbursed through ticket sales for each event.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 5
RE: Authorize Support and Attendance of the Beacon Line Rail Trail

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Winnakee Land Trust has organized an effort to see a trail along the Beacon Rail Line which runs from Beacon through Fishkill, Hopewell Jct, Beekman, Pawling and South into Putnam County; and

WHEREAS this future trail would connect the Dutchess Rail Trail in Hopewell Junction to the Putnam County Trailway to the South; and

WHEREAS, this trail would also create a new route between the Hudson River and the regional bike path network; and

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WHEREAS, Beekman is situated on this potential trail and the Town Board is very interested in the planning efforts and potential strategies for implementing this trail; and

WHEREAS, the Winnakee Land Trust along with Dutchess County Planning will hold a Beacon Rail Line Trail Planning Workshop March 17, 2016 from 4 - 5:30pm at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director, and Cliff Schwark and Rod Gonzalez, members of the Conservation Advisory Committee, have an interest to attend the workshop organized by the Winnakee Land Trust; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board support the efforts to bring the Beacon Rail Line Trail through Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jeanne Scigliano, Cliff Schwark and Rod Gonzalez attend the workshop on March 17, 2016 from 4 - 5:30pm at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jeanne Scigliano, Cliff Schwark and Rod Gonzalez report back to the Town Board with updates on this Beacon Rail Line Trail.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 - 6
RE: Appoint Emergency Interim Successors**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response requires municipalities to update information to assist Emergency First Responders prepare to respond to emergencies in their communities; and

WHEREAS Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response has asked all Municipalities to designate Emergency Successors if the Supervisor is out of town during an emergency; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in the event that Barbara Zulauf, Supervisor is not available, the following be added as Emergency Interim Successors:

1. Michael Del Vecchio, Deputy Supervisor
2. Shawn Beresford, Deputy Building Inspector
3. Andrew Forman, Comptroller

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

***Councilman Battaglini made a friendly amendment to remove Shawn Beresford’s name and replace it with Councilman Stiegler’s name. Councilman Del Vecchio seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 - 7
RE: Authorize Teen Leadership Council Trip

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Beekman Teen Leadership Council has an opportunity to attend a Team Building Trip to the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, New York from April 29, 2016 – May 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, 21 people from the Teen Leadership Council will be attending this event at a cost of \$176.00 per person: and

WHEREAS, half of this has been accounted for in the 2016 Budget, as the Teen Leadership Council provides, the other half through fundraising activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Teen Leadership Council to attend the Team Building Trip with a fee not to exceed \$1848.00 on behalf of the Town of Beekman.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 - 8
RE: Authorize to Proceed with SAM Grant

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

WHEREAS, an opportunity became available for Beekman to become eligible for a SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program) Grant for Dover Ridge Estates Public Water Supply Improvements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the Town Engineer be hereby authorized to complete and submit the “Project Information” Application to be submitted to DASNY (Dormitory Authority State of New York).

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 9
RE: Budget Adjustments for Recreation Staff from Contractors to Employees

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a request for Budget Adjustments has been received from the Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, per Town Board Resolution No. 12:02:15 – 6 approved the Salary and Wage schedule for 2016, allowing for the Senior Citizen Coordinator, Senior Citizen Assistant and Crafts Instructor and Teen Advisor to be paid from the Personal Services (PS) line of its corresponding line item instead of its Contractual Expense (CE) line. Whereas, this has prompted the Comptroller to determine that various budget items should be adjusted to allow for the Town of Beekman to continue conducting business as usual,

THEREBY, the Comptroller has requested the following budget adjustments:

Increase in the Expense line A.6772.0100 (Programs for the Aging PS) by \$22,536

Decrease in the Expense line A.6772.0400 (Programs for the Aging CE) by \$22,536

Increase in the Expense line A.7110.0100 (Parks PS) by \$11,560

Decrease in the Expense line A.7110.0400 (Parks CE) by \$11,560

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the Budget Adjustments submitted by the Town Comptroller.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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RESOLUTION NO. 03:16:16 – 10
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	\$20,420.95
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$82,154.69

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Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,870.55
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 775.79
<u>Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency</u>	<u>\$ 487.50</u>
	\$106,709.48

Payroll	1 3/10/16	Paid	\$58,249.16
General Fund	\$34,739.92		
Highway Fund	\$23,509.24		

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
Councilman Battaglini ABSTAIN
Supervisor Zulauf AYE
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OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Stiegler read a statement about the Town Board seeking a Planning Committee to address the Comprehensive Plan and would like to Chair that Committee.

Councilman Battaglini announced that there is a burn ban in effect until May 15, 2016. He also announced that the Beekman Fire Co. Auxillary is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 8:00AM – 12:00PM.

Councilman Del Vecchio announced that the Recreation Department is still seeking summer help for jobs that are available. He encouraged residents to sign up for summer activities to take advantage of early bird prices up through May 1, 2016. Community Day is Saturday, July 16, 2016. The Fishing Derby is Saturday, April 16, 2016.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Coviello, Dutchess County Legislator, spoke about a robo call that is circulating to our Town residences. It pertains to the County obtaining a bond to construct a new jail to house inmates in our own County rather than having our tax dollars fund other Counties by outsourcing the inmates.

Tom Mullins, Roosevelt Drive, gave an update on the Beyer Field drainage issue. It appears to be draining very well since the Highway Department and Maintenance Department addressed the issue. Mr. Mullins also stated that the Maintenance Department installed post and rail fence at Doherty to prevent vandalism to that field. He thanked the Board for their cooperation.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00PM.

At 8:03PM, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending and current litigation; all Board members seconded. All in favor.

At 9:03PM, the Board returns from Executive Session taking the following action(s):

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Councilman Del Vecchio offered the following and moved for its adoption: Whereas the Town has work to do to a condemned property on Gold Road which was the situation of a fire and Whereas the Town intends to retain land use counsel John Wirth Esq. to handle the appointment of an estate representative and the proceeding in the Supreme Court to have this property condemned so that it can be demolished; Now therefore be it resolved the Town does hereby retain John Wirth Esq. to handle the Gold Road fire matter. Councilman Battaglini seconded. All in favor.

Councilman Del Vecchio offered the following and moved for its adoption: Whereas the Town is involved with certain litigation involving Dutchess Realty Holdings, aka, Ashby Hills subdivision, Robin Court, with respect to lapse of performance bond / letter of credit for the roadway and Whereas the Town intends to retain land use counsel John Wirth Esq. to handle this matter, Now therefore be it resolved that Michael Varble be discharged as Attorney on the Ashby Hills matter and the Town retain John Wirth Esq. Councilman Stiegler seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURN:

At 9:05PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK**