

**TOWN OF BEEKMAN
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 24, 2020**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF THE TOWN BOARD AND THE TOWN RESIDENTS,
THE MARCH 24TH TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
AS ADVISED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

7:00 PM

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Administrative Announcement--Fire Exits

TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Supervisors Comments

RESOLUTIONS

1. Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes
 2. Approving the Cancellation of the April 14,2020 Town Board Meeting
 3. Approving Advance to Capital Project Fund
 4. Payment of Claims
- Other Town Board Business
 - General Board Comments
 - **Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD MEETING – Dated: March 24, 2020: Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:04PM 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 WERNER STIEGLER COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI 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. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions posted this evening.

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI'S OPENING COMMENTS:

The Town Board Meeting Agenda has been abbreviated to eliminate all non-essential items with a focus on actions that must be taken to fulfill the financial obligations of the town.

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We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate through these uncharted waters together.

The Minutes for Resolution # 1

Resolution #2: We will be cancelling the April 14th meeting and having only 1 meeting in April which will be April 28th @ 7pm. We are looking at different options in terms of our meetings. Due to the uncertainty day to day we have decided to have one meeting in April to keep our financial obligations and to keep the town functioning. We will keep you posted as to our intentions, please check the website for further information.

Resolution # 3: Improving advance for the Capital Project Fund for the Dover Ridge Water District on October 9 passed several resolutions that referred to the Dover Ridge Water District a number of years ago there were improvements that were required from the BOH that were mandated and unfortunately they've been kicked down the road for many years from previous administration and we had made the commitment to move it forward and we are in the middle of moving it forward. There has been a lot of work that has been done in the last month in terms of a large water tank that was installed and they are moving along with that and because that particular project was so far down the road it's not something that could be slowed down nor do we want it to be slowed down since it's a mandated improvement and the residents of Dover Ridge have waited a very long time for these improvements. So in October 2019, we passed several resolutions and this resolution is a follow up to those and what we are doing is approving a \$400,000 cash advance that will be paid back from the general fund for the expenses and this advance will be paid as soon as we are able to go out and bond and get our Moody's ratings where they need to be. Finally, the payment of claims and many of these items are a little larger than usual, we had a truck that had a large payment due this month so some of these payments are a little larger.

RESOLUTION NO. 03:24:20 – 1
RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the March 10, 2020 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 10, 2020 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilwoman Woehrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: March 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 03:24:20 – 2

RE: APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE APRIL 14, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI
adoption:

offers the following and moves for its

WHEREAS, the Country is in the midst of a Pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus, and

WHEREAS, residents are being advised to maintain a safe distance,

Now therefore be it **RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman will cancel the meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020. The Town Board meeting Scheduled for April 28, 2020 will be the only meeting to be held in the month of April.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilwoman Woehrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: March 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 03:24:20 – 3
RE: APPROVING ADVANCE TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman previously approved a capital improvement project for the Dover Ridge Water District, and

WHEREAS, the financing for the capital project expenditures will be the issuance of debt later in fiscal year 2020 when the project is complete, and

WHEREAS, the capital project fund will need cash to pay the project expenditures until the debt proceeds are received,

Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves a cash advance for \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the payment of project expenditures and the advance is to be repaid to the General Fund when the debt is issued and that the Town Supervisor and Town Bookkeeper are authorized to make such advance.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilwoman Woehrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: March 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 03:24:20 – 4
RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ 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	\$ 61,222.08
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 82,855.17
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 832.00
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Projects	<u>\$ 103,740.00</u>
	<u>\$ 248,649.25</u>

Payroll #6 Paid on 3/19/2020

General Fund	\$ 34,906.65
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 24,605.28</u>
	<u>\$ 59,511.93</u>

Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilwoman Woehrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Please if you have the ability to access the internet the town website is www.townofbeekman.com . We have a link on the front page to all kinds of information needed for dealing with the Virus. Information for a variety of topics can be found by clicking on the links. Information is updated daily throughout the day. You may also send an email to each department if something is required and you will receive an answer. Additionally, if you have no access to the internet please call town hall at 845-724-5300 and we will attempt to help answer your questions. Leave a message and your call will be returned

All town offices within the Town will be closed to the public effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. We are doing this to protect our Town Staff who will be at work, performing necessary functions as well as our residents. We ask all residents to phone or email staff rather than come to Town Hall. All numbers and email addresses are available on our website. If you must bring paperwork to the Town please call the department and they will provide you with information on how to send in the paperwork. Town Hall hours remain the same M-F 9am to 4pm.

The Town as well as the Library have been in conversations about how best to meet the needs of our residents. Carol and her Library team as well as Town hall staff and Rec staff have explored a number of ways we can extend a helpful, caring hand to our residents. Carol and I have always had a good working relationship in the past but we are both pleased to be able to form a partnership with our staff for the town's benefit.

The town instituted calls to all our seniors registered in our programs last Monday. We called again this Monday to check on all our friends and neighbors. We intend to do these phone calls weekly to check on everyone. The Library staff will be joining us in this endeavor.

As this Crisis continues, we will be putting into place different plans of action to help our residents. One implemented today is a link on the website's virus page of activity suggestions for residents looking for a respite from the 24/7 social media overload we are all exposed to. I encourage residents to try to take a break from all the anxiety provoking media and social media overload. Children need to be reassured during these times. Take them for a walk, read a chapter book to them FaceTime with Nana and Grandpa, teach them how to ride a bike. Institute family dinners free of electronic devices. We need during times of uncertainty to reconnect with our families, because as we all know family is our foundation in life. We need to preserve and build upon that foundation. Our children will look back on this time in history and not remember how our leaders performed but how their Family did. Let us not disappoint them. Model examples of kindness and patience for each other as well as others.

These are truly difficult times for all. It is hard to make sense of this rapidly changing crisis. Please know that your town is here to support in any way we can. After all we are neighbors trying to do the best we can to help and support each other.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the town employees. During this time, all have contributed and expressed a willingness to assist in any way needed. The staff have been an

extraordinary asset for me as I face these challenges. As the town weathers this storm, we will need cooperation from all departments in order to lessen the impact on residents. I am confident that by working together cooperatively we will.

Deputy Supervisor Sharon Wohrman since day 1 of January 2018 as been at my side assisting in so many ways. I owe her a debt of gratitude I could never repay. She always provides a calm, sounding board for me. All of the Town Board members are assisting in a variety of ways to assure that Beekman continues to meet all of its obligations to the residents. Together we will navigate these uncharted waters and with the good Lord's help move forward to calmer waters.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out to the **Dutchess County 24/7 Crisis Services**. They are an amazing resource for ANYONE who needs help. This is an extremely difficult time and there IS help out there for everyone! **Call or text the helpline at 845-485-9700.**

Dutchess County Office of the Aging: Home Meal Delivery and Grocery Shopping Services

Please Contact Pam at the Office of the Aging 845-486-2555 for Food and Medicine Delivery

You may also contact us with any questions by calling (845) 227-7863, or by sending an email to svdpfoodpantry@outlook.com.

All Medical Information Pertaining to COVID/19 - Coronavirus

Dutchess County Coronavirus Information

Dutchess County Coronavirus Information Hotline: 845-486-3555

New York State Department of Health Coronavirus Information

New York State Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coronavirus Hotline: 1-800-232-4636