

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 28, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:09PM 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 EZIO BATTAGLINI

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

ALSO PRESENT: LISA COBB, TOWN ATTORNEY

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.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING (continued) Carol Ewin, 89 Mayfair Road questioned the Board about the information she supplied at the last public hearing regarding the bee pollinator friendly mix and if the Board considered including this in the new code. She also had a few other questions and comments regarding the new proposed code. Lisa Cobb, Town Attorney as well as the Town Board made comments regarding this Public Hearing. After everyone had the opportunity to address this Public Hearing, Supervisor Covucci announced that we will continue this hearing at the April 25, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, discussed the last couple of snow storms and gave an update on the amount of salt and sand we have left. He also gave an update on the equipment breakdowns his department experienced recently, B2 – turbo issues, B7 – fuel injector issues and Pickup 4 – has been taken out of service. Tony stated that his department has been utilizing the new bucket truck over the last few days and the men will be taking an 8 hour OSHA certification class for that truck tomorrow. He distributed a 5 year replacement plan equipment list to all Town Board members. He spoke briefly about the March 2nd storm and the damage it caused with downed trees which resulted in closed roads. He thanked Supervisor Covucci for her assistance during that storm. The Highway Department began road sweeping this past Monday and will follow the schedule posted on the website. Tony mentioned that on April 11, 2018 Natural Wonders Preschool will be at the Highway Department for “Touch a Truck” Day. In closing, he spoke briefly about speeding issues on Clapp Hill Road. He requested that the Sheriff’s Department do routine patrols and mentioned the possibility of the Town hiring a Deputy Sheriff on a daily basis to handle traffic violations. He will be performing a traffic study of that road as well.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mike Gillespie – Gillespie & Stokosa Consulting Engineering, gave a presentation this evening regarding Beekman DeForest Run rezone. The proposal includes a piece of property located at the intersection of State Route 55 and DeForest Road, 12.84 acre parcel zoned R-90. The proposal of the applicant is to convert a 6 acre portion to a Commercial zone C-2. This portion would be right next to Be-Wise car wash on route 55. The remaining portion of the land would remain zoned as Residential R-90 and would consist of 3 building lots off of DeForest Road. Mike displayed the potential plan for the audience to see. Supervisor Covucci thanked him for his presentation and advised that the Board will review this request and get back to him.

Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions posted this evening.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

There was no public comment on resolutions this evening.

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to amend the approval of the Payment of Claims from 3/14/18 due to a misprint. The total amount paid out was correct; however, the total payroll was off by one cent, seconded by Councilwoman Wohrman. All in favor. Supervisor Covucci made a motion to amend the Payment of Claims to reflect the total corrected payroll amount to \$67,228.48, seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03:28:18 – 1 (47)
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Town Board Meetings 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 14, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:28:18 – 2 (48)
RE: Authorizing Use of the Recreation Beachfront to Beekman Fire Dept.

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Fire Department requested to reserve the Recreation Park Beachfront for their own private use for their annual picnic and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Park has set aside the first Sunday of August for the Fire Department’s annual “Fire Company Picnic” in years past; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Fire Department is authorized to reserve the Recreation Park Beachfront on Sunday August 5, 2018 and it shall therefore shall be closed to the public on that day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Fire Department will reimburse the Town of Beekman for the funds required to pay for all staff costs necessary to facilitate this arrangement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Beekman Fire Department to reserve the Beekman Recreation Park beachfront on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler ABSENT
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:28:18 – 3 (49)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE AND REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF A DRIVEWAY PERMIT

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 65-1 of the Town Code of the Town of Beekman authorizes and directs the Highway Superintendent to collect a deposit upon the issuance of a driveway permit to insure the proper completion and installation of the driveway apron and any culvert required; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman is desirous of granting to the Highway Superintendent the authority to prepare an application form which shall be submitted to the Highway Superintendent with information necessary to carry out his/her function required by the Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes and directs the Highway Superintendent to prepare an application form, which form may be amended from time to time by the Highway Superintendent for the purpose of permitting him/her to perform his/her obligation contained in Section 65-1 of the Town Code of the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any individual wishing to make application for a driveway permit pursuant to Section 65-1 of the Town Code of the Town of Beekman shall do so on a form approved and required by the Town Highway Superintendent.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler ABSENT
Councilman Swartz AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:28:18 –4 (50)

RE: Board Appointments

COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board will make appointments to the various boards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made:

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- Mary Bronzi to the Assessment Review Board with a term to expire September 30, 2022
- Teresa Crispino to the Assessment Review Board with a term to expire September 30, 2019
- Ezio Battaglini to the Ethics Board with a term to expire December 31, 2022

And be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19-9 of the Town Code, unless already on file and the information has not changed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointees shall file their Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving their term.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 03:14:18 -5 (51)
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	\$ 58,536.97
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 92,937.20
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 322.50
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 30.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 1,375.00</u>
	\$ 153,201.67

Payroll Paid on 3/22/18	
General Fund	\$ 37,284.54
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 32,396.88</u>
	<u>\$ 69,681.42</u>

Seconded: COUCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	ABSENT
Councilman Swartz	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Covucci gave an update on the Robin Court litigation. We have a fully executed settlement statement and are currently waiting on the funds transfer so the road work can be completed and adopted by the Town.

Supervisor Covucci announced that the May 23, 2018 Town Board Meeting has been changed to May 30, 2018.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Schwark, Chairman of the CAC, expressed his concerns with brush being left on vacant lots and road side from the recent storm damage.

Doug DeMasi, Beekman Road, began disputing the amount of drainage pipe and various other road materials used on Schoolhouse Lane, Andrews Road and Gardner Hollow Bridge projects. A verbal exchange ensued between Doug DeMasi and our Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello.

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, thanked Supervisor Covucci and the Town Board for their efforts with respect to the settlement of the litigation regarding the Robin Court Subdivision.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, wished everyone Happy Passover, Happy Easter and advised the public that tomorrow is Vietnam Veterans Day.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Councilman Battaglini announced that the Beekman Fire Co. Auxiliary has a Charity Bingo event on Saturday, April 7, 2018 to benefit Military heroes.

Supervisor Covucci announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00PM where we will hold a State, County & Town Comprehensive review of the March 2018 storms.

Public Hearing – 7:00PM Solar Energy (Continued) to April 25, 2018

ADJOURN

At 8:10PM, with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilwoman Wohrman. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK