

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – MAY 3, 2017

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 EZIO BATTAGLINI
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO – ARRIVED AT 7:36PM
COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI

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

Proposed Local Law Eliminating the Receiver of Taxes Position. At 7:02PM Supervisor Zulauf opened the public hearing and read the proposed Local Law. Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, stated that there is no indication of a salary for the person who would be collecting taxes if the Receiver position is eliminated. With no other public comment, at 7:06PM, Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to close the hearing seconded by Councilman Stiegler.

Supervisor Zulauf stated that Councilman Del Vecchio is absent right now, due to a work obligation, but will be here shortly. She also advised the public that Sprint has removed their proposal regarding the temporary cell tower at TCP; therefore, it will not be moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, questioned Resolution #8 pertaining to the Comptroller's position and the temporary individuals who were hired in the interim. Councilwoman Covucci explained the series of events leading up to this most recent Resolution.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned Resolution #8 in reference to the qualifications of the Comptroller candidate.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 5:03:17 – 1 (68)
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 April 19, 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 April 19, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE

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Councilman Stiegler AYE
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Supervisor Zulauf ABSTAIN
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RESOLUTION NO. 5:03:17 – 2 (69)
RE: Approve Peddling and Soliciting Local Law

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly held on April 19, 2017 before the Town Board for adopting the Peddling and Soliciting Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board was given the opportunity to hear concerns of all Beekman residents; and

WHEREAS, no written comment was received for review within the allotted time period to the Town Clerk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby adopt the Peddling and Soliciting Local Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file forth with a copy of this local law change with the New York Secretary of State.

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. 5:03:17 – 3 (70)
RE: Women of Distinction

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman was asked by Senator Terrence Murphy to nominate a member of the community to the “Women of Distinction” for the New York State 40th Senate District; and

WHEREAS, “Women of Distinction” recognizes and awards women who have had a profound impact on the community through their work, volunteerism and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Heather Cooper has volunteered for the Town for over 25 years and has been an active and valued participant at the Beekman Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, Heather Cooper’s service to the community extends well beyond her work at the Beekman Fire Department as she is an active volunteer, coach, and fundraiser in the Beekman Community; and

WHEREAS, Heather Cooper’s dedication to the Town of Beekman is a true asset and serves as an example for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in nominating Heather Cooper to the New York State 40th Senate District “Women of Distinction;” now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby nominates Heather Cooper to the New York State 40th Senate District “Women of Distinction.”

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

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. 5:03:17 – 4 (71)
RE: Authorize Music for Memorial Day

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman holds a Memorial Day service and parade each year to remember, reflect and honor those veterans who have served our great nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with the PUMC Wind Ensemble for their participation in our service on Monday May 29, 2017 at a cost of \$250.00.

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. 5:03:17 – 5 (72)
RE: Budget Modification

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the town of Beekman has expenditures for the 2017 Adopted Budget line items that have shifted in such Budget lines; and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2017 Adopted Budget to meet these expenses as approved by Resolution No. 1:18:17 - 12; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman has funds available in other lines and needs to transfer such funds to provide for such expenditures; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the Town Supervisor to amend the 2017 Adopted Budget as follows:

Appropriations:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>		<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	
<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>		
A.1315.0100	COMPROLLER PERSONAL SERVICE		70,000.00
A.1315.0400	COMPROLLER CONTACTUAL EXP	70,000.00	
	TOTAL TO BE MOVED	70,000.00	70,000.00

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. 5:03:17 – 6 (73)
RE: Authorize Sale of Equipment at Auction**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has a 1999 International 2 Wheel Drive Dump Truck with VIN #1HTGEAHR9XH679919; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in disposing of this vehicle; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent to place this vehicle for sale at Auctions International.

*****Councilman Stiegler made a friendly amendment to add to the last paragraph “for sale in as is condition”, seconded by Councilman Battaglini. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Covucci – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Councilman Battaglini – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 5:03:17 – 7
RE: Set Public Hearing for Timber Harvesting
PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 5:03:17 – 8 (74)
RE: Amend Comptroller Consultant Position from March 1, 2017

SUPEVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board, on March 1, 2017 passed a resolution to hire Thomas Carey as a Comptroller Consultant at a rate not to exceed \$90 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Carey did not accept this position; and

WHEREAS, Rae D’Achille was hired on March 15, 2017 to perform services of financial reporting; and

WHEREAS, Rae D’Achille has completed the necessary and mandated financial reporting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in filling the part-time Comptroller Consultant position; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Rae D’Achille to the position of part-time Comptroller Consultant at a rate not to exceed \$50 per hour.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

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. 5:03:17 – 9 (75)
RE: Accept 2016 Annual Update Document (AUD)

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

Now therefore be it,

Resolved that the Town Board hereby accepts the 2016 AUD (Annual Update Document); and

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Be it Resolved, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to make the 2016 Annual Update Document (AUD) available to the residents for their review in her office and post the 2016 Annual Update Document (AUD) on the Town of Beekman website.

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. 5:03:17 – 10 (76)

RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Supervisor 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	\$ 62,480.94
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 13,078.10
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 1,193.84
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 1,224.83
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 437.50</u>
	\$ 78,415.21

Payroll	9	Paid	\$55,523.52
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General Fund	\$34,158.55
Highway Fund	\$21,364.97

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 5:03:17 – 11 – OTHER BUSINESS
RE: Board Appointments**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI 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:

Sue Stevens - appointment to the Board of Assessment Review, with her term to expire September 30, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the new 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 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. 5:03:17 – 12
RE: Authorize Attendance at NYS Retirement Employer Education Seminar**

PULLED

Supervisor Zulauf submitted the Pleasant Ridge Plaza update plan to the Town Clerk for public inspection during normal business hours. She reported that the Fishing Derby was a success and thanked Suzanne Puma for organizing that event. She attended the BAC Opening Day and thanked Richard Gennaro for a wonderful event. In closing, she announced the Annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony is set for Monday, May 29, 2017.

Councilman Battaglini thanked the Fire Department for providing hot dogs and refreshments at the Fishing Derby and in advance, for hosting the BBQ after the Memorial Day Ceremony.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted L'Estrange, on behalf of Falun Gong practitioners in the Hudson Valley, informed the public about requesting a Resolution Condemning China's State-Sanctioned Harvesting Organs from Falun Gong Practitioners for Profit.

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Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, advised the public about the Grievance Day legal notice in the Poughkeepsie Journal and the day and the Assessor’s availability to go over the Tentative Roll. He also informed the public about the Planning Board public hearing on the installation of a cell tower on private property.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Councilman Del Vecchio apologized for being late. He made several recreation announcements. The Rec is looking for summer lifeguards now, the senior trip is scheduled for May 25, 2017, Pigskin girls’ flag football league registration is now open, Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017 and the Dog Park open for the season. In closing, he reminded the public that the Recreation Advisory Committee meets next Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Rec.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Supervisor Zulauf made the motion to move to Executive Session at 7:49PM seconded by Councilman Stiegler, to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal. All in favor.

Councilman Del Vecchio takes minutes following Executive Session.

At 8:30PM, the Board returns from Executive Session taking the following action; Councilman Del Vecchio offers the following and moves for its adoption; Whereas, the Town Board has the authority to hire and terminate any employee; Therefore be it resolved, that the Supervisor is authorized to terminate the employee discussed in Executive session. Seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. Roll call vote: Councilman Del Vecchio – Aye, Councilman Battaglini – Aye, Councilwoman Covucci – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye.

ADJOURN:

At 8:31PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK