

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – MAY 6, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:04PM 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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN

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 and a special moment of silence on the passing of Town resident, Tim Gunther, City of Poughkeepsie Fireman. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

Public Hearing – Amend Town Code Chapter 135

Supervisor Zulauf opened the public hearing this evening at 7:05pm. The purpose of this hearing was to amend Town Code to allow the Town Tax Assessor to accept applications for renewal of senior exemptions until the date of hearing of grievances. The Supervisor opened up to public comment. At 7:06pm with no public comment, Councilman Stiegler made the motion to close seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

Town Comptroller, Andrew Forman, reported that the 2014 AUD has been submitted and according to that report the General Fund has a balance of \$1,062,000.00 and the Highway Fund balance is \$66,000.00. He also reported that the State Comptroller’s Office was here performing an audit and found the additional \$150,000 stolen by former Comptroller, Fred Knapp. In closing, Andrew discussed where we stand thus far with respect to the General fund revenues and expenses and the Highway fund revenues and expenses.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation for Purple Heart Community

Supervisor Zulauf stated that she was approached a few months ago by the Military order of the Purple Heart to inquire about establishing Beekman as a “Purple Heart Community”. She is proud and honored to announce Beekman is now a “Purple Heart Community”. The Highway Department designed & created signs to place throughout Town, one of which, was on display for this evening’s presentation. Supervisor Zulauf introduced & recognized Marc Coviello, Town of Beekman resident and recipient of the Purple Heart Metal. There were also three members of the Military order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 21, present this evening. The Supervisor presented them with a Proclamation which she read out loud.

General Code – LoriAnn Shura

LoriAnn Shura from General Code was here this evening to discuss a proposal to update the Town of Beekman Town Code book which hasn’t been updated since 2011.

Bill Humphrey – Health Insurance

Bill Humphrey gave a brief summary of the new health insurance plan. We will be switching to MVP at an increase of approximately 3% which is the best price for a comparable health plan to what we have in place currently.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 1 (56)
RE: Approval of Past Town Board Minutes

COUNCILMAN STIELGER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt has provided copies of the minutes of the April 15, 2015 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 15, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 2 (57)
RE: Authorize Music for Memorial Day

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI 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 25, 2015 at a cost of \$250.00.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 3 (58)
RE: Ratify CSEA Contract

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, April 14, 2015 representatives of The Town of Beekman and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. reached a tentative agreement pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment for the period January 1,

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2013 through December 31, 2017 for employees in the bargaining unit consisting of Clerk to the Justice, Assessor, Senior Typist (Legislative Aide), Dog Control Officer, Maintenance Mechanic, Maintenance Worker and Cleaner; and

WHEREAS, the parties representatives reserved the right of ratification of said agreement by the employees within the bargaining unit and by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2015 the employees within the bargaining unit ratified said agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. representing the above mentioned unit for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolutions to the appropriate Town Officials.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 4 (59)
RE: Approve Structural Engineer**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Pavilion at Town Center Park has incurred some noticeable structural damage; and

WHEREAS, the Pavilion is currently closed to all residents due to this damage; and

WHEREAS, this damage needs to be reviewed by a certified structural engineer to determine the extent of the damage and to offer recommendations of repair if necessary; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were submitted and reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Engineer; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was submitted by the Town Engineer; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the proposal of Mark Day, with M.A. Day Engineering PC, with a fee not to exceed \$1,850; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign contract with Day Engineering, with work to commence immediately.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTALGINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 5 (60)

RE: Approve Attendance at Annual Town Finance Schools and Spring Finance Seminar

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Association of Towns will be holding the 15th Annual Town Finance & Management School on May 7-8, 2015 in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Government Finance Officers Association Inc. will be holding their Spring Finance Seminar on May 20, 2015 in Poughkeepsie, NY; and

WHEREAS, it will be beneficial for the Comptroller, Andrew Forman, to attend these sessions of said schools; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Town Finance & Management School is \$225.00 and the Spring Finance Seminar is \$80.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Andrew Forman is hereby authorized to attend the Finance and Management School and is also authorized to attend the Downstate Spring Seminar.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 6 (61)

RE: Approve Concession Stand for Rec

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk was authorized to advertise for Requests for Proposals for the Recreation Park Concession Stand Operation; and

WHEREAS, 1 bid was received for this concession stand operation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had the opportunity to review this proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the attached concession stand proposal from Rosa’s Deli; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with Rosa’s Deli.

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Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 7

**RE: Approve Todd Buckley as Maintenance Worker
PULLED FROM AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 8 (62)

RE: To Accept Bid for Tree Pruning at Library

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, there is a mature tree located in Town Center Park that needs to be maintained and pruned; and

WHEREAS, this tree is located at the Library at Town Center Park; and

WHEREAS, the two proposals were received and reviewed by the Town Board and the Library Board; and

WHEREAS, an agreement can be reached allowing the Library and Beekman to split this cost of maintenance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal from Bartlett Tree Experts be accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman’s portion not to exceed \$560.00.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULUAF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 9 (63)

RE: Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activity.

Title	Std Work Day	Name	Tier 1	Current Term	Time Keeping	ROA

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Elected Officials						
Supervisor	6	Barbara Zulauf		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	N	21.22
Councilman	6	Michael Del Vecchio		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	N	5.17
Councilman	6	Ezio Battaglini		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	N	12.47
Rec. of Taxes	7	Judith Crawford		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	19.10
Hwy Superintendent	8	Tony Coviello		1/1/2014-12/31/2017	N	27.08
Town Clerk	7	Rachael Rancourt		1/1/2012-12/31/15	N	21.87
Councilman	6	Michael Moran		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	2.58
Town Justice	6	John Garito		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	7.01
Town Justice	6	Robert Ferris	X	1/1/2012-12/31/2015	N	
Councilman	6	Werner Stiegler		1/1/2015-12/31/2015	N	6.65
Appointed Officials						
Comptroller	7	Andrew Forman		1/9/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Recreation Director	7	Jeanne Scigliano		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Deputy Bldg Insp	6	Shawn Beresford		1/1/2014-12/31/2015	Y	
Court Clerk	7	Carol Adams		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	Y	
Court Clerk	7	Judith Merrit		1/1/2012-12/31/2015	Y	

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 10
RE: Approve Upgrade to Town Employee Email Migration System
PULLED FROM AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05:06:15 – 11 (64)
RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER 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	\$ 123,286.63
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Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 66,519.26
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 3,312.60
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 3,907.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Agency	<u>\$ 3,674.40</u>
	\$ 200,699.89

Payroll 8 Paid 4/23/15 \$ 53,990.89

General Fund \$20,354.32
Highway Fund \$33,636.57

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

*****Councilman Stiegler made a friendly amendment to change the Claims to be paid from the SS - Dover Ridge Sewer will be \$ 872.06 and Claims to be paid from the SW - Dover Ridge Water will be \$ 1,855.03 for a total Claims to be paid this resolution of \$ 196,207.38. All in favor.*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Battaglini asked Town Comptroller, Andrew Forman, if the General Fund balance of \$1,062,000.00 was the actual balance? Andrew stated that is correct.

Supervisor Zulauf advised the Board of an Infrastructure meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18th. If they were interested in attending, please let her Secretary Pam know.

Supervisor Zulauf mentioned that if there are any other Purple Heart recipients in Town please contact her office in order to be recognized.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Rickey, 59 Brothers Road, spoke this evening of his concerns with the Building Inspector and not being able to obtain a C.O. for his hand rails.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, reminded the public that Mother’s Day and the Fishing Derby are this weekend. The post office is conducting a food drive. If you leave nonperishable items by your mailbox, they will pick it up and deliver it to local food banks. He questioned the status of the abandoned house on Gardner Hollow. Lastly, he asked Marc Coviello, founder of Hudson Valley Hero Project, to get up and speak about his charity.

Marc Coviello, Harden Lane, Founder of Hudson Valley Hero Project, explained that this charity helps Veterans all over the Hudson Valley area with college tuition assistance, cruises for combat vets and much more. The most recent fundraiser raised money for a Veteran in Pleasant Valley who is battling leukemia.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

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Councilman Battaglini thanked Tony Coviello and the Highway crew for resolving the water issue at the Fire House and also for offering to assist with the brushfire this past Monday.

Supervisor Zulauf announced that the Fishing Derby is this Saturday, May 9th from 8:00am – 12:00pm, registration begins at 7:30am. She reminded all that the summer programs are still offered at a discounted rate up through May 15th. Lastly, the Annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25th at 10:00am.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7PM.

ADJOURN:

At 8:38PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Battaglini made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK