

## **BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – May 7, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM 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 MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MORAN – arrived at 7:41pm  
ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, MICHAEL VARBLE

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.

### **COMPTROLLER REPORT:**

Comptroller, Andrew Forman, updated the Town Board and the public on how the 2014 Budget is shaping up thus far. He distributed spreadsheets to the Town Board members. These spreadsheets detailed the Highway revenues and expenses and the General Fund revenues and expenses. Andrew will provide copies of these documents to the Town Clerk for public inspection. In closing, he went over the upcoming Budget process and dates of interest.

### **CENTRAL HUDSON PRESENTATION:**

Stephen Burger, Manager Natural Gas Expansion & NYS Governmental Affairs, joined us this evening for a second time to discuss the natural gas expansion franchise for Green Haven Correctional Facility. He gave a brief overview of the project again before opening it up to questions. Councilman Stiegler questioned if the State was paying for this project. Stephen Burger answered that the State is paying for it. Councilman Del Vecchio stated the original franchise agreement was written up for a 99 year term; however, the Town Board has changed it to a 25 year term renewable by Town discretion.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Barbara Zulauf reported that she visited the Town of Dover Town Hall along with Comptroller Andrew Forman and Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt to discuss shared services with IT and Records Management. At the next Town Board meeting we will have a resolution to approve this shared services venture. She then had a meeting at the Green Haven reservoir. The State has asked the Town to take it over The Town Engineer was present as well and will issue a report on his findings. Ryan Haight is working on his Eagle Scout project at the Mill House and has done a wonderful job making the new basement door and shutters match the current ones. Supervisor Zulauf mentioned that although Baseball Opening Day was cancelled on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> the Fire House had their Open House and the Library was able to hold their book sale. Last Wednesday, Dutchess County Executive, Marcus Molinaro was at Town Hall for a public forum where residents had the opportunity to ask questions. This past Saturday was the Annual Fishing Derby. Barbara thanked her Assistant Pam and Comptroller Andrew for putting this event together. A good time was had by all. In closing, she reported that she attended the Supervisors and Mayors meeting along with Budget Officer, Bill Brady and Comptroller, Andrew Forman. The main topic of that meeting was to discuss the Budget for the next three years.

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**Councilman Stiegler** attended the Fishing Derby and thanked all those who helped organize that event. He thanked Greg Brown for temporarily fixing the front stairs of Town Hall.

**Councilman Battaglini** attended the Fire Commissioners meeting where they discussed business as usual.

**Councilman Del Vecchio** attended the Green Haven reservoir visit and feels there are financial implications and safety issues to discuss before making a decision on taking it over. He attended the County Executive presentation

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on how tax dollars are spent. He also attended the Fishing Derby and thanked those who were involved in getting everything together.

Supervisor Zulauf made mention that Councilman Moran was scheduled to be here but got held up in his travels.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, commented on the resolution pertaining to appointment of Judith Crawford to the Board of Ethics. He felt this to be a conflict of interest. The Town Attorney addressed this statement stating there is no conflict of interest. There actually needs to be one Town Official on the Ethics Board and Judy fills this requirement.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05:07:14 -1(72)  
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 16, 2014 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 16, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:07:14 - 2(73)  
RE: Appointment to the Architectural Review Board**

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 Town Board hereby makes the following appointments to be effective immediately:

Architectural Review Board - Bob Novak - Term to expire 12/31/18; 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, Section 19-9 of the Town Code unless already on file and 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.

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Seconded                      SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:07:14 – 3(74)**  
**RE: Appointment to the Ethics Board**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF              Offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Ethics Board for a town employee due to the resignation of John Derevjanik; and

WHEREAS, §19-8(B) of the Town Code states that at least one member shall be a Town officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, Judy Crawford has expressed interest in this position and has provided a letter of intent as attached herewith; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Judy Crawford to the Ethics Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Judy Crawford’s term on the Ethics Board is set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

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

RESOLVED, that Judy Crawford shall file her Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving his term.

Seconded                      COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:07:14 – 4(75)**  
**RE: Appointment to the Ethics Board**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO      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 Town Board hereby makes the following appointments to be effective immediately:

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Ethics Board - Peter Barton - Term to expire 12/31/22; 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, Section 19-9 of the Town Code unless already on file and 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 BATTAGLINI

**\*\*Councilman Stiegler motioned to table this Resolution to have further discussions regarding changing the number of committee members back to five as per the original resolution creating the Ethics Board Committee. Supervisor Zulauf seconded. \*\*Roll call vote: Councilman Moran – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Councilman DelVecchio – Aye, Councilman Battaglini – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf – Aye.**

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**RESOLUTION 5:07:14 – 5(76)**  
**RE: Authorize Computer Contract to Buy New Computers**

COUNCILMAN MORAN            offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, several computers owned by the Town are in need of repair, replacement or upgrade; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining quotes, it is more cost effective to replace and/or upgrade than repair them; and

WHEREAS, a network upgrade is necessary in order to fulfill the Beekman-Dover Assessor Shared Services grant awarded by Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, replacement and/or upgrade of Town network and computer systems are necessary in order to continue to protect sensitive information stored by the Town on behalf of its residents; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the purchases will be made through the use of grant funding with the remaining financed through Dell Computers; and

WHEREAS, a technology grant was received from Comcast for Municipal Technology purposes; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the Supervisor and Comptroller to execute purchases and contracts not to exceed \$30,000 for equipment intended for the upgrade to Town IT infrastructures.

Seconded                      COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION 5:07:14 – 6(77)**

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**RE: Authorize Youth For Restoration to Start Cleanup in the Mill house**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local organization Youth For Restoration made up a of local high school students, wishes to do volunteer restoration work in the Mill House during their summer vacation; and

WHEREAS, they have received contributions from private individuals and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mill House has been deemed safe for this particular work by the Code Enforcement Officer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Youth For Restoration has permission to enter into the Mill House for the purpose of restoration and enhancement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Youth For Restoration notify the Supervisor of their attendance in the Mill House and provide the Town Board with a report of their volunteer work that they have completed.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05:07:14 – 7(78)**

**RE: To Approve A Gas Franchise Agreement with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (“Central Hudson”) has petitioned the Town of Beekman for a non exclusive franchise to construct, reconstruct, operate, repair, maintain, natural gas distribution facilities in, under, along, across, through and beyond the highways, streets, avenues, alleys, squares, lanes, parks, greens and public places in the Town of Beekman for the purpose of providing gas service to Central Hudson’s customers or otherwise in connection with Central Hudson’s gas distribution operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman wishes to encourage the development of natural gas distribution facilities within the Town of Beekman to facilitate economic development opportunities that may exist now or in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Board finds that granting Central Hudson a non-exclusive twenty five (25) year franchise inures to the public welfare and convenience of the citizens of the Town of Beekman New York; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Central Hudson, its successors and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered, and hereby granted a non-exclusive twenty five (25) year franchise to construct, reconstruct, relocate, operate, repair, maintain, replace, remove, inspect, patrol; underground or grade level gas systems including, but not limited to, gas mains, gas service pipes, conduits, vaults, manholes, housings, connectors, markers, anchors, fittings, braces, foundations, valves and vents together with any and all necessary appurtenances and accessories as Central Hudson may now and from the time-to-time deem necessary and reasonable, in, under, along, across, through, and

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beyond the highways, streets, avenues, alleys, squares, lanes, parks, greens and public places in Beekman for the purpose of providing gas service to Central Hudson’s customers or otherwise in connection with Central Hudson’s gas distribution operations as set forth in the Gas Franchise Agreement of the Town of Beekman Dutchess County, State of New York (“Franchise Agreement”) and dated May 7, 2014.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran AYE  
Councilman Stiegler NO  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION 5:07:14 – 8(79)  
RE: Payment of Claims**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF 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: \$ 66,364.37  
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund \$ 7,159.40  
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer \$ 1,317.15  
Claims to be paid from SW-Dover Ridge Water \$ 1,888.72

Payroll 9 Paid \$ 76,729.64  
General Fund: \$33,549.56  
Highway Fund: \$19,756.73

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION 5:07:14 – OTHER BUSINESS**

**To Approve Registration Payment for Tax Collector to Attend Annual Meeting of NYS Assoc. of Tax Receivers & Collectors**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the NYS Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors is holding their Annual Training Seminar for 2014 from June 8-11, and

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WHEREAS, Judith Crawford, Tax Collector, is desirous of attending this seminar; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Judith Crawford may attend this seminar and payment is authorized for the registration fee in the amount of \$90.00 and a food allowance not to exceed \$100.00.

Seconded            COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Moran            AYE

Councilman Stiegler            AYE

Councilman Del Vecchio            NO

Councilman Battaglini            AYE

Supervisor Zulauf            AYE

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victoria Dammon, 147 Mayfair Road, is very concerned with the intersection of Mayfair Road and Gardner Hollow Road. She would like to discuss options to improve safety there. Some of her suggestions were to install speed humps or close the section of Gardner Hollow from Mayfair to Pleasant Ridge Road. Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello spoke about this situation. He doesn't recommend speed humps due to the volume of vehicles that utilize that road. He and his department have recently installed a guard rail and striped the road in that area.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, thanked the students for attending the meeting this evening. He thanked Central Hudson for their presentation. He thanked the Highway Department for re-striping the roads in Beekman.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Zulauf reminded the Town Board this Saturday is road clean up, 8am at Town Hall. She made several announcements about upcoming events: Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony is Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am and Grievance Day is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm.

Councilman Battaglini reported that the Conservation Advisory Committee would like to purchase a book that contains information pertaining to land, rivers and streams. The other Council members asked for more details prior to approving this purchase. Councilman Battaglini will get this information to the Town Board members before the next Town Board meeting.

Councilman Del Vecchio stated the Recreation Commission is currently seeking volunteers for their committee. They have a meeting on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. He thanked Comptroller, Andrew Forman for his presentation this evening regarding the budget. He commended Tony Coviello and the Highway Department on their salt budget especially considering the winter we experienced.

ADJOURN:

At 8:31PM with no further business to conduct Councilman Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK