

## **BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:10PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT:       SUPERVISOR BARBARA ZULAUF  
                          COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI  
                          COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI  
                          COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO  
                          COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER

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.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Town Board Member, Mary Covucci was sworn in by Town Clerk Rachael Rancourt. Councilwoman Covucci spoke after her swearing in, thanking all the residents who supported her. She also spoke in defense of comments made by Tom Mullins at the last Town Board meeting.

### **REPORTS**

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, explained that the Highway Department is in dire need of a new truck. B11's frame is cracked and they are down by one truck. He updated us on the snow and ice removal for this year so far. His Department has been out 15 times for inclement weather. Tony issued his updated inventory list and filed a copy with Town Clerk, Rachael Rancourt. He spoke against Resolution #3 – County Fuel Shared Services and gave his reasoning for not being in favor of it.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:**

There was no public comment this evening.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 1 (16) 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 January 4, 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 January 4, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded   COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Covucci    AYE  
Councilman Stiegler       AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 2 (17)**  
**RE: Budget Modifications for Year-End 2016 - “TABLED”**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a request for Budget Amendments has been received from the Comptroller and

WHEREAS, normal course of business activity throughout 2016 has prompted the Comptroller to determine that various budget items should be adjusted to allow for the Town of Beekman to continue conducting business as usual; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has requested the following budget adjustments:

**Increase** in Revenue Line A.0000.2680 (Insurance Recoveries) by \$130,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1010.0100 (Town Board PS) by \$4,500

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1010.0400 (Town Board CE) by \$600

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1110.0400 (Town Justice CE) by \$8,300

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1220.0100 (Supervisor PS) by \$2,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1220.0400 (Supervisor CE) by \$200

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1315.0100 (Comptroller PS) by \$5,750

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1315.0400 (Comptroller CE) by \$5,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1330.0400 (Receiver of Taxes CE) by \$4,200

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1420.0400 (Town Attorney CE) by \$13,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1430.0400 (Consulting CE) by \$2,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1620.0400 (Buildings CE) by \$10,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1910.0400 (Unallocated Insurance) by \$10,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.1930.0400 (Judgements & Claims) by \$140,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1990.0400 (Contingency) by \$44,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.3510.0400 (Animal Control CE) by \$1,500

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.3620.0100 (Safety Inspections PS) by \$6,000

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**Increase** in Expense Line A.3620.0400 (Safety Inspections CE) by \$32,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7110.0100 (Parks PS) by \$9,600

**Increase** in Expense Line A.7140.0100 (Playgrounds & Rec. PS) by \$7,600

**Increase** in Expense Line A.7140.0400 (Playgrounds & Rec. PS) by \$13,500

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7270.0400 (Band Concerts CE) by \$1,300

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7510.0400 (Historian CE) by \$250

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.8010.0400 (Zoning CE) by \$750

**Increase** in Expense Line A.8090.0400 (Environmental Control CE) by \$6,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.8160.0400 (Refuse & Garbage CE) by \$3,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.9010.0800 (NYS Retirement) by \$19,000

**Increase** in Expense Line A.9045.0800 (Life Insurance) by \$350

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9050.0800 (Unemployment Ins.) by \$2,500

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9060.0800 (Health Insurance) by \$4,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approve the 2016 Budget modifications as submitted by the Town Comptroller.

Seconded     SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 3 (18)**

**RE: Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Enter into an Agreement with the County for an Alternative Point of Fuel Pilot Program**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF     offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman currently owns and maintains its own municipal fueling station located at the Highway Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman has an opportunity to enter into a cooperative agreement with the County of Dutchess to provide an alternative fueling station for its fleet; and

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WHEREAS, the Town would like to enter into an agreement with the County of Dutchess as a pilot program to determine whether or not eliminating its municipal owned fueling station will reduce the cost of fueling the Town’s fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Town would enter into an agreement to allow a number of town employees to fuel at a county owned fueling station; which employees will be determined by the Town Board and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute and deliver to the County of Dutchess an agreement for the fueling of Town vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Maintenance Department and Building Department to begin fueling the Town owned vehicles with the County of Dutchess upon the acceptance of the attached contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town shall continue operating its own municipal fueling station at the Town of Beekman Highway Garage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and hereby is authorized to take all steps necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 4 (19)**

**RE: Approve Association of Towns Training School and Appoint Delegate**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the annual Association of Towns Conference will be held on February 19-22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the fee of \$125 per person for this Conference has been included in the 2017 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Supervisor to forward all monies required for registration for Supervisor, Barbara Zulauf and one Town employee to attend the conference; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Barbara Zulauf, Supervisor, be designated as Delegate of the Town at the Annual Association of Towns Meeting held on February 22, 2017.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci NO  
Councilman Stiegler AYE

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Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 5 (20)**

**RE: Authorize Attendance at Turfgrass Association Southeast Regional Conference**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Turfgrass Association Southeast Regional Conference will be held on January 25-26 2017 at the Ramada Inn, Fishkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, attendance by the Maintenance Director, Gregory Brown, will be beneficial to the Town of Beekman Maintenance Department and it will allow him to maintain the required pesticides license; and

WHEREAS, the \$105 fee for this conference has been included in the 2017 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Gregory Brown is hereby authorized to attend the Turfgrass Association Southeast Regional Conference.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 6 (21)**

**RE: Adoption of Jurisdictional Annex to Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Town of Beekman has worked cooperatively with Dutchess County, with the assistance of Tetra Tech, Inc. in gathering information and preparing the Dutchess County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Municipal Annex (the Plan), a copy of which is annexed hereto, and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County and the Town of Beekman are units of government that have afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County and the Town of Beekman has reviewed the Plan and affirms the Plan will be updated no less than every five years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this governing body approves and adopts the attached Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions of the Plan; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that 9.5.1 be amended to change the alternate point of contact to read Michael DelVecchio, Deputy Supervisor.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 7 (22)**

**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:

Marc Coviello - appointment to the Board of Ethics, with his term to expire December 31, 2019 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 ABSTAIN  
Councilman Del Vecchio ABSTAIN  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 8 (23)**

**RE: Support Beekman Fire Department as Lead Agency**

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire District is proposing the construction of a Fire Training Facility; and

WHEREAS, under the applicable standards of SEQR 6 NYCCR Part 617.6(b), the Beekman Fire District concludes that they should be designated as the Lead Agency in the coordinated environmental review of the proposed action; and

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WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire District is requesting approval of this designation from interested agencies including the Town of Beekman; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman consents to the Beekman Fire District to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA action plan.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 9 (24)**  
**RE: Approve Camp Conference for Recreation Staff**

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the American Camp Association will be holding a Tri State Camp Conference on March 13-16, 2017 in Atlantic City, NJ; and

WHEREAS, attending this conference is most beneficial to the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the fee of \$875.00 has been included in the 2017 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Recreation Director, Jeanne Scigliano and Recreation Activities Director Lauren Laurita, are hereby authorized to attend the Tri State Camp Conference.

Seconded COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 10 (25)**  
**RE: Approve Electricity Provider**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman currently uses Constellation as its electricity supplier; and

WHEREAS, the current fixed rate of 8.4 cents per kilowatt hours contract with Constellation has ended; and

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WHEREAS, American Power & Gas has supplied a variable rate for electricity supply at the rate of 4.99 cents per kilowatt hours; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into a two-year contract with American Power & Gas to supply electricity to the Town of Beekman.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 11 (26)  
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	\$ 159,211.64
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 16,460.86
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 2,952.15
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 811.52
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 179,436.17

Payroll 1 1/12/2017 Paid \$65,725.83

General Fund \$ 36,300.11

Highway Fund \$ 29,425.72

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Councilwoman Covucci AYE
- Councilman Stiegler AYE
- Councilman Del Vecchio AYE
- Councilman Battaglini ABSTAIN
- Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1:18:17 – 12 (27) Other Business  
RE: Amend 2017 Budget**

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COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a budget workshop on Thursday, January 5, 2017 and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has requested the following budget adjustments:

**Decrease** in Expense Line DA.5110.0400 (Repairs CE) by \$18,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line DA.5142.0400 (Snow Removal CE) by \$10,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line DA.9785.0600 (Installment Purchase Debt-Principal) by \$5,812

**Decrease** in Expense Line DA.9785.0700 (Installment Purchase Debt-Interest) by \$886

**Decrease** in Revenue Line DA.0000.1001 (Real Property Tax) by \$34,698

**Increase** in Revenue Line A.0000.1001 (Real Property Tax) by \$34,698

**Decrease** in Revenue Line A.0000.2680 (Insurance Recoveries) by \$100,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1010.0100 (Town Board PS) by \$590

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1010.0400 (Town Board CE) by \$375

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1110.0100 (Town Justice PS) by \$548

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1220.0100 (Supervisor PS) by \$401

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1315.0100 (Comptroller PS) by \$1,265

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1315.0400 (Comptroller CE) by \$10,125

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1330.0100 (Receiver of Taxes PS) by \$751

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1410.0400 (Town Clerk CE) by \$125

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1430.0400 (Consulting CE) by \$10,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1440.0400 (Town Engineer CE) by \$125

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.1910.0400 (Unallocated Insurance) by \$7,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7110.0100 (Parks PS) by \$14,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7110.0400 (Parks CE) by \$3,500

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.7140.0400 (Playgrounds & Rec. CE) by \$9,000

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9030.0800 (Social Security) by \$1,088

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9035.0800 (Medicare) by \$254

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**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9785.0600 (Installment Purchase Debt-Principal) by \$14,333

**Decrease** in Expense Line A.9785.0700 (Installment Purchase Debt-Interest) by \$2,175

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the Budget Amendments for the 2017 budget submitted by the Town Comptroller.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Del Vecchio AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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Supervisor Zulauf read the response from the New York State Comptroller's Office in regard to our request of an audit. They will not perform an audit at this time but will continue to monitor the Town. Supervisor Zulauf announced that the Town received their Moody's rating which was very positive with an Aa3 rating removing the negative outlook. In closing, Supervisor Zulauf read Andrew Forman's resignation letter.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Coviello, Hynes Road, thanked the Board members who voted him onto the Board of Ethics and questioned those who abstained.

Linda Porter, 427 Clapp Hill Road, stated her concerns with a potential Solar Farm that is being constructed near her house.

Len Jerrum, 112 Beyer Drive, advised the public that gas is increasing .20 cents a gallon. He also mentioned that he received a tax bill even though his mortgage company pays his taxes.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Councilman Del Vecchio announced some recreation activities. There will be a wine glass decoration workshop January 27, 2017 at 7:00PM and on Saturday, February 4, 2017 there is a snow tubing outing.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN:

At 8:54PM with no further business Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK