

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM with Supervisor Mary Covucci presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MARY COVUCCI
COUNCILWOMAN SHARON WOHRMAN
COUNCILMAN WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILMAN ROBERT SWARTZ
COUNCILMAN EZIO BATTAGLINI

Supervisor 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. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING – DOVER RIDGE ASSESSMENT ROLLS

Supervisor Covucci opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm seconded by Councilwoman Wohrman, all in favor. Supervisor Covucci gave further information on the Hearing, stating that it is routine business to hold this Public Hearing each year. There was no public comment on the topic and at 7:02pm Supervisor Covucci made the motion to close the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Battaglini.

Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions on this evening’s agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

There was no public comment on Agenda items this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 11:13:2019 – 1 (161)
RE: ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID ANDERSON**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board makes appointments to various boards, and

WHEREAS, David Anderson has submitted his resignation from the Planning Board and the CAC, to take effect immediately,

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board accepts the resignation of David Anderson and would like to thank him for his years of service.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 11:13:2019 – 2 (162)

RE: APPROVE DOVER RIDGE WATER AND SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLL

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Assessor to the Town of Beekman has completed and filed the Assessment Roll for the Dover Ridge Water and Sewer District pursuant to Article 15 of the New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 13, 2019 for the Dover Ridge Assessment Roll; and

RESOLVED, that the Dover Ridge Sewer District Assessment Roll be hereby affirmed and adopted as originally proposed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor be and hereby is directed to transmit a copy of said Assessment Roll to the Board of Legislators of the County to be levied and assessed upon the lots and parcels of lands listed in said Assessment Roll at the time and in the manner provided by law for the State, County and Town taxes.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Stiegler AYE

Councilman Swartz AYE

Councilwoman Woehrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

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RESOLUTION NO. 11:13:2019 – 3 (163)

RE: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DOVER RIDGE WATER AND SEWER RATES

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman is responsible for the operation and management of the Dover Ridge Water and Sewer Districts; and

WHEREAS, Article 14-F of the General Municipal Law authorizes the local legislative body to set water and sewer districts user rates on behalf of the Water and Sewer Districts by resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in setting water and sewer user rates to reflect the actual cost of operating the water and sewer districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget is the basis of calculation of new user rates for Dover Ridge Water and Sewer Districts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing for establishing the water and sewer user rates will be held on the 11th day of December 2019 @ 7:00pm at Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street Poughquag, in the Town of Beekman, New York, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing be posted and published once on or before the 18th day of November 2019 in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman, and that such notice shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk's office and posted on the Town of Beekman website; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board will also accept written public comment until December 11, 2019.

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 11:13:2019 – 4 (164)

RE: WAIVE TOWN FEE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE OF ACTIVE U.S. MILITARY

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the current license fee for a marriage license charged by the Town Clerk is \$40.00 with \$17.50 representing the Town’s share of that fee and \$22.50 representing the State portion; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision 3 of Section 14-a of the Domestic Relations Law has been amended by Chapter 297 of the Laws of 1963 to provide, either of the parties making application for such certificate is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined to waive such fee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to waive the Town’s portion of the Marriage certificate fee when either of the parties seeking application for such certificate is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Covucci expressed her condolences to the friends and family of Emil Preuss who passed away on November 11, 2019. He was very active in Town, serving on various Boards and Committees over the years. She also reminded the public about the internet purchase safe exchange location behind Town Hall. In closing, Supervisor Covucci announced that Dutchess County Executive, Marcus Molinaro, will be discussing the 2020 County budget at the next Town Board Meeting on November 20, 2019 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Walsh, Chelsea Cove, congratulated the Town Board members who were recently re-elected. She advised the public that she is a former candidate for Beekman Town Board and was present this evening to speak on behalf of the residents who voted for her and the changes she would like to see in Beekman.

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Linda Schluter, Antler Court, thanked the Town Board for their diligence regarding Stone Ridge Estates. She expressed her concerns with respect to the developers' punch list.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, made comments about election results and qualifications of candidates and other miscellaneous comments.

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, congratulated the newly elected Town Board members. She expressed her concerns about not having any knowledge of the individual running for Town Clerk prior to the election.

ADJOURN

At 7:20PM with no further business to conduct, Supervisor Covucci made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK