

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:03PM with Supervisor Mary Covucci presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Amending Chapter 13, “Code of Ethics”. Supervisor Covucci opened the Public Hearing this evening and read the proposed amendment to this chapter. She invited the public to speak for and/or against the proposal. No public comments were made. At 7:04PM Supervisor Covucci made the motion to close the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Stiegler. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Supervisor Covucci gave further details regarding the resolutions posted this evening. Virginia Peters, Robin Court, questioned resolution #3 in reference to the number of Holidays’ employees get.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11:28:18 – 1 (154)  
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 November 14, 2018 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 November 14, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:28:18 – 2 (155)**  
**RE: Town Board Withdrawing from the Dutchess County Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Plan**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman is currently a participant in the Dutchess County Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Plan which was established pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Worker’s Compensation Law and governed by Dutchess County Local Law No. 6 of 2013 (the, “Fund”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is desirous of withdrawing its participation from the Fund at the end of the current plan year, December 31, 2018; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Beekman shall effective December 31, 2018 withdraw from the Dutchess County Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Plan; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor shall notify the County of Dutchess prior to December 1, 2018 of the Town’s intent to withdraw from the Fund; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution including but not limited to a release of liability, if required; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to negotiate and retain a successor plan for workers compensation benefits.

Seconded COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:28:18 – 3 (156)**  
**RE: Designate Holidays for 2019**

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Holiday Schedule is noted in 3.1.1 of the Town of Beekman Employment Practices Compliance Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous in setting the holiday observance schedule for 2019; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following holidays shall be observed in 2019 for all Non-CSEA, CSEA and Teamster 456 personnel of the Town of Beekman:

New Year’s Day

January 1, 2019

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Martin Luther King Day	January 21, 2019
Presidents’ Day	February 12, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Memorial Day	May 27, 2019
Independence Day	July 4, 2019
Labor Day	September 2, 2019
Columbus Day	October 8, 2019
Election Day	November 5, 2019
Veterans Day	November 11, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	November 28, 2019
Day after Thanksgiving Day	November 29, 2019
Christmas Day	December 25, 2019

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:28:18 – 4 (157)**

**RE: LOCAL LAW NO. 3 of 2018 - AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE IV ENTITLED “CODE OF ETHICS”**

COUNCILMAN SWARTZ offers the following and moves for its adoption:

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Beekman of the County of Dutchess as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 13 of the Town Code of the Town of Beekman is hereby amended by the follow addition:

**§19-10. Nepotism**

A. No Town officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, may participate in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative for any position at, for or within the Town of Beekman or a board of the Town.

B. No Town officer or employee may supervise a relative in the performance of the relative’s official powers or duties.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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**Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11:28:18 – 5 (158)  
RE: Payment of Claims**

COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN offers the following and moves for its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Bookkeeper 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	\$ 17,293.08
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 9,116.89
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 1,368.10
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 2,594.71
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 795.00
	<u>\$ 31,167.78</u>
Payroll Paid on 11/15/18	
General Fund	\$ 38,996.69
Highway Fund	\$ 23,900.98
	<u>\$ 62,897.67</u>

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carol Ewin, Mayfair Road, expressed her concerns with speeding issues on Mayfair and requested the Board to explore options for a solution.

Virginia Peters, Robin Court, stated that since the Town has adopted Robin Court, it was very nice to have the Town trucks plow during the last storm.

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Jeanne Scigliano, Recreation Director, In response to a resident at the last meeting she gave a brief summary of the revenues that the Recreation Department has brought in from a few different activities. She also stated that she had more detailed information if anyone was interested.

Vikki Dammann, Mayfair Road, expressed her concerns and implored the Board to assist with speeding issues on Mayfair Road.

**GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Covucci made two announcements of upcoming events. The Snowflake Spectacular, Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2:30-4:30 at the Community Center, Rec Park and Cookies with Santa, Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 11-3 at the Beekman Fire House. She also announced that there will only be one meeting in December which will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00.

Councilman Battaglini read a press release statement from Chief Tom Kinsley of the Beekman Fire Department regarding a successful search and rescue mission during the latest snow storm.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:31PM, 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