

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

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:00PM with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf presiding. The Meeting was held in the meeting room at Town Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT:       LISA COBB, on behalf of Paul Ackerman, Town Attorney

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.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### **7:00PM – Solar Energy**

The Public Hearing opened this evening allowing the public to express their opinion with respect to the Solar and Wind Energy proposed Local Law. Nine residents spoke this evening and all were opposed to having Solar Farms in the Town of Beekman in residential areas. After all interested persons spoke, Supervisor Zulauf stated that this Public Hearing will remain open for further discussion. In addition, the Dutchess County Planning Department issued their referral response which will be included in the minutes of this Public Hearing.

#### **7:10PM – Override of Tax Levy**

Supervisor Zulauf opened this Public Hearing giving a brief description as to the reason this Public Hearing was being held. The Town Board held three workshop sessions to discuss the 2018 Budget in which they were able to decrease it slightly, however, it still exceeds the tax cap. The Board will continue to work on decreasing the Budget with an additional workshop to be held on October 30, 2017. With that said, the Supervisor opened the hearing up to public comments. Fifteen residents spoke and expressed their concerns with overriding the tax cap. Their concerns lie with Town spending and how we got to this point, the effect it will have on their taxes and offered solutions on cutting back and questioned if any services will be cut. After all interested persons were heard, Supervisor Zulauf closed the Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Del Vecchio.

#### **7:20PM - Abandoned Properties**

The Public Hearing was opened this evening allowing the public to express their opinion with respect to the abandoned properties listed for this Hearing. Councilwoman Covucci spoke about a new procedure for the Town to look into for dealing with these types of properties. One resident spoke about a particular property that should be the responsibility of the HOA rather than the Town. With no further public comment, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to close the Hearing seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. All in favor.

### **RECOGNITION**

Supervisor Zulauf recognized the Friends of the Beekman Library. Each member received a certificate of appreciation for the volunteer work they do for the Library.

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

Supervisor Zulauf announced Resolutions #3 & #5 were pulled to gather further information.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, stated that Resolution #6 doesn't list the noted amendments in the Resolution. He also would like additional information on these Resolutions.

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RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 1 (157)**  
**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 October 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 October 4, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

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. 10:18:17 - 2 (158)**  
**RE: Approve Highway Materials Bid**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, authorization was given to the Town Clerk to advertise bids for highway materials for 2018; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received, opened, and read publicly on October 11, 2017 @10:00 am and have been reviewed by the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bids are hereby awarded as recommended by the Highway Superintendent as attached hereto.

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. 10:18:17 – 3**  
**RE: Change Work Order for Dover Ridge Generator Project - PULLED**

**PULLED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 4 (159)**  
**RE: Allow Overflow Parking from Fire Department**

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SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire Department is holding “Cookies with Santa” on December 3, 2017 from 11:00am – 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, additional parking is requested to accommodate the many anticipated visitors for this event; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board allows the use of the Beekman Town Hall parking lot for the Beekman Fire Department to accommodate the overflow parking on December 3, 2017.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI & 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. 10:18:17 – 5 PULLED  
RE: Approve Stone Ridge Sewer Fees**

**PULLED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 6 (160)  
RE: Amend and Accept the 2018 Preliminary Budget**

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

WHEREAS, the 2018 Tentative Budget was submitted to the Town Clerk by the Town Supervisor and Town Comptroller on September 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted budget workshops with Department Heads on October 11<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after conducting the budget workshops, the Town Board desires to amend the 2018 Tentative Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the attached amendments are to be made to the 2018 Tentative Budget, and said amendments are to be reflected in the 2018 Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget, as amended hereby, is presented to the Town Clerk as the 2018 Town of Beekman Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and adopts the foregoing amendments to the 2018 Town of Beekman Tentative Budget and does authorize and direct the Town Comptroller to make these amendments and to present the Preliminary Budget, as amended hereby, to the Town Clerk as the 2018 Town of Beekman Preliminary Budget.

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Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci NO  
Councilman Stiegler NO  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSTAIN  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 7 (161)**

**RE: Waive Fees for Fire Department Permit**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Beekman Fire Department is desirous in renovating their kitchen in their building on Beekman Poughquag Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in waving the fees associated with this process for this municipal entity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby waive the fees associated with the Beekman Fire Department kitchen renovation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the fees for the kitchen renovation permit with the Building Department are hereby waived.

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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**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 8 (162)**

**RE: Set Public Hearing for Dover Ridge Assessment Roll**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER 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; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §239 of the Town Law, a public hearing on such assessment roll shall be held on the 1st of November 2017 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to gather resident input on the Dover Ridge Assessment Roll will be held on November 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Beekman Town Hall 4 Main Street Poughquag, NY and that the notice shall be published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, stating that the Dover Ridge Water and Sewer District assessment roll has been completed and that the Town Board will meet and hear any objections which may be made to the roll at the time and place specified above,

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and that such notice shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk Office and placed on the Town of Beekman website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will also accept written public comments until November 1, 2017.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

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. 10:18:17 – 9 (163) PULLED  
RE: Set Public Hearing for 2018 Preliminary Budget**

**PULLED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – 10 (164)  
RE: Adjust Salary and Wage Schedule**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in amending Resolution NO.12:07:16 - 7 (175), approving the Salary and Wage Schedule for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in amending the salary for the Assistant to the Superintendent of Highway to \$16.13 per hour; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorize the hourly rate of the Assistant to the Superintendent for Highway be changed to \$16.13 per hour effective the next payroll.

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. 10:18:17 – 11 (165)  
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:

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Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 77,935.58	
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 18,402.25	
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 3,245.48	
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 962.34	
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>	
	\$100,545.65	Payroll 21
Paid 10/19/17	\$ 56,160.88	

General Fund	\$ 35,734.20
Highway Fund	\$ 20,426.66

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler ABSTAIN  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Supervisor Zulauf AYE  
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OTHER BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:18:17 – OTHER BUSINESS  
RE: Approve Expenditure Control**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman is desirous in keeping a watchful eye on departmental spending in regard to the 2017 Budget for the remainder of 2017; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all expenditures over \$500, aside from normal utilities, must be approved by the Comptroller, now therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that this will take effect immediately and continue through December 31, 2017.

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. 10:18:17 – OTHER BUSINESS  
RE: Approve Auditor for Auditing of 2017, 2018, 2019**

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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WHEREAS, the services of an independent auditor is required to audit the Town of Beekman’s financial records for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 and

WHEREAS, three (3) proposals were submitted to the Comptroller and Town Board for their review; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Theodore J. Eglit Jr, 1003 Chelsea Cove Drive South, Hopewell Junction, New York is hereby appointed to perform the year-end audits at a fee not to exceed \$10,000 per year in accordance with Theodore Eglit Jr.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Covucci AYE  
Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Del Vecchio AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Capalbo, 35 Main Street, thanked the Board for all they do. He understands it’s not an easy position to be in and appreciates their efforts.

Mary Bronzi, questioned if the Dover Ridge Sewer and Water rates will be increased this upcoming year. She was advised that they will not be increased for 2018.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Zulauf announced the Fire District’s proposed training facility public informational meetings are scheduled for tomorrow evening, October 19, 2017 and November 16, 2017 at 7PM. There will be a vote on December 12, 2017 on the proposed facility.

Councilman Battaglini thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and assured the public that the Board is trying their best to get the budget down further.

Thelma Claudio, 39 Hillside Rd, questioned where the Board meetings are posted. She was advised the multiple places where they are posted.

The next meeting of the Beekman Town Board is Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN

At 9:31PM, with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini & Supervisor Zulauf. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT  
TOWN CLERK