

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:03PM 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 WERNER STIEGLER
COUNCILWOMAN MARY COVUCCI
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DEL VECCHIO
ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY, PAUL ACKERMAN

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 also had a moment of silence in honor of Beekman resident Phyllis Hughes, who passed away yesterday. She made one administrative announcement regarding the location of fire exits.

PRESENTATION

Beekman Fire Department Training Center

Jon Field and Paul Canevari gave a slideshow presentation on the Fire Districts proposed training facility located on their vacant property on Green Haven Road. They went through the process of what our Fire Company does for us, what they are looking for in this training facility and what the cost would be to the taxpayers. Once the presentation was completed they opened up to questions. Fire Chief, Tom Kinsley, answered questions from the audience and announced there will be a public hearing in November and a vote on December 13, 2016 for this facility.

REPORT

Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, reported on the activities of his Department over the last few weeks. The men have performed roadside mowing, re-striping Town roads, pot hole repairs, tree removal and receiving the winter road sand prepping for the upcoming winter season. Tony Coviello, along with Supervisor Barbara Zulauf attended a meeting with the County pertaining to the plowing of County roads and the possibility of changing how the Towns get paid for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

There was no public comment this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10:19:16 – 1 (136) 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 5, 2016 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 5, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

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Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: October 19, 2016

**RESOLUTION NO. 10:19:16 – 2 (137)
RE: Amend the 2017 Tentative Budget**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the 2017 Tentative Budget was submitted to the Town Clerk by the Town Supervisor and Town Comptroller on October 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk presented the 2017 Tentative Budget to the Town Board on October 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted budget workshops with Department Heads on October 6, 2016 and October 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, after conducting the budget workshops, the Town Board desires to amend the 2017 Tentative Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amendments are to be made to the 2017 Tentative Budget, and said amendments are to be reflected in the 2017 Preliminary Budget:

General Fund Revenue Budget Amendments:

Decrease A.0000.1001 Real Property Taxes by \$2,687
Increase A.0000.1120 Non-Property Tax Distribution by \$12,200
Increase A.0000.1170 Franchises by \$5,000
Increase A.0000.2555 Building Dept. Fees by \$5000
Increase A.0000.3005 Mortgage Tax by \$10,000
Increase A.0000.3089 Other State Aid by \$4,000

General Fund Appropriation Budget Amendments:

Decrease A.1315.0100 Comptroller PS by \$9,100.00
Decrease A.1430.0400 Personnel CE by \$10,000
Decrease A.1990.0400 Contingency by \$5,000
Decrease A.5132.0400 Highway Garage CE by \$300
Increase A.6772.0100 Programs for the Aging PS by \$22,536
Increase A.7110.0100 Parks PS by \$3,576
Increase A.7140.0400 Playgrounds & Recreation CE by \$4,500
Increase A.9030.0800 Social Security by \$1,055
Increase A.9035.0800 Medicare by \$246
Increase A.9060.0800 Health Insurance by \$26,000

Highway Fund Revenue Budget Amendments:

Increase A.0000.1001 Real Property Tax by \$3,500

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Highway Fund Appropriation Budget Amendments:

Decrease DA.5110.0400 Repairs CE by \$6,500

Increase DA.5142.0400 Snow Removal CE \$10,000.00

Dover Ridge Sewer Fund Revenue Budget Amendments:

Decrease SS.0000.2120 Sewer Rents by \$1,340

Dover Ridge Sewer Fund Appropriation Budget Amendments:

Decrease SS.8189.0400 Miscellaneous. Contractual Expense by \$1,340

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and adopts the foregoing amendments to the 2017 Town of Beekman Tentative Budget and does authorize and direct the Town Comptroller to make the amendments and to present the Tentative Budget, as amended hereby, to the Town Clerk as the 2017 Town of Beekman Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Tentative Budget, as amended hereby, is presented to the Town Clerk as the 2017 Town of Beekman Preliminary Budget.

Seconded SUPERVISOR ZULAUF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: October 19, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 10:19:16 – 3 (138)
RE: Set Public Hearing for 2017 Preliminary Budget

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a copy of the 2017 Tentative Budget; and

WHEREAS, Budget Workshops were held October 6, 2016 and October 13, 2016, at which the Town Board and Town Department Heads all had the opportunity to review and discuss details of the proposed 2017 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a said Public Hearing will be scheduled for the 2nd day of November 2016 @ 7:00pm at the Beekman Town Hall located at 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY and that notice of the time and place of such hearing be posted and published once on or before the 24th day of October 2016 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 as well as on the Town of Beekman website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will also accept written public comments until November 2, 2016.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 10:19:16 – 4 (139)
RE: Set Public Hearing for Dover Ridge Water and Sewer Rate Increase

COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO 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 increase water and sewer districts user rates on behalf of the Water and Districts by resolution after a public hearing; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2017 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 increasing the water and sewer user rates will be held on the 2nd day of November 2016 @ 7:10pm 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 24th day of October 2016 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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will also accept written public comment until November 2, 2016.

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. 10:19:16 – 5 (140)
RE: Set Public Hearing for Dover Ridge Water and Sewer Assessment Roll

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI 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 2nd of November 2016 at 7:20pm at the Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the notice shall be published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on or before October 24, 2016, 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, 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 2, 2016.

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. 10:19:16 – 6 - PULLED

RE: Resolution of the Town Board Returning Performance Bond for Dedicated Roads in the Beekman Chase Subdivision

RESOLUTION NO. 10:19:16 – 7 (141)

RE: Authorize Attendance at Office of the New York State Comptroller School

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller is holding an Introduction to Governmental Accounting School in Wappingers Falls, New York on November 1st – 3rd, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Ezio Battaglini is interested in this class offering; and

WHEREAS, there is a fee of \$85.00 per person and training is included in the 2016 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Councilman Ezio Battaglini is hereby authorized to attend the Office of the New York State Comptroller class on Introduction to Governmental Accounting in Wappinger Falls, New York, on November 1st - 3rd, with a fee not to exceed \$85.00.

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. 10:19:16 – 8 (142)

RE: Authorize Attendance at the Association of Towns Personnel Management School

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COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Association of Towns is holding the 2016 Personnel Management School in Albany, New York on November 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Puma, Secretary to the Supervisor, is interested in this class offering; and

WHEREAS, there is a fee of \$75.00 per person and training is included in the 2016 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Supervisor to forward all monies required for registration and mileage for Suzanne Puma to attend the 2016 Personnel Management School, and to be reimbursed for mileage at current IRS rate.

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. 10:19:16 – 9 (143)

RE: Authorize Veteran Nomination to the 2016 Veterans Hall of Fame

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman was asked to nominate a member of the Community to the Veterans Hall of Fame for the New York State Senate 40th District; and

WHEREAS, George Kennedy, served in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, he served in the Vietnam War from 1965-1967; and

WHEREAS, he has volunteered with the Beekman Fire District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby nominates George Kennedy to the Veterans' Hall of Fame for the New York State Senate 40th District.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI & 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. 10:19:16 – 10 (144)

RE: Accept Donation of Reams of Paper

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

WHEREAS, Charles and Susan Genck have donated twenty nine (29) legal size reams of paper and one (1) 11 X 17 ream of paper; and

WHEREAS, Town Board resolutions are required to accept all donations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman does hereby accept their donation and in doing so, does express it's gratitude to Charles and Susan Genck; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the record of this donation will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for her record of donations.

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. 10:06:16 – 11 (145)
RE: Payment of Claims

COUNCILWOMAN COVUCCI 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	\$ 28,723.47
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 7,601.67
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$ 2,892.15
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$ 1,246.52
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 128.50</u>
	\$ 40,592.31

Payroll	21	10/20/16	Paid	\$56,781.45
General Fund	\$ 36,336.03			
Highway Fund	\$ 20,445.42			

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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OTHER BUSINESS

**- Additional Town Board Business
- Set Public Hearing to Amend Town Code Chapter 27**

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman has the ability to amend local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in amending Chapter 27 Article 1 Residency Requirements for Appointed Offices, of Beekman Local Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 27 of Beekman Local Law will be held on October 26, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, New York and that notice of the time and place of such hearing be posted and published once on or before October 24, 2016 in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman and that such notice be posted on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk Office and posted on the Town of Beekman website.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will also accept written public comment until October 26, 2016.

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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**- Additional Town Board Business
- Set Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2017**

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller and the Town Board have determined that it could be necessary for the Town of Beekman to exceed the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Beekman for fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, a proposed local law has been prepared to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year ending in 2017 pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-C; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing of said Local Law to be held on November 2, 2016 at 7:30pm at Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY and that notice of the time and place of such hearing be posted and published once on or before the 24th day of October in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper circulating in the Town of Beekman, on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk's office as well as the Town of Beekman Website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Beekman Town Board will also accept written public comments until November 2, 2016.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Councilman Battaglini advised the public that he contacted DEC to arrange to have an emergency permit issued to rebuild the damn at the rec lake for a water supply for the Fire Department due to other water sources being dry. He will keep us posted on the progress.

Supervisor Zulauf commended the Youth for Restoration group for their history presentation to a local Boy Scout troop at the Mill House and for their efforts in restoring the Mill House. She also commended the Teen Leadership Council for their haunted house at the Fall Festival. They did a fabulous job!

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Blaha, 10 Dodge Street, spoke this evening of her concerns with the Barton Orchard traffic issues and requests that the Town assist in this matter. She suggests the possibility of no parking signs on the County roads that get congested with parked vehicles.

Jessica Beals, Ferris Glen, spoke in agreeance with Laura Blaha about the Barton Orchard traffic issues and the dangerous conditions it creates. She also requested the Town to assist in the matter.

Todd Sanders, Robin Court, asked several questions pertaining to Land Use Attorney, John Wirth and his involvement with the Ashby Hills Subdivision litigation.

Len Jerrum, Beyer Drive, questioned the election process and how it works.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Zulauf stated we have a Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7PM with a Public Hearing.

Councilman Stiegler reminded the public that Town Clean Up day is Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 7AM – 2PM at the Highway garage.

Supervisor Zulauf announced the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURN:

At 9:28PM with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Battaglini. All in Favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK