

BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 6:34PM 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 – arrived at 6:51PM

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.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Comptroller, Rae D’Achille, gave a slideshow presentation which explained the reasons for exceeding the tax cap. This is mostly due to transferring money from the “rainy day” fund over the last few years to balance our budget instead of exceeding the cap. She also discussed proposed amendments to the expenses and revenues of the 2018 Tentative Budget to bring down the levy. Jeanne Scigliano, Rec Director, discussed the proposed amendments that affect her Budget. Councilwoman Covucci distributed her recommendations to the Town Board for decreasing the 2018 Budget and reviewed them line by line. Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, gave detailed explanation to items that affect his Budget. Board Members and the Comptroller continued discussions on items affecting the 2018 Tentative Budget. After all discussions concluded, the Comptroller drafted all the proposed amendments on the easel for viewing.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS:

Supervisor Zulauf announced that Resolution #3 regarding overriding the tax levy is pulled from this evening’s Agenda.

Many residents spoke this evening in regard to Resolution #1 regarding the Preliminary Budget where they expressed their concerns and offered some solutions.

Judith Crawford, Receiver of Taxes, gave her opinion on Resolution #4 regarding amending her salary.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10:30:17 – 1 (166) RE: Amend and Accept 2018 Preliminary Budget

COUNCILMAN STIEGLER 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 11th, October 12th, October 16th, and October 30th, 2017; and

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

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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.

Seconded COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 10:30:17 – 2 (167)
RE: Set Public Hearing for 2018 Preliminary Budget

COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a copy of the 2018 Tentative Budget; and

WHEREAS, Budget Workshops were held October 11th, October 12th, October 16th, and October 30th, 2017 which the Town Board and Town Department Heads all had the opportunity to review and discuss details of the proposed 2018 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to gather resident input on the 2018 Preliminary Budget will be held on November 8, 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 3rd day of November and that the Town Board will meet and hear any objections at the time and place specified above, 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 8, 2017.

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. 10:30:17 – 3 PULLED
RE: Approve Local Law to Override the Tax Levy for 2018

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PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 10:30:17 – 4 (169)

RE: Set Public Hearing on a Local Law to Authorize the Reduction in Salary of the Town Receiver of Taxes

SUPERVISOR ZULAUF offers the following and moves for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that a Local Law entitled “A Local Law Providing for the Reduction of the salary of the Town Receiver of Taxes” be and hereby is introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposal local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to gather resident input on the 2018 Preliminary Budget will be held on November 8, 2017 at 7:10 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 3rd day of November and that the Town Board will meet and hear any objections at the time and place specified above, 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 8, 2017.

Seconded COUNCILMAN DEL VECCHIO

*****Councilman Del Vecchio made a friendly amendment for the second RESOLVED paragraph to read “that a public hearing to gather resident input on a local law providing for the reduction of the salary of the town Receive of Taxes will be held on November 8, 2017 at 7:10PM”. Seconded by Councilman Battaglini. Councilwoman Covucci – Aye, Councilman Stiegler – Aye, Councilman Del Vecchio – Aye, Councilman Battaglini – Aye, Supervisor Zulauf - Aye*****

ROLL CALL VOTE AS AMENDED:

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business this evening.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no General Public Comment this evening.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENT

Councilman Battaglini encouraged Town resident, Phil Capalbo, to attend a Fire District meeting to present his ideas regarding Ambulatory services.

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

ADJOURN

At 9:06PM, with no further business to conduct, Councilman Del Vecchio made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Supervisor Zulauf. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RACHAEL RANCOURT
TOWN CLERK