

Dated: February 8th, 2022 BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD MEETING- Meeting of the Beekman Town Board was called to order at 7:01PM with Supervisor Mary Covucci presiding, all in favor AYE. The Meeting was held at the Beekman Recreation Community Center. THOSE PRESENT: SUPERVISOR MARY COVUCCI, 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 pointed out the Emergency Exits.

Supervisor Comments: Went over the AGENDA items for this evening.

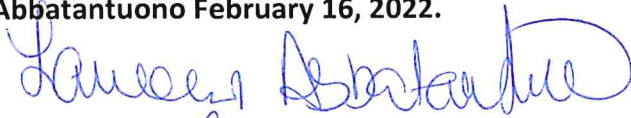
Written Comments: None

Public Comments: Leonard Jerram Beyer Drive, suggested making public comments longer than 3 minutes, asked about the light being fixed on the Flag Pole in front of the Town Hall building and offered assistance to the Town Historian.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Susan Glavich Lime Mill Road, suggested the Town Board start to review Town Codes. As per Supervisor Covucci, the Town Board has already begun looking into the current Town Codes. Susan also questioned procedures for job postings.

General Board Comments:

SUPERVISOR COVUCCI MADE A MOTION at 7:22PM TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STIEGLER, all in favor, AYE. 8:30PM SUPERVISOR COVUCCI CALLED THE TOWN BOARD MEETING BACK INTO ORDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STIEGLER, all in favor AYE. SUPERVISOR COVUCCI made a motion to vote on the ORAL RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION EMPLOYING CONFLICT ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYEE VS. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT COMPLAINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STIEGLER, all in favor, AYE. Motion was made by Supervisor Covucci to close the Town Board meeting at 8:31PM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STIEGLER All in Favor, AYE. **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Town Clerk Lauren Abbatantuono February 16, 2022.**

  
Feb 16, 2022

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD  
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance Led by Cub Scout Troop #77
- Administrative Announcement--Fire Exits

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

- Supervisor Comments
- Public comment on Agenda Items and Resolutions

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Approval of January 25, 2022 Minutes
  2. Approve Entertainment for Event at Town Center Park
  3. Authorize Laser Tag Event at Rec Park
  4. Additions and Withdrawals to Restricted Fund Balances
  5. Employ Conflict Attorney for Lime Ridge Farms
  6. Appoint Part Time Clerk to the Justice
  7. Reappoint Town Historian
  8. Payment of Claims
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- Other Town Board Business
  - General Board Comments
  - **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

**\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**RESOLUTIONS MAY NOT  
HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE AT TIME OF  
PUBLICATION**

**RESOLUTION 02:08:22 - 1**  
**RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the January 25, 2022 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**, that the Town Board hereby adopts the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION 02:08:22 -2**

**RE: APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR BAND CONCERT AT TOWN CENTER PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Recreation Budget included funding for entertainment for events for the summer months.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the following expenditure be approved in the amount of \$700, for live music performed by "Noise in the Basement" to perform at Town Center Park Pavilion on July 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22 – 3**  
**RE: AUTHORIZE YOUTH LASER TAG EVENT AT RECREATION PARK**

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Beekman Recreation and Parks has provided an opportunity for youth in Grades 6-12 to participate in a Laser Tag Event in Recreation Park between 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, on March 12, 2022 sponsored by First Person Sports; and

**WHEREAS,** the Recreation Department plans to offer on hour for youth in Middle School and one hour for members of the Teen Leadership Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the First Person Sports fee for this event is a \$747 for up to 32 players; and

**WHEREAS,** a \$25 per person resident, and \$35 per person non-resident fee will cover the expenses with 30 registrants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Beekman Recreation and Parks offer this Laser Tag Event and close Recreation Center Park to the public for the purpose of this event from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm on March 12, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the \$100 Deposit be paid and contract signed.

**Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22 - 4**  
**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS TO THE TOWN**  
**RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman previously established Restricted and Designated Reserves in the General and Highway Funds and

**WHEREAS**, the Standard Best Practices is that the Town Board approve the annual Additions and Withdrawals to these Funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the following Preliminary Maximum Additions and Withdrawals to the Government Fund Restricted and Assigned Fund Balances

<b>Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>Beg. Balance</b>	<b>Addition</b>	<b>Withdrawal</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
GF Reserve for Comp ABS	103,640			
GF Reserve for Retirement	337,000	63,000		400,000
GF Reserve for insurance	50,000			50,000
GF Reserve for Repairs	100,000		20,000	80,000
GF Assigned for Capital	1,000,000	900,000	400,000	1,500,000
HF Reserve for Comp ABS	36,360			
HF Reserve for Equipment		100,000		100,000

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22-5**

**RE: RESOLUTION EMPLOYING CONFLICT ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH LIME RIDGE FARMS, INC. AND BARTON ENTERTAINMENT CO., LLC**

**WHEREAS**, Lime Ridge Farms, Inc. and Barton Entertainment Co., LLC filed an Article 78 proceeding against the Town of Beekman Zoning Board of Appeals and Efrem Citarella in his capacity as Town of Beekman Building Inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, Wallace & Wallace, LLP, the Attorneys to the Town of Beekman has a conflict and cannot represent the Town in connection with the aforesaid lawsuit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received an engagement letter from Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC to represent the Town of Beekman and the Town of Beekman Zoning Board of Appeals in defense of the Article 78 action commenced by Lime Ridge Farms, Inc. and Barton Entertainment Co., LLC, and to act as counsel to the Town Planning Board and Town Zoning Board of Appeals with respect to applications filed by Lime Ridge Farms, Inc. and Barton Entertainment Co., LLC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC with offices at 641 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550 be, and hereby is employed and retained to represent the Town of Beekman and the Town of Beekman Zoning Board of Appeals in defense of the Article 78 action commenced by Lime Ridge Farms, Inc. and Barton Entertainment Co., LLC, and to act as counsel to the Town Planning Board and Town Zoning Board of Appeals with respect to applications filed by Lime Ridge Farms, Inc. and Barton Entertainment Co., LLC.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the engagement letter dated February 2, 2022, submitted to the Supervisor, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC shall be paid in accordance with the engagement letter submitted to the Supervisor dated February 2, 2022.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Woehrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22- 6**  
**RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby acknowledge the appointment of Chrystie Johnson as a Part Time Clerk to the Justice with an hourly salary as found in the current CSEA Contract.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22- 7**  
**RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby acknowledge the following appointment for the year 2022:

- Reappoint Patricia Goewey as Town Historian, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19-9 of the Town Code, unless already on file and the information has not changed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all appointees shall file their Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving their term.

**Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: February 8, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 02:08:22 - 8**  
**RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

**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	\$ 43,709.36
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 100,917.99
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 834.65
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,813.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$ <u>262.50</u>
	\$ <u>147,537.50</u>

**02/03/2022 Payroll #03**

General Fund	\$ 34,346.26
Highway Fund	\$ <u>32,659.18</u>
	\$ <u>67,005.44</u>

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN STIEGLER**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

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**ORAL RESOLUTION 02:08:22**  
**RE: RESOLUTION EMPLOYING CONFLICT ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH**  
**EMPLOYEE VS. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT COMPLAINT**

**WHEREAS**, Rudy Godoy Jr. has filed a Public Employee Safety & Health (PESH) Action with the NYS Dept. of Labor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received an engagement letter from Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC to represent the Town of Beekman in defense of a complaint filed with the Department of Labor by Rudy Godoy Jr. with respect to a workplace violence complaint against the Town Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello, and any other NYS Labor Board Complaints

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC with offices at 641 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550 be, and hereby is employed and retained to represent the Town of Beekman in defense of this action, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the engagement letter dated February 2, 2022, submitted to the Supervisor, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC shall be paid in accordance with the engagement letter submitted to the Supervisor dated February 2, 2022.

**Introduced: Councilwoman Woehrman**

**Seconded: Councilman Stiegler**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Woehrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

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