

TOWN OF BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Minutes for Tuesday August 20th, 2024

The Town of Beekman Board met for a Town Board meeting on Tuesday August 20th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Covucci at 6:04PM. The following members were present: Supervisor Mary Covucci, Councilman Battaglini, Councilwoman Wohrman and Councilman Lemak.

Also present were the Town Clerk – Laureen Abbatantuono and Town Attorney Craig Wallace

Supervisor Covucci led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Covucci pointed out the emergency exits and called for a moment of silence for all those who have served our Country.

Supervisor Covucci went over the evening's agenda items and also made an announcement regarding the bulletin boards that were present as well as the handouts that were provided. Supervisor Covucci and the Town Board members will be addressing any comments that the residents may have from the prior meetings that were held in July and August at a September Town Board meeting. Supervisor Covucci also thanked the CAC Chairman Cliff Schwark, his board members and the DEC who worked tirelessly over the last few years to finish the project of the 55 acres that will now be put into the Trust for Public Land (please refer to Resolution No: 5)

Resolutions were read by Town Board members:

Written Comments on Agenda items: NONE

Public Comments on Agenda items: Bill Crain 254 Gardner Hollow Road, congratulated all those who played a part in the acquisition of the 505 acres of land on Grape Hollow Road and is pleased that the wildlife, water, soil and flowers will now be protected.

Public Comments: Lori Cento 52 Vanderburgh Road, is very concerned about the ongoing drug overdoses as well as the number of addicts residing in the motel on Route 55. Lori also expressed concerns about the number of people that continue to speed through the town.

Other Town Board Business: Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono provided dates and times for 2024 School Tax collection. There are still seats available for the Dutchess County Office for the Aging Senior picnic which will be held on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Brian Jones at 845-486-2555. Councilman Lemak, County Executive Sue Serino has invited Dutchess County Veterans and their family members to pay their respects to the County Office of Veterans traveling tribute of the Vietnam War. The event will take place at Bowdoin Park September 18-22. (see the attached)

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:29PM, seconded by Councilman Battaglini, All in Favor, AYE.

Respectfully Submitted by Town Clerk

Lauren Abbatantuono

29 August, 2024

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Town Clerk

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**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 20, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Administrative Announcement--Fire Exits

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

- Supervisor Comments
- Public comment on Agenda Items and Resolutions – (3 Minute limit)

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Accept May 14, 2024 Minutes
2. Accept July 18, 2024 Minutes
3. Accept July 23, 2024 Minutes
4. Approve Budget Revision 2024-6
5. Accepting Dedication of Land from Trust for Public Land
6. Approve Entertainment for Senior Picnic
7. Authorize Release of Bond for Sparrow's Nest of Hudson Valley Inc.
8. Approve Posting of Performance Bond for Alaina Estates
9. Accept Contract with Lehigh for pavers Remembrance Park
10. Approve Budget Revision 2024-7
11. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Board Comments
- Public Comments – (3 Minutes limit)
  
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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**\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-1**  
**RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular 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 accepts the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

**Dated: August 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-2**  
**RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Special 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 accepts the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting.

**Introduced:** SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

**Seconded:** COUNCILMAN LEMAK

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-3**  
**RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Regular 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 accepts the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Woehrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

**Dated: August 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-4**  
**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS 2024-06**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman Accounting Office recommends certain budget revisions based on department requests and/or the Accounting Office review and analysis of expenditures or revenues;

**NOW**, therefore be it resolved that the following itemized revisions are approved by the Town of Beekman Town Board for 2024 identified as Budget Revision Number 2024-06.

**Budget Revisions for June 2024 # 2024-6**

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b>General Fund</b>				
2024-06-01	A-1110-0402	Court Travel	45	
	A-1110-0404	Court Training -Transfer for Court Clerk Mileage Expense		45
2024-06-02	A-1330-0402	Receiver Travel	178	
	A-1330-0400	Receiver Expense		100
	A-1330-0401	Office Expense		57
	A-1330-0403	Receiver Dues -Transfer for Town Clerk Mileage Expense		21
2024-06-03	A-1410-0112	Clerk PT Staff	9,009	
	A-1010-0107	TB Reserve Comp -New Deputy Town Clerk Payroll Costs		9,009
2024-06-04	A-1420-0401	Town General Counsel #2	12,000	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct -Transfer for Legal Expense		12,000
2024-06-05	A-3620-0101	Safety Staff	23,153	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct -Transfer for Payroll Costs		23,153
2024-06-06	A-5010-0400	Hwy Supt. Expense	50	
	A-5010-0404	Supt. Training		50

		-Transfer for Tek Expenses		
2024-06-07	A-7110-0497	Park Maintenance Expense	9,769	
	A-7110-0200	Parks Equipment Expense		3,000
	A-7110-0450	Equipment Maint Expense		6,769
		-Transfer for Fields Treatment		
2024-06-08	A-7113-0401	Doherty Park Supplies	1,258	
	A-7116-0400	Other Parks Expense		1,000
	A-7140-0404	Playground & Rec Training		258
		-Transfer for Park Expense		
2024-06-09	A-7180-0410	Lake Materials	1,485	
	A-7180-0401	Lake Supplies		1,485
		-Transfer for Lake Expense		
2024-06-10	A-7510-0400	Hero Banner Exp	380	
	A-7510-0401	Historian Supplies		380
		-Transfer for Hero Banner Expense		
2024-06-11	A-7550-0400	Celebrations Exp	159	
	A-7551-0453	Easter Egg Hunt		159
		-Transfer for Memorial Day Expense		
2024-06-12	A-7620-0400	Adult Rec Program	320	
	A-7310-0400	Youth Expense		320
		-Transfer for Adult Yoga Instructor		
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>				
2024-06-13	SS-8189-0470	Sludge Removal		5,315
	SS-8189-0400	Repairs		3,315
	SS-8189-0480	Other Expenses		2,000
		-Transfer for Sludge Pumping Expenses		

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>



Councilwoman Wohrman **AYE**  
Supervisor Covucci **AYE**

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-5**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF LAND FOR WIDENING OF ROADS FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND**

**WHEREAS**, the Trust for Public Land as Applicant, with the consent of Grape Hollow Associates, Ltd, owner, had previously made application to the Town of Beekman Planning Board to approve a minor subdivision of lands, more particularly described in a subdivision map entitled “Subdivision of Property Prepared for the Trust for Public Land” prepared by Insite Engineering, P.C. last revised December 19, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, Grape Hollow Associates, Ltd and the Trust for Public Land received Conditional Subdivision Approval for said subdivision by Resolution dated October 20, 2022, subject to and conditioned upon, fulfillment of the conditions set forth in the aforementioned Resolution, as set forth in the aforesaid Final Subdivision Map, including dedication of certain sections of Depot Hill Road and Grape Hollow Road for the purpose of widening said roads to conform to Town of Beekman specifications, all in accordance with the Town of Beekman Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Code, NYS Highway Specifications, and Rules and Regulations of the Town Code, namely Chapter §130-20(A)(20); and

**WHEREAS**, the Subdivision Map for The Trust For Public Land was filed in the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office on June 23, 2023 (Filed Map #12794), as document number 12794; and

**WHEREAS**, Grape Hollow Associates, Ltd, transferred the property contained in The Trust For Public Land Subdivision by tendering a deed consisting of approximately 5,825 square feet on Grape Hollow Road and approximately 4,136 square feet on Depot Hill Road to the Town of Beekman for road widening purposes recorded at the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office on June 30, 2023 at document #02-2023-52020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman is now desirous of accepting the dedication of lands pursuant to Town Code §130-20(A)(20) as recited in the aforementioned deed and as shown on the Final Subdivision Map For The Trust For Public Land Dated August 1, 2022 and Revised December 19, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. The Town Board hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Beekman to accept the dedication of lands along Grape Hollow Road and Depot Hill Road, respectively, offered in connection with The Trust for Public Land subdivision, Filed Map #12794, and the Town Board hereby agrees to formally accept same.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

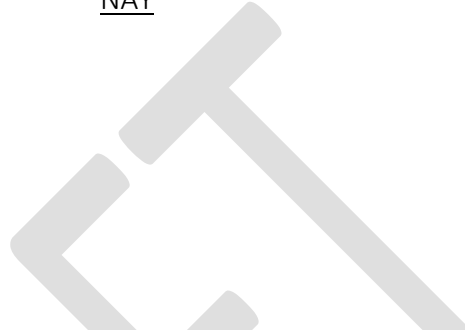
**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari  
Councilman Battaglini  
Councilman Lemak  
Councilwoman Woehrman  
Supervisor Covucci

AYE  
**ABSENT**  
**AYE**  
**AYE**  
**AYE**  
**AYE**

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Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-6**  
**RE: APPROVING ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIOR PICNIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Center has a picnic scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024 from the hours of 11 am to 2 pm, at Recreation Park, and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of the meal will be covered by the approved budget line for the Senior Picnic,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following expenditures be authorized, John Hannah for an amount not to exceed \$395.00.

**Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-7**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BOND FOR SPARROW’S NEST OF THE HUDSON VALLEY INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley Inc., a New York charitable corporation (hereinafter “Applicant”) has made application to the Town of Beekman Planning Board for site plan approval and special use permit approval pursuant to the Approved Site Plan for that certain 3.32 acre parcel of land (tax grid #132200-6759-11-465462-000) situated at the intersection of Clove Valley Road and Town Center Boulevard in the Town of Beekman, County of Dutchess and State of New York (the “property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board granted conditional site plan approval and special use permit on April 23, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution adopted by the Town Board of Beekman on August 15, 2023, the Town Board accepted a performance bond secured by a Surety Bond from Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley Inc., in the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to secure the obligations of the Applicant pursuant to the terms and conditions of the site plan approval for Sparrow’s Nest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has completed all of the improvements associated with the performance bond in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Resolution of Site Plan Approval for Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley Inc., to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Beekman hereby acknowledges that the Applicant has completed all the required improvements associated with the performance bond in accordance with the Resolution of Site Plan Approval and hereby authorizes the release of the security posted in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley Inc.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>	
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>	

Councilwoman Wohrman  
Supervisor Covucci

**AYE**  
**AYE**

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-8**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POSTING OF A PERFORMANCE BOND WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND  
SETTING THE REQUISITE INSPECTION FEE FOR THE ALAINA ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2018, the Planning Board of the Town of Beekman granted conditional subdivision approval for the Alaina Estates Subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Engineer has reviewed and accepted a performance bond estimate whereby he recommends the posting of a performance bond in the amount of \$859,754.07 for the full performance of the developers obligations pursuant to the approved subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 75-4(A)(3) the applicant is required to pay the amount of \$34,390.16 for inspection of improvements in the subdivision which fee is to be paid with the deposit of the performance bond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of accepting the recommendation of the Town Engineer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves and accepts the recommendation of the Town Engineer with respect to the Alaina Estates Subdivision which received conditional approval and hereby sets the required performance bond in the amount of \$859,754.07; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to signing of the plat by the Chairman of the Planning Board and obtaining a building permit, a performance bond shall be deposited with the Town Clerk in the amount of \$859,754.07 in form and substance as acceptable to the Town Attorney; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to the signing of the plat by the Chairman of the Planning Board and obtaining a building permit, an inspection fee in the amount of \$34,390.16 shall be paid to the Town of Beekman.

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilman Capollari	ABSENT	
Councilman Battaglini	AYE	
Councilman Lemak	AYE	
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE	
Supervisor Covucci	AYE	

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-9**  
**RE: APPROVE ADDITIONAL PAVING FOR REMEMBRANCE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman has a Grant for the 911 Remembrance Park and would like to use part of this grant to add additional paving to the Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has solicited quotes in conformity with its purchasing policy from three (3) vendors and has determined that the quote from Lehigh Lawns & Landscaping, Inc. is in the best interest of the Town;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby accept the Quote from Lehigh Lawns & Landscaping, Inc. for the walkway entering the park and for the areas surrounding the monuments in the amount not to exceed \$7,976.47.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Councilman Capollari	ABSENT
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-10**  
**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS 2024-07**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman Accounting Office recommends certain budget revisions based on department requests and/or the Accounting Office review and analysis of expenditures or revenues;

**NOW**, therefore be it resolved that the following itemized revisions are approved by the Town of Beekman Town Board for 2024 identified as Budget Revision Number 2024-07.

**Budget Revisions for July 2024 # 2024-7**

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
2024-07-01	A-1110-0413	Court Security	6,000	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct -Transfer for Court Security Expense		6,000
2024-07-02	A-1910-0400	Insurance Premiums	1,000	
	A-1910-0410	Insurance Expense -Transfer for Insurance costs		1,000

**Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>

Councilwoman Woehrman **AYE**  
Supervisor Covucci **AYE**

Dated: August 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 08:20:24-11**  
**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	\$ 141,975.45
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 44,159.71
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 5,874.51
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,553.68
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 6,904.05
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 2,931.00</u>
	<u>\$ 203,398.40</u>

**08/01/2024 Payroll #16**

General Fund	\$ 68,826.59
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 22,236.01</u>
	<u>\$ 91,062.60</u>

**08/15/2024 Payroll #17**

General Fund	\$ 65,611.62
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 24,962.21</u>
	<u>\$ 90,573.83</u>

Introduced: **COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

Seconded: **COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**



ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilman Battaglini	<b>AYE</b>
Councilman Lemak	<b>AYE</b>
Councilwoman Woehrman	<b>AYE</b>
Supervisor Covucci	<b>AYE</b>

Dated: August 20, 2024

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