

TOWN OF BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Minutes for Tuesday September 10, 2024

The Town of Beekman Board met for a Town Board meeting on Tuesday September 10th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Covucci at 6:02PM. The following members were present: Councilman Capollari filled in for Supervisor Covucci, Councilman Battaglini, Councilwoman Wohrman and Councilman Lemak.

Also present were the Town Clerk – Laureen Abbatantuono

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

Councilman Capollari went over the evening's agenda items and introduced the Beekman Rec Director Dani Plastini who gave a presentation on the 2024 Summer Activities. The 911 Memorial Service will be held on 9/11 at 6:00PM at Remembrance Park.

Resolutions were read by Town Board members:

General Board Comments: Councilman Capollari, the Dutchess County Sheriff's office will be here on Tuesday September 24 to address some of the recent happenings that have been going on in the town.

There were questions raised by residents regarding the date and time that the Supervisor will address comments and concerns on the Fiscal Management Analysis that was mentioned at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing. As per Councilman Capollari, it will be addressed at one of the September meetings.

Written Comments on Agenda items: NONE

Public Comments on Agenda items: NONE

Public Comments: Kate Blake 231 Clapp Hill Road, thanked Dani for her presentation and appreciated it. The board, called the resident to the July meeting 2 months ago with the intention of providing information regarding their proposal for a Department of Public Works headed by headed by appointed rather than elected staff. At that July meeting no concrete information was provided as advertised despite many dozens of residents clearing their schedules and attending. There was no SWAT analysis there were no Budget figures, nothing quantitative whatsoever with which to evaluate our decision. When asked at that meeting when the fiscal and managerial analysis that the board indicated that they performed, when that would be available we were told in July quote a couple days and quote after the new website comes out. Well a couple of days has now turned into a couple of months and the promise made by the board that we'd have this information and plenty of time has evaporated. I stand here before you once again to ask for the fiscal and managerial analysis referenced in the June board meeting which is critical to us as residents to be able to make

informed decisions on important town topics. As elected officials your duty is not just to make decisions but to ensure that the community that you serve is informed included and confident that these decisions are based on careful and transparent analysis the refusal to produce this analysis for a period of months or worse, the possibility and strong implication that it does not exist raises serious questions about the Integrity of this process and the Integrity of our board members and attorneys who sit here before us tonight. Thank you for your time I hope to see this matter resolved with the transparency and accountability that we are owed.

**Councilman Capollari, made a motion at 6:03PM to go into Executive Session** to discuss matters relating to page 45 of the Town Law Manual which is medical financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or relating to appointment promotion demotion discipline or removal, NO action will be taken. **Seconded by Councilwoman Wohrman, All in Favor, AYE.**

**The Town Board came back from the Executive Session, NO ACTION TAKEN. Councilman Battaglini made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:05PM, Seconded by Councilman Lemak, All in Favor, AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted by Town Clerk  
Laureen Abbatantuono  
15th September, 2024  
Respectfully Submitted by  
Town Clerk  
Laureen Abbatantuono  
*Laureen Abbatantuono*

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 August 20, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
  2. Approve Expense of Highway Monies for 2024
  3. Rescheduling Town Board Meetings thru November
  4. Approve Budget Revision 2024-8
  5. Approve Entertainment and Rentals for Fall Community Day
  6. Approve Submission of Justice Court Assistance Program
  7. Approve 2024 Fall Clean Up Day RFP
  8. Approve Pay Application No.3 for Nuvista Designs General Contractors
  9. Payment of Claims
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- Other Town Board Business
  - General Board Comments
  - Public Comments – (3 Minutes limit)
  - **Executive Session**
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- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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**\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-1 (PULLED)**  
**RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the August 20, 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 August 20, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

**Introduced:**

**Seconded:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari

Councilman Battaglini

Councilman Lemak

Councilwoman Woehrman

Supervisor Covucci

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-2**  
**RE: AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS FOR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has determined that Bard Road is need of a guardrail for safety reasons and has requested an additional \$10,000 be taken from the NYS Chips balance to cover this additional cost and has modified his 284 as follows:

**AGREEMENT** between the Superintendent of Town Highways of the Town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. **GENERAL REPAIRS.** The sum of **\$440,000.00** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 135.92 lane miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.
2. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums totaling **\$190,632.76** shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways as listed below:
  - (a) On the road commencing at Old Route 55 at the intersection of NYS Route 55 and leading up Old Route 55 to a point west of Route 292, a distance of 1.18 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$168,512.76.

Type: Type 6 top  
Width of traveled surface: 24'  
Thickness: 2" Final Compacted  
Subbase: Existing

- (b) On the road commencing at Old Route 55 at the intersection of Bard Road and leading to the end "railroad tracks", a distance of .098 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of 22,120.00.

Type: Type 6 top  
Width of traveled surface: 18'  
Thickness: 2" Final Compacted  
Subbase: Existing

Executed in duplicate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

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Supervisor

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Councilman

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Councilman

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County Superintendent of Highways

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Town Superintendent of Highways

Note: This agreement should be signed in duplicate by a majority of the members of the Town Board and by the Town Superintendent. Both copies must be approved by the County Superintendent. One copy must be filed in the Town Clerk's office and one in the County Superintendent's office. *COPIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE FILED IN ALBANY.*

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-3  
RE: RESCHEDULING OF FUTURE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, due to Budget Process deadlines, the Town Board deems it necessary to reschedule the Town Board Meetings thru November 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule be observed thru the end of the November.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting (6 PM)

Monday, September 30, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting (5 PM)

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting (6 PM)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting (6 PM)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting (6 PM)

Thursday, November 19, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting (6 PM); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** All meetings will take place at Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street at 6 PM the exception being the September 30, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting to be held at 5 PM.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-4**  
**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS 2024-08**

**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 2024-08.

**Budget Revisions for August 2024 # 2024-8**

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
2024-08-01	A-1110-0402	Court Travel	435	
	A-1110-0404	Court Training -Transfer for Mileage reimbursement		435
2024-08-02	A-1330-0401	Tax Office Supplies	54	
	A-1330-0403	Tax Receiver Dues		4
	A-1330-0450	County Servicing Expense -Transfer for Office Supplies		50
2024-08-03	A-1420-0401	Town General Counsel #2	3,847	
	A-1990-0400	Contingent Account -Transfers for Legal Counsel		3,847
2024-08-04	A-1420-0440	Labor Legal Counsel	500	
	A-1420-0470	Bond Counsel --Transfer for Labor Counsel		500
2024-08-05	A-1670-0410	Central Copier Supplies		200
	A-1670-0400	Central Printing Expense -Transfer for Copier Supplies		200
2024-08-06	A-7112-0401	Town Center Supplies	1,020	



	A-7112-0400	Town Center Expense -Transfer for Park Supplies		1,020
2024-08-07	A-7113-0401	Doherty Park Supplies	1,000	
	A-7115-0400	Fishkill Creek Expense -Transfer for Park Supplies		1,000
2024-08-08	A-7117-0400	Library Expense	95	
	A-7116-0420	Other Park Utilities -Transfer for Library Expense		95
2024-08-09	A-7140-0401	Playground Supplies	400	
	A-7140-0460	Playground Rentals	100	
	A-7140-0419	Concession Expense -Transfer for Playground Expense		500
2024-08-10	A-7180-0420	Lake Utilities	500	
	A-7180-0411	Lake Chemicals -Transfer for Utilities		500
2024-08-11	A-7270-0400	Concerts Expense	34	
	A-7310-0401	Youth Program Supplies -Transfer for Concerts Expenses		34
2024-08-12	A-7620-0400	Adult rec Programs	280	
	A-7310-0112	Youth Program PT Staff -Transfer for Adult Programs		280
2024-08-13	A-7510-0400	Hero Banner Expense	60	
	A-7510-0401	Historian Supplies		60
	A-0000-2772	Hero Banner Memorial	440	
	A-0000-2770	Misc. Revenues -Correct Hero Banner Funding		440

### Highway Fund

2024-08-14	DA-5110-0103	General Repair Overtime	1,124	
	DA-9040-0850	Workers Comp. Admin. Fee -Transfer for Overtime		1,124

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**Dated: September 10, 2024**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-5**  
**RE: APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT AND RENTALS FOR FALL INTO FUN COMMUNITY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Budget included funding for entertainment for the Annual Fall Festival scheduled for October 19, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 4 PM;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following expenditures for the Fall into Fun Community Day Festival are hereby authorized:

Just 4 Fun for the following games with delivery and setup:

Anti-Gravity	\$ 95
Pizza Toss	\$ 75
Snatch It	\$245
Turtle Rescue	\$ 75

Band 'Way Behind The Sun'	\$700
Pumpkins – Dykeman Farms	\$250

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-6**

**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Beekman Town Court is in need of added Security devices as outlined in the Court Security Audit report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beekman Town Court is applying for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant (see attached); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman supports the efforts of the Beekman Town Court;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of the Town of Beekman authorizes the Beekman Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24 -7**  
**RE: APPROVE 2024 TOWN FALL CLEAN UP DAY RFP**

**WHEREAS**, the Town would like to offer a fall clean-up day for residents of Beekman on October 26, 2024 and

**WHEREAS**, the Town does not have its own transfer station; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board would like to advertise a Request for Proposals for Fall clean-up for residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a Request for Proposal for Fall Clean-up; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Request for Proposals will be advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal, on the Town Clerk's Bulletin Board, and posted on the homepage of the Town of Beekman Website; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the date for Fall Clean Up be set for October 26, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI**

**Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24 -8**  
**RE: APPROVE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT (No 3) FOR THE HIGHWAY GARAGE**  
**ROOF PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Beekman is a party to a contract with Nuvista Designs General Contractors LLC, (the “Contractor”) for the project known as “Roof Replacement for Highway Garage Buildings No.1 & No.2”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor has submitted an Application and Certification for Payment Request (No. 3) FINAL PAYMENT dated September 5, 2024, requesting payment in the amount of \$33,466.30 including retainage for a total of \$33,466.30 (see attached); and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has requested full or partial payment of the items on the continuation sheet that is attached to the payment request application, covering the period through July 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has reviewed the request and agrees with the quantity of work completed per the continuation sheet of Application No. 3 and has noted that this includes the retainage and payment for the additional plywood used. The additional work was charged towards the contingency balance, and he recommended the Town Board make payment as requested,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Beekman to make payment to with Nuvista Designs General Contractors LLC, as requested in Application and Certification for Payment No. 3 in the amount NOT TO EXCEED \$33,466.30. Subject to receipt of proper lien releases from all sub-contractors and the general contractor to date. The project has an unused balance of \$13,320.00 from the contingency allowance.

**Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari     **AYE**  
Councilman Battaglini    **AYE**  
Councilman Lemak         **AYE**  
Councilwoman Wohrman   **AYE**  
Supervisor Covucci      **ABSENT**

Dated: September 10, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 09:10:24-9**  
**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	\$ 90,307.33
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 249.90
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 5,277.98
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 2,588.51
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 4,371.30
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 34,132.30</u>
	<u>\$ 136,927.32</u>

**08/29/2024 Payroll #18**

General Fund	\$ 63,774.45
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 22,660.81</u>
	<u>\$ 86,435.26</u>

**Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

**Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari     **AYE**  
Councilman Battaglini    **AYE**  
Councilman Lemak         **AYE**

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

Dated: September 10, 2024

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