

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 25, 2025**

6:00 PM

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

6:05 PM

Public Hearing –Approve Use of Highway Reserve Funds

TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Supervisor Comments
- Reports
- Public Comment on Agenda Items and Resolutions (3-Minute Limit)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept September 24, 2024 Minutes -**PULLED**
2. Accept September 30, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
3. Accept October 8, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
4. Accept November 6, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
5. Accept December 30, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
6. Accept January 8, 2025 Minutes-**PULLED**
7. Accept January 21, 2025 Minutes-**PULLED**
8. Accept February 3, 2025 Minutes- **PULLED**
9. Accept March 4, 2025 Minutes - **PULLED**
10. Accept February 11,2025 Minutes
11. Accept October 22, 2024 Minutes
12. Emergency/Temporary Part Time Clerk to the Justice
13. Increase the Authorization for Town Hall Generator Project
14. Accept Budget Revision #2025-02
15. Reappoint Paul Jonke as Town of Beekman Assessor
16. Additional Summer Concert Schedule
17. Create Capital Project for Town Highway Garage Repairs
18. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Town Board Comments
- Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-1 (PULLED)
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-2 (PULLED)
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RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-10
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

WHEREAS, Deputy Town Clerk Samantha Mejorado-Lopez has provided copies of the minutes of the February 11, 2025 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 February 11, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-11
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the October 22, 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 October 22, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-12
RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMERGENCY/TEMPORARY PART TIME
APPOINTMENT FOR THE JUSTICE COURT

WHEREAS, that due to unforeseen circumstances, Town Justice Murray unilaterally hired Cindy Parraggio, as a Part Time Clerk to the Justice, on an emergency and temporary basis; and

WHEREAS, under the Collective Bargaining Agreement (the "CBA") by and between the Town of Beekman and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO ("CSEA"), the title of "Clerk to the Justice" is included in the CSEA bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, CSEA, via its authorized representative, Neil Heard, agreed and consented to the employment of Ms. Parraggio as a Part Time Clerk, but only during the month of March 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby acknowledge and ratify the unilateral actions of Justice Murray in hiring Ms. Parraggio, and appoints Ms. Parraggio as a Part Time Clerk to the Justice for the evenings of March 13, 2025, March 20, 2025, and March 27, 2025, at an hourly salary of \$29.95 as provided for in conformity with the CBA.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board expresses its gratitude to Ms. Parraggio for her assistance during the emergency necessitating her temporary appointment.

Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-13
RE: RESOLUTION INCREASING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN HALL
GENERATOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman in 2022 created a Capital Project for the Installation of an emergency generator at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Total Authorization for the Capital Project is \$85,000 with a Grant of \$50,000 and Town Funds of \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted total final costs for the project will exceed the current authorization,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman approves an increase the total authorization to \$90,000 with \$5,000, additional transfer from the General Fund.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-14
RE: ACCEPT BUDGET REVISION 2025-02

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 2025 identified as Budget Revision Number 2025-02.

Budget Revisions for February 2025 # 2025-02

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
2025-02-01	A-1330-0460	Tax Receiver Office Expense	171	
	A-1330-0402	Tax Receiver Travel Expense		171
		-Transfer for Software Contract		
2025-02-02	A-1989-0400	Other Expenses	2,000	
	A-1950-0400	Taxes & Assessments		2,000
		-Reclass Budget Amount Not Used		
2025-02-03	A-5132-0418	Highway Garage Repairs	3,000	
	A-1950-0400	Taxes and Assessments		3,000
		-Transfer for Repairs		
2025-02-04	A-7020-0414	Recreation Cell Phone	500	
	A-7020-0107	Recreation Other Labor		500
		-Transfer for Cell Phone		
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>				
2025-02-05	H-1620-0200	T.H. Project Imp.	90,000	
	H-1620-0400	T.H. Project Expense	202	
	H-1620-0440	T.H. Project Engineer	1,337	
	H-1620-0470	T.H. Project Consultant	6,500	
	H-1622-0400	Generator Expense	6,808	
	H-1622-0440	Generator Engineer	451	
	H-5133-0400	Salt Shed Expense	25,000	
	H-5133-0440	Salt Shed Engineer	2,392	
	H-5133-0500	Salt Shed Imp.	235,000	
	H-7111-0200	Rec Center Park Imp.	95,000	
	H-7111-0400	Rec Center Expense	1,946	
	H-7111-0440	Rec Center Engineer	3,000	
	H-7112-0200	Town Center Park Imp.	190,000	

CAPITAL PROJECTS - continued

H-7112-0400	Town Center Expense	4,784
H-7112-0440	Town Center Engineer	5,000
H-7113-0200	Doherty Park Imp.	280,000
H-7113-0400	Doherty Park Expense	1,908
H-7113-0440	Doherty Park Engineer	1,000
H-7113-0470	Doherty Consulting	1,500
H-7197-0400	Pond Project Expenses	32,569
H-7197-0440	Pond Project Engineer	4,172
H-0000-9910	Fund Balance Forward	988,569
-Carry forward Project Balances		

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-15
RE: APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT ASSESSOR TO THE
TOWN

WHEREAS, Paul E. Jonke is currently serving as Assessor to the Town of Beekman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jonke has sent a letter of interest to the Town Board of the Town of Beekman expressing his interest in reappointment to the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Paul E. Jonke to the permanent position of Assessor to the Town of Beekman for six year term with a salary not to exceed \$35,000.00 annually.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-16
RE: APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ADDITIONAL BAND CONCERTS

WHEREAS, the 2025 Recreation Budget includes funding for entertainment for events for the summer months, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following expenditures be approved for live music performances as follows:

8/8/25	Dutchess Band	\$300	Recreation Park
8/15/25	The Guy Larry	\$400	Town Center Park Pavilion

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all the events will begin at 6:00 PM.

Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-17
RE: RESOLUTION CREATING CAPITAL PROJECT FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE REPAIRS
AND IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Highway Garage Bay Doors are in need of repair and/or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Garage may need other building repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking proposals for consulting services for special tasks, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Beekman Town Board authorizes for the creation of a Capital Project for the Highway Garage Repairs & Improvements with a transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund with \$100,000 coming from the Repair Reserve Fund.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-18
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	\$ 4,672,022.68
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 329,298.04
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 5,948.53
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,686.68
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 5,056.54
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 448.00</u>
	<u>\$ 5,014,460.47</u>

01/30/2025 Payroll #6

General Fund	\$ 37,120.39
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 23,278.67</u>
	<u>\$ 60,399.06</u>

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 03:25:25-19
RE: RESOLUTION TO PLACE “NO TRESPASS” SIGNAGE ON THE PLEASANT RIDGE
ROAD PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman owns property on Pleasant Ridge Road that used to be used as a dump; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous complaints from nearby residents that children have been riding motor bikes and ATVs unsupervised on Town property; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to place “NO TRESPASS” signage that clearly and conspicuously warns the public that the Town will be taking action with local law enforcement to enforce its No Trespass signs, which is a violation under Section 140.05 of the NYS Penal Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman authorizes signage to warn any future offenders that it plans to erect necessary signage for local law enforcement.

****SUPERVISOR COVUCCI MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE NYS PENAL LAW TO 140.05**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LEMAK, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.**

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCIL LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

Recreation Reports January & February 2025

Disbursement Report Summary from 01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

Budget Group Name	Account Number	Totals
Building Rental Fees	A.2026	<u>\$2,450.00</u>
Park & Recreation Fees	A.2001	<u>\$1,770.00</u>
Seniors starting 2020	A.2015	<u>\$700.00</u>
Totals		\$4,920.00

Disbursement Report Summary from 02/01/2025 to 02/28/2025

Budget Group Name	Account Number	Totals
Building Rental Fees	A.2026	<u>\$2,850.00</u>
Park & Recreation Fees	A.2001	<u>\$32,374.00</u>
Seniors starting 2020	A.2015	<u>\$5,921.00</u>
Totals		\$41,145.00

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	WAGERING FEES	Bingo Proceeds	3	37.43
		Sub-Total:		\$37.43
A1255	Marriage Lic.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	4	70.00
		Sub-Total:		\$70.00
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	20	200.00
		Sub-Total:		\$200.00
A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Female, Spayed	18	171.00
		Female, Unspayed	2	30.00
		Male, Neutered	11	99.00
		Sub-Total:		\$300.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$607.43
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				36.00
Amount paid to: State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses				90.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues:				\$733.43
Total Non-Local Revenues:				\$126.00

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Laureen Abbattantuono, Town Clerk, Town of Beekman, during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Mary Covucci
Supervisor

2/28/25
Date

Laureen Abbattantuono
Town Clerk

2/28/25
Date

02/03/2025

REC 2-10-25

Town Clerk Monthly Report
January 01, 2025 - January 31, 2025

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	3	5.52
	Marriage Lic.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	4	70.00
	Sub-Total:			\$75.52
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	52	520.00
	Sub-Total:			\$520.00
	A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Exempt Dogs	2
		Female, Spayed	15	135.00
		Male, Neutered	12	108.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	30.00
Sub-Total:			\$273.00	
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$868.52
Amount paid to:		NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		33.00
Amount paid to:		NYS Environmental Conservation		94.48
Amount paid to:		State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses		90.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$1,086.00	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$217.48	

To the Supervisor:

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Mary Caucei
Supervisor

1/31/25
Date

Laureen Abbatantuono
Town Clerk

1/31/25
Date

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation Marriage Lic.	Conservation	1	0.83
		MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	2	35.00
		Sub-Total:		\$35.83
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	26	400.00
		Sub-Total:		\$400.00
		A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Female, Spayed
Male, Neutered	10			90.00
Sub-Total:				\$171.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$606.83
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				19.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				14.17
Amount paid to: State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses				45.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$685.00				
Total Non-Local Revenues:				\$78.17

To the Supervisor:

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Mary Covucci 12/31/24 Laureen Abbatantuono 12/31/24
 Supervisor Date Town Clerk Date



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Memo

To: Town of Beekman Town Board
From: Paul Jonke, IAO 
cc:
Date: January 27, 2025
Re: Town of Beekman Assessor – Reappointment Request

It has been my privilege to serve as the Town Assessor for the Town of Beekman for the past 5 years. As you may know, almost all Assessor's terms in the New York State expire on September 30, 2025.

During my 5 years here in Beekman, I managed the difficult time of the COVID pandemic and have confronted an extremely aggressive real estate market while negotiating equalization rates that have been favorable to the tax payers of our town. We've had a positive impact on senior citizens by increasing the tax payers access to low income exemptions. Certioraris and assessment challenges have been at a low level for each of my 5 years here.

I respectfully request that the Town Board reappoint me for a six (6) year term to begin on October 1, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration.

2025 Tax Warrant Distribution per letter dated 12/19/2024

	Date of Check/Wire	Check #	Amount
<i>Payments from Receiver of Taxes:</i>			\$ 5,122,189.10
	1/21/2025	1089	\$ (500,000.00)
	2/10/2025	1090	\$ (1,000,000.00)
	2/27/2025	1091	\$ (3,622,189.10)
			<u>-</u>
<i>Distribution of 2025 Collection:</i>			
General Fund			\$ 618,036.00
E.D.P Breakage			\$ (0.75)
Deposited in account			\$ (618,036.00)
E.D.P Breakage			\$ 0.75
			<u>-</u>
Town of Beekman Highway Fund			\$ 1,707,489.00
	3/4/2025	33706	\$ (1,707,489.00)
			<u>-</u>
Beekman Fire District			\$ 1,860,176.00
	3/4/2025	33703	\$ (1,860,176.00)
			<u>-</u>
Dover Ridge Sewer			\$ 21,300.00
	3/4/2025	33707	\$ (21,300.00)
			<u>-</u>
Dover Ridge Water			\$ 14,200.00
	3/4/2025	33708	\$ (14,200.00)
			<u>-</u>
Beekman Library			\$ 599,712.00
	3/4/2025	33704	\$ (599,712.00)
			<u>-</u>
DC County Water/Wastewater			\$ 274,253.31
	3/4/2025	33705	\$ (274,253.31)
			<u>-</u>
Town of Beekman Sewer Fund -Relevies			\$ 14,872.33
	3/4/2025	33707	\$ (14,872.33)
			<u>-</u>
Town of Beekman Water Fund -Relevies			\$ 12,151.21
	3/4/2025	33708	\$ (12,151.21)
			<u>-</u>
Total of Warrant			\$ 5,122,189.10
Town of Beekman General Fund			\$ (618,035.25) Paid in full
Town of Beekman Highway Fund			\$ (1,707,489.00) Paid in full
Beekman Fire District			\$ (1,860,176.00) Paid in full
Dover Ridge Sewer			\$ (21,300.00) Paid in full
Beekman Library			\$ (599,712.00) Paid in full
DC Water/Wastewater			\$ (274,253.31) Paid in full
Town of Beekman Sewer Fund			\$ (14,872.33) Paid in full
Town of Beekman Water Fund			\$ (26,351.21) Paid in full
			<u>\$ (0.00)</u>
Still owed			-
Summary			
Total of Taxes			\$ 5,122,189.10
Total Paid to date			<u>\$ (5,122,189.10)</u>
Still owed			<u>-</u>
			\$ (0.00)