

TOWN OF BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD MEETING
Minutes for Thursday July 23rd, 2024

The Town of Beekman Board met for a Regular Town Board meeting on Tuesday July 23rd, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Covucci at 6:00PM. The following members were present: Supervisor Mary Covucci, Councilman Battaglini, Councilwoman Wohrman, Councilman Capollari and Councilman Lemak.

Also present were the Town Clerk – Laureen Abbatantuono, Deputy Clerk- Samantha Lopez- Mejorado and Town Attorneys Joseph G. McKay, Craig Wallace and Jeffrey Sculley.

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

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to go into executive session at 6:01PM to discuss matters relating to proposed pending or current litigation, Seconded by Councilman Capollari, All in Favor, AYE

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to come back from executive session at 6:25PM, Seconded by Councilman Battaglini, All in Favor, AYE

Supervisor Covucci went over the evening's agenda items

Resolutions were read by Town Board members:

Written Comments on Agenda items: NONE

Public Comments on Agenda items: NONE

Other Town Board Business: Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono wished Mrs. Ruth Hogan a very Happy 100th Birthday.

Supervisor Covucci made a motion at 6:45PM to open the Public Hearing Local Law No. 1 of 2024 Adopting a Local Law To Abolish the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and to Create A Consolidated Department of Public Works, Seconded by Councilman Battaglini, All in Favor, AYE

Councilman Capollari read Local Law No. 1 of 2024

Town Attorney Joe McKay narrated the power point

Public Comments on the Public Hearing, there were 25 residents who spoke and all were opposed. JoAnne Latuso, Doug DeMasi, Nancy Lynam, Lauren O'Connell, Bill Crain, Karen Madden, Robert Madden, Brian Ryan, Tom Mullins, Scott Berardo, Celina Ruger, Tara Langworthy, Cheryl Brooks, Mike Heaslip, Kate Blake, Greg Desossa, Peter DeLuca, Pepper Jensen, John Bishko, Al Graham, Debbie Funnell, Bridgette Rivera, Kaitlyn DeLuca.

Written Comments on Public Hearing: please see the attached along with a copy of the petitions that were signed by the residents of Beekman.

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:08PM, seconded by Councilman Battaglini, All in Favor, AYE. Supervisor Covucci made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Councilman Battaglini, All in Favor, AYE.

Respectfully Submitted by Town Clerk
Laureen Abbatantuono
31 July, 2024

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JULY 23, 2024**

6:00 PM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept June 25, 2024 Minutes
2. Settlement of Buetti Tax Certiorari
3. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Board Comments

- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

6:45 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

- Local Law No. 2024-1 To Abolish the Elective Office of Town Superintendent of Highways and to Create a Consolidated Department of Public Works
- Public Comment on Local Law No. 2024-1 – (3 Minute limit)

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***AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

RESOLUTION NO. 07:23:24-1
RE: APPROVAL OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the June 25, 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 June 25, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: July 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 07:23:24-2
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING
REGARDING VINCENT BUETI AND MARIA BUETI

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Dutchess County Supreme Court a tax certiorari proceeding commenced in 2023 by VINCENT BUETI and MARIA BUETI, regarding certain real property located in the Town of Beekman and designated as Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-642626-0000 (624 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-635664-0000 (638 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (DeForest Road) and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55) on the Official Assessment Map seeking a change in the tax exemptions for the properties as shown on the 2023 tax assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor and Town Attorney have recommended a negotiated settlement of the 2023 tax review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves a settlement on behalf of the Town of Beekman of the tax review proceeding for tax year 2023, as it pertains to:

1) 624 Clapp Hill Road #6659-00-642626

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT	REDUCED ASSESSMENT
2023	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$0.00

2) 638 Clapp Hill Road #6659-00-635664

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	ORIGINAL TAXABLE VALUE	REDUCED ASSESSMENT
2023	\$347,300	\$347,300	\$0.00

3) DeForest Road #6659-00-702852

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	ORIGINAL TAXABLE VALUE	REDUCED ASSESSMENT
2023	\$178,000	\$135,700	\$42,300

4) Route 55 #6659-00-771685

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	ORIGINAL AG EXEMPTION	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
2023	\$550,000	\$131,800	\$418,100

REVISED ASSESSMENT	REVISED AG EXEMPTION	REVISED TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
\$375,000	\$4,224,700	\$256,820

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and Town Attorney to the Town of Beekman, are hereby authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilman Battaglini	AYE	
Councilman Lemak	AYE	
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE	
Supervisor Covucci	AYE	

Dated: July 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 07:23:24-3
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	\$ 325,068.99
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 65,989.92
Claims to be paid from the SS – Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 4,347.37
Claims to be paid from the SW – Dover Ridge Water	\$ 2,049.11
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 4,759.80
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	\$ 1,615.14
	<u>\$ 403,830.33</u>

07/03/2024 Payroll #14

General Fund	\$ 46,046.40
Highway Fund	\$ 22,314.53
	<u>\$ 68,360.93</u>

07/18/2024 Payroll #15

General Fund	\$ 66,232.18
Highway Fund	\$ 25,299.16
	<u>\$ 91,531.34</u>

Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: July 23, 2024