

Town of Beekman

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 6:00 PM

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Supervisor Mary Covucci.

Roll Call

The following Town Board members were present:

- Supervisor Mary Covucci
- Councilman Capollari
- Councilwoman Wohrman
- Councilman Lemak
- Councilman Battaglini

Also present:

- Town Clerk, Laureen Abbatantuono
- Town Attorney, Craig Wallace

Opening

Supervisor Covucci led the Pledge of Allegiance, identified the emergency exits, and requested a moment of silence in honor of all who have served our country.

- Recreation Director Dani Plastini addressed the cancellation of the Veterans Day Memorial due to inclement weather and noted she was feeling under the weather.
- Town Comptroller Tom Carey spoke regarding the 2026 budget.

Agenda Review

Supervisor Covucci reviewed the agenda items for the meeting.

Public Comments on the Agenda

- Jayson Abbatantuono, 20 Gabriels Path, questioned the timing of when agenda items are posted and expressed concern that residents do not have sufficient time to review them.
- Leonard [last name not provided], 92 Hillside Road, expressed concerns regarding the upcoming budget and its potential impact on incoming board members and staff.
- Kate Blake, 231 Clapp Hill Road, and Bill Crane, 254 Gardner Hollow Road, asked questions regarding Resolution No. 5 concerning the fence at Doherty Park.
- Joe Barbieri, 42 Gabriels Path, spoke during public comments on the agenda.

Resolutions

Town Board members proceeded to read the resolutions.

Public Comments

- Andrea Morris, 26 Baker Road, questioned why the Veterans Day Ceremony was canceled twice.

General Board Comments

None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM.
Seconded by Councilman Lemak.

All in favor: Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laureen Abbatantuono
Town Clerk

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

6:00 PM

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

TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Supervisor Comments
- Comments on Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amend 2026 Preliminary Budget and Approve 2026 Adopted Budget
2. Authorize Assessor to Solicit Proposals for Town-wide Reassessment
3. Resolution to Close Capital Project Fund
4. Adopt Debt Management Policy
5. Approve Installation of Fence at Doherty Park
6. Authorize Retiree Health Insurance Renewal
7. Adjusted Payment of Claims for November 6, 2025
8. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Town Board Comments
- Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 11:18:25-1

RE: AMEND 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND APPROVE 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2026 Tentative Budget was filed with the Town Clerk on September 30, 2025 and presented to the Town Board on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed, accepted and filed the 2026 Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget on October 27, 2025 and held a Public Hearing on November 6, 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amendments are approved to be made to the 2026 Preliminary Budget and filed and approved as the 2026 Adopted Budget;

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>\$ Decrease</u>
A-0000-1120 Sales Tax	30,000	
A-0000-2001 Park Rec Fees	6,000	
A-0000-2015 Senior Event Fees	5,000	
A-0000-2025 Spec Rec Facility Fees	8,000	
A-0000-2026 Rec Bldg. Rental Fees	2,000	
A-0000-2397 Local Gov't Aid	4,000	
A-0000-2402 Class Interest	5,000	
A-0000-2565 Plumbing Permits	5,000	
A-0000-2590 Permits Other	3,000	
<u>A-0000-2709 Medical Contributions</u>	<u>12,000</u>	
A-1990-0400 Contingency Account	50,000	
A-9901-0900 Transfer to Highway	30,000	
 A-1110-0103 Court Staff Overtime		3,000
A-1220-0101 Supervisor STAFF Full Time	33,350	
A-1220-0112 Supervisor STAFF Part Time		15,350
A-1315-0470 Financial Consulting	49,000	
A-1340-0100 Budget Officer	5,000	
A-1950-0400 Taxes Other Gov't		5,000
A-3620-0100 Safety Inspector		1,440
A-3620-0101 Safety STAFF Full Time		13,360
A-3620-0107 Safety Other Labor		526
A-3620-0112 Safety STAFF Part Time		19,192
A-3620-0402 Safety Travel		482
A-3620-0460 Safety Software Support	3,000	
A-7110-0100 Parks Manager		68,215
A-7110-0101 Parks Workers	46,000	
A-7110-0107 Parks Other Labor	215	

<u>General Fund Accts (Continued)</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>\$ Decrease</u>
A-8010-0100 Zoning STAFF	19,216	
A-8010-0470 Zoning Consulting	784	
A-8020-0100 Planning STAFF	16,000	
A-9030-0800 Social Security		6,000
A-9060-0800 STAFF Medical Insurance		40,000

<u>Highway Fund Accounts</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>\$ Decrease</u>
DA-0000-1001 Property Taxes	1,984	
DA-0000-2401 Interest Earnings		3,000
DA-0000-2709 Medical Contributions	11,016	
DA-0000-5031 Transfer In	30,000	
DA-0000-9910 Appropriated Fund Balance		40,000
DA-5130-0200 Machinery Equipment	5,000	
DA-5140-0400 Brush Expense		3,000
DA-5142-0107 Snow Other Labor		5,000
DA-9010-0800 State Retirement		3,000
DA-9030-0800 Social Security		7,000
DA-9060 0800 General Health Insurance	20,000	
DA-9060-0801 MVP Deductibles		10,000
DA-9190-0800 Retiree Health Insurance	3,000	

<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>\$ Decrease</u>
SS-0000-2128 Late Fees	300	
SS-0000-2401 Interest Earnings	700	
SS-0000-9910 Approp. Fund Balance		2,000
SS-8189-0450 Contract Other	500	
SS-8189-0470 Sludge Removal		1,500

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 11:18:25-2
RE: APPROVE ASSESSOR TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR TOWNSWIDE
REASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received complaints from residents about the fact that the assessments within the Town of Beekman are not at 100%; and

WHEREAS the Town Board recognizes that a reassessment of the entire town has not been done since 2008, and

WHEREAS, the assessments have not been kept at 100%, and

WHEREAS most towns within Dutchess County are moving toward 100% valuation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Assessor to go out for proposals for the purpose of the reassessment of the entire town.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION NO.11:18:25-3
RE: RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

WHEREAS, Town of Beekman authorized various Capital Project Funds to make improvements to equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the GASB & GAAP Best Practices recommends the official closing of Capital Projects by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following completed Capital Project summarized now should be officially closed and the disposition of unexpected balances approved as follows:

<u>Capital Project Improvement Description</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Final Expenses</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Disposition of Unexpended Balance</u>
Rec Center Park Improvements	\$100,000	\$71,000	\$29,000	Return to General Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman Officially approves the closing of the above Capital Project with the unexpended balances returned to the General Fund Designated for Capital Projects Use.

Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 11:18:25-4

RE: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH + ADOPT A TOWN DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recommends in its Best Practices for Local Governments and the Municipal Debt Advisory Commission and the GFOA to establish and adopt a Debt Management Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Financial Consultant has developed a Debt Management Policy formulated for the Town of Beekman with the assistance of the Finance officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman establishes and approves the attached Debt Management Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy is to be in force effective immediately upon its adoption.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari **AYE**

Councilman Battaglini **AYE**

Councilman Lemak **AYE**

Councilwoman Wohrman **AYE**

Supervisor Covucci **AYE**

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 11:18:25-5
**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A FENCE AT DOHERTY
PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it necessary and in the best interests of the residents of the Town to install a fence around the perimeter of the island crated between the entrance and exit lanes at Doherty Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fence will define the area between the two lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director solicited quotes from 3 qualified contractors, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy and received the following quotes;

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Quote Amount</u>
1. Weatherables	\$4,519.68
2. Home Depot	\$11,482.26
3. AgTec	\$14,509.81, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the quotes and paperwork submitted, the Town Board feels it is in its best interest to accept the proposal from weatherable in the amount of \$4,519.68;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the contract with weatherable not to exceed \$4,519.68 and said expense to be charged to the Doherty Parks Capital Project Fund.

Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 11:18:25-6
RE: AUTHORIZE RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Retiree Town Health insurance coverage is due to expire December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has obtained proposals of insurance for calendar year 2026 which includes a 16.8% increase in rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had time to review the attached proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the renewal for the Town's Group Medicare Advantage Plan with CDPHP health insurance for retirees as per the attached.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CA POLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION 11:18:25-7
RE: ADJUST 11:6:25 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, by Resolution 11:18:25-6 the Town Board approved the Payment of Claims, and

WHEREAS, a friendly amendment was made and seconded to modify the total to \$43,544.80, and

WHEREAS, the Payment of Claims was approved with that total, and

WHEREAS, after review by the Bookkeeper, the A-General Fund should have been been \$30,364.87 not \$30,368.87, and the total should remain \$43,540.80;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment is hereby authorized as follows:

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 30,364.87
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 8,187.13
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 3,532.50
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 936.30
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 100.00
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	\$ 420.00
	<u>\$ 43,540.80</u>

11/6/2025 Payroll #23

General Fund	\$ 37,422.26
Highway Fund	\$ 26,463.71
	<u>\$ 63,885.97</u>

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: November 18, 2025

RESOLUTION 11:18:25-8
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	\$ 46,115.27
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 100,708.35
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 1,266.64
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 586.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 5,963.91
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	\$ 5,994.98
	<u>\$ 160,635.15</u>

Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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