

Town of Beekman

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 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
- Councilwoman Wohrman
- Councilman Lemak

Also present:

- Town Clerk, Laureen Abbatantuono

Opening

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

Agenda Review

Supervisor Covucci reviewed the agenda items for the meeting.

Public Comments on the Agenda

None.

The Town Board members proceeded to read the resolutions.

Public Comments

- **Murray Johnson**, 54 Roosevelt Drive, spoke about the Dutchess County Comptroller visiting the library to speak with residents and answer questions regarding the role and responsibilities of the Comptroller. She also provided information about the Dutchess County website, where residents can find additional information.

General Board Comments

None.

A special Town Board meeting will be held on **September 30, 2025**.

Adjournment

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM.
Seconded by Councilwoman Wohrman.

All in favor: **Aye**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laureen Abbatantuono
Town Clerk

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 23, 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. Upgrading Broadband Service and VOIP Phones From Comcast
2. Accept Budget Revision # 2025-9 #1
3. Reschedule Town Board Meetings
4. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Town Board Comments
- Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- **Next Special Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM**
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 09:23:25-1
RE: UPGRADING BROADBAND SERVICE AND VOIP PHONES FROM TOWN OF
BEEKMAN'S CURRENT PROVIDER COMCAST

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman currently uses Comcast for their internet and voice services; and

WHEREAS, the Town's phone system is at end of life and the phones can no longer be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Town can receive subsidized pricing due to consolidation of services, including increased internet speeds and internet access to Town Center Park,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby accept the upgraded services from Comcast with a monthly decrease in price from \$1,379.94 to \$1,379.67 for a term of 36 months.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 09:23:25-2
RE: APPROVE TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS #2025-9 #1

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman's 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 identified as Budget Revision Number #2025-9 #1

Budget Revisions for June 2025 # 2025-9

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
2025-09-01	A-7020-0200	Rec Office Equipment	300	
	A-7020-0118	Rec GHI Buyout -Transfer for New Copier		300
2025-09-02	A-7111-0200	Rec Center Improvement	6,330	
	A-5132-0200	Hwy Garage Equipment -Transfer for Highway Work at Park		6,330
2025-09-03	A-7118-0401	Remembrance Park Supplies	500	
	A-7113-0401	Doherty Park Supplies -Transfer for Supplies		500
2025-09-04	A-7140-0116	Playground Seasonal Staff	7,000	
	A-7180-0116	Lake Seasonal Staff -Transfer for Seasonal Labor		7,000
2025-09-05	A-7140-0460	Playground Rentals	500	
	A-7140-0401	Playground Supplies -Transfer for Rental Expenses		500
2025-09-06	A-7510-0400	Hero Banner Expense	356	
	A-7551-0454	Family Night Expense -Transfer for Banner Expense		356
2025-09-07	A-7551-0458	Camp Fire Night Expense	551	
	A-7551-0457	Snow Flake Expense -Transfer for Event Expense		551

2025-09-08	A-9950-0900	Transfer to Capital Fund	220,000
	A-0000-9912	Approp. Capital Fund Balance	220,000
		-Transfer Additional for Town Hall Project	
2025-09-09	A-0000-2565	Plumbing Permit Fees	5,000
	A-0000-2560	Title/Searches	5,000
		-Revise Building Dept. Fees	
2025-09-10	A-0000-2701	Refund Prior-Year Expense	24
	A-0000-2772	Hero Banner Fees	24
		-Revise Banner Fees	

HIGHWAY FUND

2025-09-11	DA-5110-0413	Repairs Pipe	3,500
	DA-5110-0412	Repairs Catch Basin	3,500
		-Transfer for Pipe Expenses	
2025-09-12	DA-9950-0900	Transfer to Capital Fund	280,000
	DA-0000-9910	Fund Balance	280,000
		-Transfer Addition for Roads Project	

SEWER FUND

2025-09-13	SS-8189-0400	Repairs	630
	SS-8189-0470	Sludge Removal	630
		-Transfer for Repairs Expense	

CAPITAL FUND

2025-09-14	H-1620-0440	Town Hall Engineering	1,000
	H-1620-0200	Town Hall Equipment	1,000
		-Transfer for Engineering Expense	
2025-09-15	H-1620-0500	Town Hall Improvements	220,000
	H-0000-5030	Transfer In	220,000
		-Increase Funding for Town Hall Project	
2025-09-16	H-1620-0500	Town Hall Improvements	50,000
	H-1620-0200	Town Hall Equipment	50,000
		-Transfer for HVAC Bid Award	

Introduced: SUPERVISOR COVUCCI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dated: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 09:23:25-3
RE: RESCHEDULE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it necessary to reschedule the Town Board Meetings thru November 2025 due to Budget deadline requirements;

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED All meetings will take place at Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag NY 12570 at 6 PM.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari ABSENT

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: September 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 09:23:25-4
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	\$ 488,502.94
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 47,261.85
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 2,171.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 862.30
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	\$ 112.00
	<u>\$ 538,910.09</u>

09/11/2025 Payroll #19

General Fund	\$ 40,604.06
Highway Fund	\$ 21,795.79
	<u>\$ 62,399.85</u>

Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Order Summary

Product	Qty	MRC	NRC
Connectivity			
Loop	4	\$819.57	\$0.00
Proactive Management: Connectivity	4	\$100.00	\$0.00
UCaaS - Hosted UC and SIP Trunk			
Automated Attendant	19	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Calling	19	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hosted Enterprise User	19	\$367.80	\$0.00
HuntGroup	19	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voicemail Service w/Transcription	19	\$0.00	\$0.00
UCaaS - Domestic Services			
Basic DID Service	1	\$0.30	\$0.00
UCaaS - Handsets and Accessories			
Polycom VVX250	19	\$92.00	\$0.00
Total:		\$1,379.67	\$0.00

Account Team

Scott Krauss

Account Executive

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Phone: +1 (908) 967-9031

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E911 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Your Masergy Voice Services set forth in this Service Order Form (the "Voice Services") have the following 911 limitations:

- (i) In order for 911 calls to be properly directed to emergency services using the Voice Services, Customer must provide and maintain the correct service address information ("Registered Service Location") for each telephone number and extension used by Customer. The Registered Service Location should also include information such as floor and office number as appropriate.
- (ii) If the Voice Services are moved to, or used in, a different location without Customer providing an updated Registered Service Location, 911 calls may be directed to the wrong emergency authority, may transmit the wrong address, and/or the Voice Services (including 911) may fail altogether. Customer's use of a telephone number not associated with its geographic location, or a failure to allot sufficient time for a Registered Service Location change to be processed, may increase these risks.
- (iii) Customer is solely responsible for programming its telephone system to map each telephone number and extension to the correct location, and for updating the telephone system as necessary to reflect moves or additions of stations.
- (iv) Customer 911 calls may be sent to an emergency call center where an agent will ask for the caller's name, telephone number, and location, and then will contact the local emergency authority.
- (v) The Voice Services use electrical power in the Customer's premises. If there is an electrical power outage, 911 calling may be interrupted if back-up power is not installed, fails, or is exhausted. Voice Services that rely on a broadband connection may also be interrupted if the broadband service fails.
- (vi) Calls using the Voice Services, including calls to 911, may not be completed if there is a problem with network facilities, including network congestion, network equipment and/or power failure, a broadband connection failure, or another technical problem.
- (vii) Failure by Customer to make updates to the Registered Service Location, including updates to restore service address to the original Registered Service Location, or failure to allot sufficient time for the Service Location update provisioning to complete may result in emergency services being dispatched to the incorrect Service Location.
- (viii) Customers should call Masergy at 1 (800) 942-4700 or email Masergy at upsupport@masergy.com if they have any questions or need to update the Registered Service Location in the E911 system.

BY SIGNING BELOW, CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING 911 NOTICE AND THE 911 LIMITATIONS OF THE VOICE SERVICES.

Agreed and Accepted

Masergy Communications, Inc.		Customer: Town of Beekman	
Signature:	Date:	Signature:	Date:
Name (Print):		Name (Print):	
Title:		Title:	
2740 N Dallas Pkwy, Suite 260 Plano, TX 75093 United States		4 Main St Poughquag, New York 12570-5628 United States	
ATTN: Contracts Administration Phone: (214) 442-5700			

Masergy reserves the right to review/adjust the pricing set forth in this Service Order Form if the Customer provides the information required for Masergy to order the circuit(s), if applicable, after November 22, 2025.

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TOTAL MRC

\$ 1,379.67

MRC = Monthly Recurring Charges

TOTAL NRC

\$ 0.00

NRC = Non-Recurring Charges

Network & UCaaS

Master Service Agreement US Version

The terms and conditions of Service are set forth in the current US Master Service Agreement available at www.masergy.com/msa.

1. with Customer initials here, Customer acknowledges that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Master Service Agreement, with respect to any new IT Service(s) procured under this Service Order Form, the Commencement Date of the IT Services other than the physical circuit(s) provided by Masergy shall be the earlier of: (i) the date Customer is notified by Masergy that all IT Service(s) listed on this Service Order Form for a Customer location is ready for use; and (ii) five (5) business days from the Commencement Date of the last Masergy provided circuit installed at such Customer location, under this Service Order Form.
2. Masergy will provide the required details to configure the Customer Provided Equipment (CPE), if relevant to the Services listed herein. Additional installation or configuration support for the CPE is available, upon Customer's request, at a rate of \$100 per hour ('Consulting Fee'). Additionally, onsite professional support is available, upon Customer's request, at a rate of \$150.00 per hour with a four (4) hour minimum ('Professional Services Fee').
3. If within six (6) months of the execution of this Service Order Form by both Parties: (i) Customer has not provided the information required to provision the Service(s); or (ii) there are delays to deliver the Service(s) due to Customer's action or inaction, then Masergy reserves the right to cancel the provision of such Service(s) and invoice Customer a one-time charge of two times (2X) the monthly Recurring Charges of such Service(s). Additionally, if Masergy is subject to any third party charges as a result of: (i) Customer's acts or omissions; or (ii) Customer requested changes, including but not limited to, requested dates, site contact information, configuration changes, etc., then Customer shall be liable for such charges and Masergy will invoice Customer the applicable charges as set forth under the then-current Ancillary Service Charges document which is incorporated herein by this reference and available at www.masergy.com.
4. Tiered Port prices are shown at the minimum tier. In the event Customer increases the Tiered Port, the charges above the minimum tier will be billed pursuant to the list price less any applicable discount.
5. Masergy reserves the right to substitute the type of local access Loop connectivity at a Site(s) shown herein; provided, there is no change in the pricing and the total local access Loop connectivity bandwidth is equal to or greater than that shown herein.
6. Prices listed herein are for Masergy Services only and do not include potential charges that may be associated with the installation, maintenance, or warranty of circuit extension work or any additional construction required to complete local access facilities or line extensions. Masergy will order all telco lines required for local access to the designated building point of demarcation. If formally requested by Customer, Masergy will request the Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) or other 3rd party provider to extend the circuit from the designated building point of demarcation to the extended delivery point. In some cases Masergy may not be able to provide the line extension. Customer may be billed separately by Masergy or by a third party for fees associated with facilities construction or line extensions, if applicable.
7. Masergy Provided Equipment (MPE) will remain the property of Masergy and must be returned to Masergy, in substantially the same condition (normal wear and tear excepted) in the event of Service termination. Customer will be responsible for the shipping costs associated with the UCaaS equipment referred to herein as Purchased or Rental.
8. The Services shown herein may be provided over Masergy's or its affiliates' or subsidiaries' networks, or through resale, and shall be deemed to include any provision of equipment, cabling, circuits, facilities, systems or software undertaken by Masergy or on Masergy's behalf.
9. In the event this Service Order Form includes loop connectivity for Masergy Provided Internet Service (i.e., Broadband Internet, Dedicated Internet Access or Fixed Wireless Internet) at a site, the loop bandwidth delivered at such site may vary up to twenty percent (20%) of the bandwidth listed herein for such site. If it is determined, following the site visit conducted by the third party access provider, that the Masergy Provided Internet Service cannot be delivered with at least eighty percent (80%) of the loop bandwidth listed on this Service Order Form at such site, then: (a) the Parties will work in good faith to modify the affected site's pricing and/or configuration via a new Service Order Form; or (b) the Customer may cancel such affected site without liability to Masergy.

Rate Plans

1. International inter-country calls are rated pursuant to the current International Calling Plan published at: www.masergy.com/ucaaS/global-rates
2. United States Directory Assistance calls are rated at \$0.75 per call.
3. Hosted UC User Licenses with USA persona include one (1) local phone number and unlimited outbound minutes to USA and Canada.

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Solution Detail

71 Town Center Blvd, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533, United States of America							Network
	Product	Action	Qty	Term	Unit MRC	Net MRC	Net NRC
1	Broadband - 500 Mbps Down/35 Mbps Up Proactive Management: Connectivity	New	1	36 Months	\$219.90	\$219.90	\$0.00
		New	1	36 Months	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Totals:							\$244.90
4 Main St, Poughquag-Duplicate, NY, 12570-5628, United States of America							Network
	Product	Action	Qty	Term	Unit MRC	Net MRC	Net NRC
2	Broadband - 600 Mbps Down/35 Mbps Up Proactive Management: Connectivity	New	1	36 Months	\$199.89	\$199.89	\$0.00
		New	1	36 Months	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Totals:							\$224.89
29 Recreation Center Road, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533, United States of America							Network
	Product	Action	Qty	Term	Unit MRC	Net MRC	Net NRC
3	Broadband - 600 Mbps Down/35 Mbps Up Proactive Management: Connectivity	New	1	36 Months	\$199.89	\$199.89	\$0.00
		New	1	36 Months	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Totals:							\$224.89
49 Recreation Center Road, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533, United States of America							Network
	Product	Action	Qty	Term	Unit MRC	Net MRC	Net NRC
4	Broadband - 600 Mbps Down/35 Mbps Up Proactive Management: Connectivity	New	1	36 Months	\$199.89	\$199.89	\$0.00
		New	1	36 Months	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Totals:							\$224.89
4 Main St, Poughquag, NY, 12570-5628, United States of America							UCaaS
	Product	Action	Qty	Term	Unit MRC	Net MRC	Net NRC
5	Hosted Enterprise User Automated Attendant Emergency Calling HuntGroup Voicemail Service w/Transcription Basic DID Service Polycom VVX250 - Rental	New	19	36 Months	\$19.36	\$367.80	\$0.00
		New	19	36 Months	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		New	19	36 Months	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		New	19	36 Months	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		New	19	36 Months	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		New	1	36 Months	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.00
		New	19	36 Months	\$4.84	\$92.00	\$0.00
Totals:							\$460.10

Guestwords: A Better Fate for Trees



"The Mythic Tree" by Edward S. Curtis, circa 1908.

Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

By William Crain

August 7, 2025

The Los Angeles wildfires destroyed nearly every building and human-built object they encountered, but some trees survived. Biologists provided explanations, which centered on trees' storage of water, but residents were amazed. Moreover, the trees' survival gave them hope. If the trees could live on, so could they.

media. The only factor that comes close in importance is a family member's confirmation that nature is precious.

Over the last half-century, however, children's access to nature has shrunk. Woods and meadows have given way to manicured landscapes, malls, and parking lots. Children now spend most of their free time indoors, watching TV, surfing the internet, and playing video games. I doubt that many spend enough time in nature to develop deep affection for it — the kind of affection that will motivate them to protect it in adulthood.

Still, change might be in the air. Health professionals are warning about addiction to screens, and there is a budding interest in giving children more exposure to nature. I hope this interest grows into a movement and many adults will take part in it. They can take children to parks, woods, and nature centers. They also can just walk with children around neighborhoods and investigate the trees and life forms they see. Chawla notes that adults are often most helpful when they accompany children for the sake of their safety while giving them freedom to initiate their explorations. I bet most children will enjoy these outings, and many will develop lasting love of trees and the natural world.

I realize we might not be able to wait for a new generation of nature-loving children to grow up and protect the biosphere. The threats may be too immediate. But we don't have to pin all our hopes on children themselves. As Lillian Weber, a great educator, emphasized, grown-ups can learn from them. They can pick up children's enthusiasm and attitudes.

An example of this process occurred when Narda Nelson and Denise Hodgins ran a forest preschool program in Canada. The adults observed that the children gave trees names like "Grandma Tree" and "Waiting Log." After this, one teacher said, "I can't look at trees the same way anymore. I find it harder and harder to think about trees in general terms. We know some of these trees as individuals!"

I am raising the possibility, then, that adults who accompany children in nature activities will come to share the children's attitudes. These adults will then be motivated to protect trees and the environment. Inspired by children, they might raise new banners for conservation.
