

# TOWN OF BEEKMAN

## TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Type:** Regular Town Board Meeting

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Time:** Approximately 7:00 PM

**Location:** Town Hall

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present:**

Supervisor Laureen, Abbatantuono

Councilwoman Kate Blake

Councilwoman Gina Ragusa

Councilman Mersin Capollari

Councilwoman Sharon Wohrman

**Also Present:**

Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk

Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent

Town Attorney

Members of the Public

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### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Abbatantuono called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop 10547 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

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## **SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Abbatantuono:

- Noted that resident Bill Crane was unable to attend after slipping on ice and wished him a speedy recovery.
- Thanked the Highway Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, and Beekman Fire Department for their work during recent winter storms.
- Reported attending the Beekman Fire Department Installation Dinner and expressed appreciation for the department's service.

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## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Tony Coviello – Highway Superintendent**

Mr. Coviello reported:

- The Town received approximately 16 inches of snowfall during the most recent storm event.
- Highway staff worked approximately 25.5 consecutive hours responding to the storm.
- A salt and sand mixture were used during initial passes to conserve salt supply.
- Previous storms used approximately 320–340 tons of salt, while the most recent storm used approximately 187–200 tons due to conservation efforts.
- Current salt inventory is approximately 800–1,000 tons remaining.
- An additional 800 tons of salt was ordered while remaining within the department's budget.
- Additional snow was forecast for the coming days, including potential coastal storm activity.

Mr. Coviello also addressed Highway Department budget matters, including permanent improvements under Highway Law §284, staffing levels, and historical budget allocations. Corresponding documents Mr. Coviello submitted are attached.

No questions were raised by the Board.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS**

Murray Johnson – 54 Roosevelt Drive

Ms. Johnson spoke regarding the proposed appointment of Bill Crane to the Conservation Advisory Council. She expressed strong support for Mr. Crane’s appointment and noted his extensive knowledge and contributions.

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2:24:26-1: Appointment of Engineering Services**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Ragusa

#### **Discussion Summary**

Board members spoke in support of Hudson Land Design Civil and Environmental Engineering Consultants, noting the firm’s extensive experience and value to the Town in advising the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Town Board.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-2: Animal Housing Contract Renewal (2026)**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Blake

### **Discussion**

None.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-3: Appointment to Conservation Advisory Council**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilman Capollari

### **Discussion Summary**

Board members discussed Bill Crane's extensive academic background and contributions to environmental policy and research.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-4: Appointment to Conservation Advisory Council**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Ragusa

### **Discussion Summary**

The appointment was recommended by the Conservation Advisory Council Chair. Board members noted the candidate's strong qualifications and expected contributions.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-5: Temporary Hire – Building Department**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Wohrman

### **Discussion Summary**

The Board approved the temporary hire of Colleen Hayes to assist the Building Department for approximately one month following her retirement, noting her experience and familiarity with department operations.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-6: Contract Renewal – Dutchess County Sheriff's Office**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Ragusa

### **Discussion Summary**

The contract was described as a standard renewal agreement previously utilized by the Town.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-7: Emergency Repair – Community Center Waste Pump**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Wohrman

### **Discussion Summary**

An emergency repair was required at the Recreation Center after a sewage system failure caused restroom facilities to stop functioning.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Abstained

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-8: Payment of Claims**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilman Capollari

### **Discussion**

None.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-9: Resolution Regarding Electric Delivery Charges**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilman Capollari

### **Discussion Summary**

The Board discussed concerns regarding increasing electric delivery charges and the need for improved transparency from utility providers. Board members also referenced potential legislation and consumer advocacy measures addressing Public Service Commission oversight and notification requirements for rate increases.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **Resolution 2:24:26-10: Electrical Upgrade Payment Authorization**

**Motion:** Supervisor Abbatantuono

**Seconded:** Councilwoman Ragusa

### **Discussion Summary**

This add-on resolution approved Application and Certification for Payment #1 for electrical upgrades to Highway Department Garage Buildings #1 and #2.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

**Resolution Approved.**

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jason Abbatantuono – 20 Gabriels Path**

Mr. Abbatantuono shared a humorous joke in place of resident Bill Crane's usual remarks.

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## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Abbatantuono reminded residents to exercise caution during winter weather conditions.

Councilman Capollari reported attending the New York State Association of Towns Conference, noting the opportunity to network with officials and gather educational resources to share with the Board.

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## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Board Meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM**  
Town Hall

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Supervisor Abbatantuono  
**Seconded:** Councilwoman Wohrman

**All in Favor:** Aye

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Turenchalk  
Town Clerk



WHEREAS, Town Board members have had the opportunity to review said minutes; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting.

Seconded: COUNCILMAN SWARTZ

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Battaglini ABSTAINED, NOT AT PRIOR MEETING  
Councilman Swartz AYE  
Councilwoman Woehrman AYE  
Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: June 2, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 06:2:20 - 3 (85)**

**RE: APPROVE TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS # 2020-05**

**SUPERVISOR COVUCCI** offers the following and moves for its adoption:

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 # 2020-05

**Budget Revisions # 2020-05**

Revision #	Account #	Account Title	
Increase	Decrease		
<b>General Fund</b>			
2020-05-01	A-1355-0400	Assessor Expense	
29,817			
	A-1355-0100	Town	29,817
Assessor			-Adjust for Assessor Salary
2020-05-02	A-1680-0450	DATA Support Contract	
770			
	A 1680-0400	DATA	770
Expense			-Transfer for New Contract Budget
2020-05-03	A-3510-0440	Dog Control Contract	750
	A-3510-0400	Dog Control Expense	
	750		
			-Adjust for New Contract Amount
2020-05-04	A-7110-0450	Parks Equip Maintenance	500
	A-7110-0400	Parks Expense	
	500		
			-Transfer for Equipment Maintenance

**Highway Fund**

2020-05-05 DA-5112-0210 Permanent Improvement 100,000  
DA-0000-9910 Fund Balance 100,000

Remove extra funding for Road Paving

**Sewer Fund**

2020-05-06 SS-8189-0480 Other Expenses 1,000  
SS-8189-0470 Special Services  
1,000  
-Transfer for Testing / Other Expenses

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Stiegler AYE  
Councilman Battaglini AYE  
Councilman Swartz AYE  
Councilwoman Woehrman AYE  
Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: June 2, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 12:19:18 – 10

Approve Salary and Wage Schedule for 2019

offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorized to set salaries and wages; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the salaries of elected officials and hourly wages and salaries of employees of the Town are hereby fixed for the 2019 year as follows:

Supervisor \$20,057.00  
Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor \$34,333.20  
Deputy Supervisor No Annual Salary  
Town Board \$7,374.16  
Town Clerk \$60,314.61  
Deputy Town Clerk \$16,948.62  
Receiver of Taxes \$15,000  
Deputy Receiver of Taxes \$16,000  
Town Justices \$13,704.03  
Typist: Planning/Zoning Boards \$15.48 per hour  
Bookkeeper \$30.00 per hour  
Justice Clerks \$54,410.43 (CSEA)  
Building Inspector II \$35.13 per hour  
Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals \$17.94 per hour (CSEA)  
Account Clerk \$17.58 per hour ←  
Record Clerk \$17.58 per hour ←  
Maintenance Mechanic \$66,140.93 (CSEA contract)  
Maintenance Worker \$19.19 (CSEA contract)  
Seasonal Maintenance Helper \$15.00 per hour  
Recreation Director \$57,000  
Recreation Assistant/Assistant to the Recreation Director \$16.43 per hour  
Recreation Assistant/Activity Director \$16.25 per hour  
Recreation Assistant/Activity Coordinator – Senior Program \$15.25 - \$21.59 per hour  
Recreation Assistant/Activity Supervisor – Senior Program \$13.25 - \$16.15  
Seasonal Recreation Staff (\$11.10 - \$17.25) as per attached wage matrix approved by the Recreation Advisory Committee  
Secretary to the Recreation Advisory Committee \$13.00 per hour  
Superintendent of Highway \$73,307.77  
Assistant to the Superintendent of Highway \$16.43 per hour ←  
Deputy Highway Superintendent \$ 170.00 per diem  
Working Foreman \$30.86 per hour

RESOLUTION 12:18:19 - 5

RE: Approve Salary and Wage Schedule for 2020

offers the following and moves for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorized to set salaries and wages; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the salaries of elected officials and hourly wages and salaries of employees of the Town are hereby fixed for the 2020 year as follows:

Supervisor	\$20,436.00	
Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor	\$32,344.00	
Deputy Supervisor	\$ 1,950.00	added funds for deputy supervisor
Town Board	\$ 7,514.00	which was never funded and removed
Town Clerk	\$52,260.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$19.00 per hour	
Receiver of Taxes	\$21,268.00	
Deputy Receiver of Taxes	\$ 00	
Town Justices	\$13,962.00	funds for deputy
Typist: Planning/Zoning Boards	\$15.79 per hour	highway superintendent
Bookkeeper	\$30.00 per hour	
Justice Clerks	\$55,498.64 (CSEA)	which had always been budgeted for
Building Inspector II	\$36.55 per hour	
Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals	\$18.30 per hour (CSEA)	
Account Clerk	\$21.00 per hour	
Record Clerk	\$19.00 per hour	
Maintenance Mechanic	\$67,463.75 (CSEA contract)	
Maintenance Worker	\$19.57 (CSEA contract)	
Seasonal Maintenance Helper	\$15.00 per hour	
Recreation Director	\$58,136	
Recreation Assistant/Assistant to the Recreation Director	\$16.76 per hour	
Recreation Assistant/Activity Director	\$16.58 per hour	
Recreation Assistant/Activity Coordinator – Senior Program	\$22.03 per hour	
Recreation Assistant/Activity Supervisor – Senior Program	\$16.48 per hour	
Seasonal Recreation Staff	(\$11.70 - \$17.60) per hour	
Secretary to the Recreation Advisory Committee	\$13.26 per hour	

**RESOLUTION 12:18:19 – 5 (cont'd)**

**RE: Approve Salary and Wage Schedule for 2020**

Superintendent of Highway	\$74,776.00	
Assistant to the Superintendent of Highway		\$16.76 per hour
Deputy Highway Superintendent		\$ 00 per Diem
Working Foreman		\$30.86 per hour
Automotive Mechanic		\$30.39 per hour
Heavy Motor Equipment Operator		\$30.39 per hour
Heavy Motor Equipment Operator (New Hire)		\$24.41 per hour
Seasonal Snowplow Wingman		\$15.00 per hour
Seasonal Snowplow, Non-CDL		\$18.00 per hour
Seasonal Snowplow, CDL		\$27.52 per hour

**Seconded:**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Stiegler  
Councilman Swartz  
Councilman Battaglini  
Councilwoman Woehrman  
Supervisor Covucci  
Dated: December 18, 2019