

TOWN OF BEEKMAN

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Town Board Meeting

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: Approximately 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Supervisor Lauren 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed for recently fallen servicemen and those serving overseas.

SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Abbatantuono:

- Welcomed residents and noted positive feedback and increased community engagement.
 - Acknowledged prior meeting minutes of January 27, 2026 and February 10, 2026.
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Tony Coviello – Highway Superintendent

Mr. Coviello provided an overview of highway material bidding and procurement practices, including:

- The importance of awarding multiple vendors to ensure availability of materials.
- Cost savings achieved by securing materials early before seasonal price increases.
- Flexibility to utilize alternate vendors if primary contractors are unavailable.
- Discussion of asphalt pricing and differences between base and top course materials.

No further questions were raised by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Crane

Mr. Crane inquired about highway material bids and whether they related to paving new roads. Discussion followed regarding permeable surfaces and environmental considerations.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REMARKS

County Legislator Joe Tresca provided updates:

- Upcoming infrastructure grant opportunities through Dutchess County.
 - A New York State MS4-related grant that could fund approximately 75% of a highway sweeper truck.
 - Noted potential savings to the Town of approximately \$400,000.
 - Confirmed a recent county vote passed unanimously.
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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 3:10:26-1: Award Bids for 2026 Highway Materials

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.

Resolution 3:10:26-2: Award Bids for 2026 Highway Laid-in-Place Blacktop

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.

Resolution 3:10:26-3: Approve Community Day Anniversary Event (July 25, 2026)

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

The Board discussed consolidating multiple smaller events into one larger Community Day due to low participation. Board members noted strong public interest in restoring Community Day and fireworks. Concerns were raised regarding the original intent to fund multiple events.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Wohrman — Nay

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:10:26-4: Removal of Titles from CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

Extensive discussion occurred regarding removal of certain titles from the union, including classification of confidential employees, prior administrative actions, and agreement with the union. Legal counsel confirmed the action was appropriate. Concerns were raised regarding process and documentation.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Wohrman — Nay

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:10:26-5: Approve Budget Revisions

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilman Capollari

Discussion Summary

Budget revisions included carryover funds from 2025 for previously approved projects.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:10:26-6: Renewal of Contract with H.A. Schreck Incorporated

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.

Resolution 3:10:26-7: Authorize Additional Payment for Fuel Management System

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion

None.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:10:26-8: Approve Payment to John A. Giamo & Son Inc.

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion

None.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Wohrman — Aye

Councilman Capollari — Aye

Councilwoman Ragusa — Aye

Councilwoman Blake — Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono — Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:10:26-9: Payment of Claims

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Murray Johnson – 54 Roosevelt Drive

Spoke regarding county matters including ICE-related resolutions and EMS coordination efforts.

Bill Crane – 254 Gardner Hollow Road

Discussed Planning Board appeal processes and concerns regarding tree removal approvals.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Abbatantuono:

- Announced planning for the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Shared information regarding Office for the Aging event at Town Hall.

Councilman Capollari:

- Announced upcoming NYSEG community meeting at Town Hall.

Board Members:

- Reminded residents to drive safely with increased pedestrian activity.
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NEXT MEETING

The next Town Board Meeting will be held:

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilman Capollari

All in Favor: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **7:46 PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Turenchalk

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Town Clerk