



Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026
7:00PM

Town Board Members

Laureen Abbatantuono, Supervisor
Kate Blake, Deputy Supervisor
Gina Ragusa, Councilwoman
Mersin Capollari, Councilman
Sharon Wohrman, Councilwoman

Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk

RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Each presentation to the Board made by an individual shall be limited to three (3) minutes in duration, unless extended by agreement by the Town Supervisor/ designee
2. Comments should be directed to the Board. Comments should be made in a respectful manner to the Board and from the Board to the community.

The Town Supervisor or designee may:

- a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate an individual's comment when the comment is personally directed, abusive or obscene.
- b. Request that any individual leave the meeting when that individual fails to observe reasonable decorum.
- c. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time.

The intent of these rules are:

1. To allow members of the public a fair and adequate opportunity to be heard.
2. To assure that the regular agenda of the Town Board is completed; and
3. To recognize the nature of the Board and community's time and to use that time effectively.

Meeting Agenda

- a. Roll Call of the Town Board
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Moment of Silence
- d. Administrative Announcement
- e. Public Comment on Agenda Items – please come up to the microphone and state your name and address
- f. Resolutions
- g. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- h. Adjournment

- **The next Town Board meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Resolutions

1. Amending the Duties and Salary of the Secretary to the Supervisor
2. Setting Public Hearing and Authorizing Publication of Notice Regarding Proposed Appropriation from Snow and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve Fund
3. Rescinding Resolution 04:14:26-25
4. Approving the Transfer to Doherty Park Capital Project Fund
5. Budget Revisions
6. Payment of Claims

RESOLUTION 05:27:26-1

Amending the Duties and Salary of the Secretary to the Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has the authority to establish duties and compensation for appointed positions, and

WHEREAS, the resignation of Nicole Klein, Payroll Clerk, has created a vacancy in the Town’s bi-weekly payroll processing, and

WHEREAS, Secretary to the Supervisor, Stephanie Giordano has prior experience with payroll submission and the payroll service company Paychex, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to assign the additional payroll-related responsibilities to the Secretary to the Supervisor, Stephanie Giordano, including but not limited to processing payroll, maintaining payroll records, and coordinating with applicable departments and agencies, and

WHEREAS, an additional Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) annually will be added to the salary of Stephanie Giordano for compensation of additional duties,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby amends the duties of the Secretary to the Supervisor to include payroll administration responsibilities as outlined above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual salary for the position of Secretary to the Supervisor shall be increased by Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to reflect these additional duties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such salary adjustment shall take effect on May 18, 2026.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

I, Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on May 27, 2026.

Town Clerk: _____ Date: May 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 05:27:26-2

**Resolution Setting Public Hearing and Authorizing Publication
of Notice Regarding Proposed Appropriation from Snow
and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve Fund**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman (the “Town Board”) established a Snow and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve Fund (the “Fund”) pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-f by resolution No. 03:08:22-5, dated March 8, 2022, for the purpose of funding extraordinary costs associated with snow and ice removal and related highway maintenance; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §6-f(2) requires that, prior to the adoption of any resolution appropriating moneys from the Fund (other than in an emergency situation), the Town Board must first cause to be published in the Town’s official newspaper a notice stating that the Town Board has proposed to appropriate a specified amount from the Fund and that a public hearing will be held at a time and place stated in said notice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering appropriating monies from the Fund for the purpose of satisfying budget deficits resulting from excessive costs incurred to remove snow and ice from Town roads during the significant snow events in January and February of Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §6(3)(a) authorizes the Town Board to appropriate monies from the Fund for the removal of snow and ice from the Town’s roads and public places, which removal is of a type not likely to recur annually or at shorter intervals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board does not anticipate such significant snow events to occur in Fiscal Year 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Beekman that:

1. Purpose. A public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Beekman on the proposed appropriation of funds from the Snow and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve Fund in the amount of \$32,000.00 on June 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, New York.
2. Publication. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town not less than five (5) days prior to the date of such hearing, in accordance with General Municipal Law §6-f. RESOLVED, that said notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing.
3. Substance of Notice. The published notice of said public hearing shall state in substance that the Town Board has proposed to appropriate \$32,000.00 from the Snow and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying of satisfying budget short falls resulting from excessive costs incurred to remove snow and ice from Town roads during the significant snow events in January and February of Fiscal Year 2026, and that a public hearing shall be held on June 23, 2026 at 7pm at the Beekman town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, New York, to consider the proposed appropriation.
4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, part, or application directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall have been rendered.
5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Wohrman _____
Councilman Capollari _____
Councilwoman Ragusa _____
Councilwoman Blake _____
Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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Town Clerk: _____ Date: May 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 05:27:26-3

Rescinding Resolution No. 04:14:26-25

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman duly adopted Resolution No. 04:14:26-25 (the “Resolution”) directing the transfer of Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and NO/100 dollars (\$39,136.00) in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds to the Doherty Park Capital Project Fund (the “Fund”), and

WHEREAS, upon further review of the pending expenses payable by the Fund, the Town Board has determined that \$39,136.00 authorized for transfer to the Fund by the Resolution far exceeds the pending expenses, and

WHEREAS, upon further review of ARPA compliance considerations and general reserve fund planning, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to rescind the Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the referenced ARPA funds have not yet been transferred and remain available for lawful ARPA-eligible purposes as may hereafter be determined by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, no transfer of the \$39,136.00 ARPA funds shall be effectuated pursuant to the Resolution following adoption of this resolution, and to the extent any steps have been initiated toward such transfer, they shall be deemed null, void, and of no further force or effect,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby rescinds in its entirety the Resolution directing the transfer of \$39,136.00 in ARPA funds to the Doherty Park Capital Project Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \$39,136.00 in ARPA funds identified in the Resolution shall remain in the Town’s ARPA account or other duly designated fund or account pending further action of the Town Board, and no transfer to the Fund shall occur unless and until authorized by subsequent resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Bookkeeper are authorized and directed to take any and all administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution, including updating the Town’s books and records to reflect the rescission, and to ensure continued segregation and compliance of ARPA funds with applicable federal and state requirements, and

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Wohrman _____
Councilman Capollari _____
Councilwoman Ragusa _____
Councilwoman Blake _____
Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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RESOLUTION 05:27:26-4

Approving the Transfer to Doherty Park Capital Project Fund

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman wants to increase the remaining balance in the Doherty Park Capital Project Fund for some pending final expenses, and

WHEREAS, the balance in the Doherty Park Capital Project Fund of \$7,293.00 is not sufficient for these final expenses, and

WHEREAS, there is \$39,136.00 remaining in ARPA funds comprising accumulated interest earnings as of December 31, 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the transfer of \$5,182 from the ARPA account to the Doherty Park Capital Project Fund.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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RESOLUTION 05:27:26-5**Approve Town of Beekman Budget Revisions**

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, and

WHEREAS, there are unused funds from the 2026 budget that the Bookkeeper is transferring to the following revenue accounts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following itemized revisions are approved by the Town of Beekman Town Board identified as Budget Revision Number #2026-03.

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
2026-03-01	A-5132-0200	Garage Equipment/Imp	5,495	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct - Resolution 03:10:26-7 - Transfer monies for Contract Increase		5,495
2026-03-02	A-6772-0411	Aging Programs Expense	466	
	A-6772-0413	Aging Consultants -Transfer for Blarney Brunch Expenses		466
2026-03-03	A-7117-0401	Library Supplies	10	
	A-7117-0400	Library Expense -Transfer for Ice Melt Expense		10
2026-03-04	A-7551-0459	Community Day	13,000	
	A-7551-0452	America’s 250 th B’day Celebration - Resolution 03:10:26-3 - Transfer for Community Day Event		13,000
2026-03-05	<u>A-0000-5030</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>300,000</u>	
	A-0000-9912	Assigned for Capital Use - Transfer money back to General Fund per Res. 03:24:26-3	300,000	
<u>HIGHWAY FUND</u>				
2026-03-06	<u>DA-9901-0900</u>	<u>Transfer Out to General Fund</u>	<u>300,000</u>	
	DA-0000-9911	Assigned Reserve - Transfer money back to General Fund per Res. 03:24:26-3	300,000	

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Wohrman _____
Councilman Capollari _____
Councilwoman Ragusa _____
Councilwoman Blake _____
Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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RESOLUTION 05:27:26-6

Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has audited and approved claims pursuant to Section 119 of Town Law as set forth in the attached abstracts,

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

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$91,282.36
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$31,127.29
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$2,320.01
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$550.46
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$6,081.30
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$696.06</u>
	\$132,057.48

Pay Period – 05/03/26-05/16/26		Payroll #10
General Fund	\$33,709.47	
Highway Fund	<u>\$26,711.96</u>	
	\$60,421.43	

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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