



Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026
7:00PM

Town Board Members

Lauren 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 Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Resolutions

1. Approving the Transfer to Doherty Park Capital Project Fund
2. Approve Disposal of Obsolete Telephones for Town Hall and Highway Departments
3. Appointment to the Ethics Board
4. Appointment to the Ethics Board
5. Approving the Increase of Initial Escrow Deposit Fee
6. Approval of Budget Revisions
7. Payment of Claims
8. Approving the Change of the Second Town Board Meeting in June
9. Acknowledging June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

RESOLUTION 06:09:26-1

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 \$6,750.19 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, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the transfer of \$10,000 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 _____

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 June 9, 2026.

Town Clerk: _____ Date: June 9, 2026

RESOLUTION 06:09:26-2

**Approve Disposal of Obsolete Telephones for
Town Hall and Highway Departments**

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman purchases equipment that is for general departmental or Town-wide use,
and

WHEREAS, each piece of equipment has a useful life expectancy, and

WHEREAS, the phone system utilized by the Town Hall and Highway Departments has become obsolete and
can no longer be repaired, and

WHEREAS, a new phone system upgrade was approved on September 23, 2025 by Resolution No. 09:23:25-1,
and

WHEREAS, twenty (20) new replacement phones have been successfully installed and programed for each
department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to dispose of the obsolete
telephones, which are no longer of use to the Town, in an environmentally safe manner.

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 06:09:26-3

Appointment to the Ethics Board

WHEREAS, the Town board will make appointments to the various boards, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Ethics Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Joanne Lombardi has expressed interest in serving on the Ethics Board and is a resident of the Town of Beekman

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Joanne Lombardi to the Ethics Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joanne Lombardi shall file an Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving in such position.

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 06:09:26-4

Appointment to the Ethics Board

WHEREAS, the Town board will make appointments to the various boards, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Ethics Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, Murray Johnson has expressed interest in serving on the Ethics Board and is a resident of the Town of Beekman

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Murray Johnson to the Ethics Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2028, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Murray Johnson shall file an Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving in such position.

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 06:09:26-5

Approving the Increase of Initial Escrow Deposit Fee

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman requires applicants for certain permits, approvals and applications to establish an escrow account to cover professional review expenses incurred by the Town, including but not limited to engineering, planning, legal, and consulting services, and

WHEREAS, the current initial escrow deposit amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) has proven to be insufficient in many cases to cover the costs associated with the review of applications, resulting in the need for frequent replenishments, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12:23:25-2 adopted on December 23, 2025, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman passed Local Law #1-2022 concerning Fees and penalties, removing fee schedules from all sections of the Town Code and established a fee schedule approved by the Town Board allowing the fee schedule to be updated from time to time by a resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that increasing the initial escrow deposit will better ensure that adequate funds are available to cover professional review expenses and reduce administrative burdens associated with maintaining escrow accounts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby increases the required initial escrow deposit fee from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this revised escrow deposit amount shall apply to all applicable applications submitted after said resolution is passed by the Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate Town departments are hereby authorized and directed to update all application forms, fee schedules, and related documents to reflect this change.

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 06:09:26-6**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 #2026-03A.

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
2026-03-01	A-3510-0440	Animal Control Contract	1,270	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct - Resolution 02:24:26-2		1,270
2026-03-02	A-1110-0413	Court Security	5,000	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct - Resolution 02:24:26-6		5,000
2026-03-03	A-1410-0451	Town Code Update		5,116
	A-1620-0200	Town Hall Equipment		5,849
	A-1110-0200	Court Equipment	3,370	
	A-1680-0200	Network Equipment		8,700
	A-0000-9910	Fund Balance - Resolution 03:24:26-4		16,295
<u>HIGHWAY FUND</u>				
2026-03-04	DA-5130-0405	Machinery Equipment Repairs	6,903	
	DA-5130-0405	Machinery Equipment Repairs - Record Resolution 01:22:26-2		6,903
<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>				
2026-03-05	H-1620-0400	Town Hall Project Expense	4,720	
	H-1620-0500	Town Hall Improvements - Resolution 03:10:26-8		4,720

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 06:09:26-7

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	\$45,963.00
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$415,224.22
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$6,114.25
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$8,938.05
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$240,399.75</u>
	\$716,639.27

Pay Period – 05/17/26-05/30/26	Check Date 06/04/2026	Payroll #11
	General Fund	\$37,008.87
	Highway Fund	<u>\$42,890.81</u>
		\$79,899.68

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 06:09:26-8

Approval of Second Town Board Meeting Change in June Due to Primary Election Day

WHEREAS, Primary Election Day is June 23, 2026, the fourth Tuesday in June, and

WHEREAS, one of the election sites for the Town of Beekman is Town Hall, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY 12570, and

WHEREAS, this date conflicts with the June 23, 2026 Town Board Meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the second Town Board Meeting in June will be Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY, 12570.

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 06:09:26-9

Acknowledging June as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking skills, and the ability to carry out simple tasks, impacting millions of individuals and their families throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, more than seven million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, and millions more serve as devoted caregivers, often facing emotional, physical, and financial challenges, and

WHEREAS, June is recognized nationally as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to increase public understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, encourage

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of cases, and currently has no cure, and

WHEREAS, early detection, increased public awareness, and continued research are essential to improving quality of life, advancing treatment, and ultimately finding a cure, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman recognizes the importance of supporting individuals and families affected by Alzheimer’s disease, and honoring the dedication of caregivers, healthcare professionals, and advocates,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby recognizes and acknowledges the month of June 2026 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in the Town of Beekman, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board encourages all residents to learn more about Alzheimer’s disease, support individuals and families affected by dementia, and participate in activities that promote brain health awareness.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
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