

TOWN OF BEEKMAN

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Town Board Meeting

Date: March 24, 2026

Time: Approximately 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Supervisor Laureen Abbatantuono

Councilwoman Kate Blake

Councilwoman Gina Ragusa

Councilman Mersin Capollari (Absent)

Councilwoman Sharon Wohrman (Absent)

Also Present:

Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk

Recreation Director, Dani Plastini

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 law enforcement officers, firefighters, and military personnel.

SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Abbatantuono:

- Announced Community Day scheduled for July 25th.
 - Thanked Recreation Director and staff for planning efforts.
 - Provided general updates on Town activities.
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PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Department - Dani Plastini

Ms. Plastini provided updates including:

- Summer camp registration (150 participants to date)
 - Beach passes available
 - Swim lessons and senior programs
 - Annual Egg Hunt (including sensory-friendly event)
 - Senior trip and ongoing programming
 - Upcoming events:
 - Relay for Life (June 6th)
 - America 250 Celebration (June 26th)
 - Community Day (July 25th)
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Dutchess County Office for the Aging – Mary Rey

Ms. Rey presented services available to residents, including:

- Benefits assistance (Medicaid, SNAP, HEAP)
- Legal services (wills, POA, healthcare proxy)
- Transportation and meal programs

- Volunteer opportunities
 - “File of Life” emergency program
 - Yellow Dot and Blue Envelope safety programs
 - Upcoming office hours at Town Hall
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PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Crane - 254 Gardner Hollow Road

Spoke in support of a forestry planning grant application and encouraged public participation.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 3:24:26-1: Salary and Wage Schedule (Tabled)

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

The Board discussed proposed wage adjustments for the Deputy Town Clerk and Highway Department Secretary. Concerns were raised regarding budget impact and the need for supporting data and comparisons.

Action: Motion withdrawn and resolution tabled.

Resolution 3:24:26-2: Authorize Payment for Feasibility Study

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Blake

Discussion Summary

Clarification provided that billing reflects prior-year services.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono – Aye

Resolution Approved.

**Resolution 3:24:26-3: Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Beekman
Rescinding Resolution No. 10:14:15-4**

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

Town Attorney explained prior transfer required permissive referendum and was not compliant.

Resolution returns \$300,000 to General Fund.

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:24:26-4: Revised Encumbrances for Fiscal Year End 2025

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:24:26-5: Approving the Appointment of the Financial Services Consultant

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

Board reviewed consultant selection process, cost comparison, and billing structure (retainer vs hourly).

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:24:26-6: Approve Town of Beekman Budget Revisions

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:24:26-7: Approve Town of Beekman Budget Revisions for February 2026

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Blake

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

Resolution 3:24:26-8: Payment of Claims

Motion: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

Discussion Summary

Supervisor explained high general fund amount due to tax warrant distributions (fire district, library, water).

Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Ragusa - Aye

Councilwoman Blake - Aye

Supervisor Abbatantuono - Aye

Resolution Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Crane - 254 Gardner Hollow Road

- Announced Earth Day event (April 18th)
- Shared another great riddle

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Abbatantuono:

- Encouraged residents to sign up for Recreation emails and follow Town social media
- Announced NYSEG public session (April 8th)

Board Members:

- Expressed appreciation for improved communication and collaboration

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: Councilwoman Ragusa

All in Favor: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Turenchalk

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Town Clerk