Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Tuesday, November 17th, 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, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution to Create Capital Project for the Highway Garage Generator
2. Resolution Authorizing Increase for the Town Hall Improvements Capital Project
3. Resolution Designating the Position of Town Supervisor as a Full-Time Position
4. Approve Hourly Wage Schedule for Seasonal Recreation Staff for 2027
5. Authorize Expenditures for Community Center Bathroom Upgrades
6. Acknowledgement of Part-Time Clerk for the Justice Court
7. Payment of Claims

RESOLUTION 11:17:26-1 **Resolution to Create Capital Project for the Highway Garage Generator**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has deemed it appropriate to purchase and install an emergency generator at the Town Highway Garage, and

WHEREAS, the town has been awarded a $25,000 Dutchess County 2026 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) on August 19, 2026 for assistance in the purchase of a generator, and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 100% matching contribution from the town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer and Town Consultant recommend that additional funds be included for contractual services and engineering, and

WHEREAS, the project estimated costs will be similar to the Town Hall Generator Project final costs of $87,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the creation of the Highway Garage Generator Project in the amount of $87,000 with sources of transfer from the Highway Garage Project of $62,000 and $25,000 from the Municipal Investment Grant (MIG).

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 November 17, 2026.

Town Clerk:_____ Date: November 17, 2026

RESOLUTION 11:17:26-2 **Resolution Authorizing Increase for the Town Hall Improvements Capital Project**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman in Resolution 09:15:25-9 increased the authorization for the Town Hall Capital Investment Project to $320,000, and

WHEREAS, the actual costs for the project currently exceed the authorization by $3,954, and

WHEREAS, there will be engineering and other minor costs to complete and close the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman authorizes the increase for the Town Hall Improvements Capital Project to $330,000 with an additional $10,000 transfer from the General 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 11:17:26-3 **A Resolution Designating the Position of Town Supervisor as a Full-Time Position**

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor serves as the chief administrative officer of the Town and is responsible for overseeing various administrative, financial, and operations functions of Town government, and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities and demands associated with municipal government have continued to increase, requiring greater administrative oversight, coordination, and availability to address the needs of Town departments, employees, residents, and other governmental agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman recognizes the importance of having consistent, full-time administrative leadership to ensure the efficient operation of Town government, provide effective oversight of municipal operations, and facilitate communication and coordination among Town departments, and has budgeted to accommodate for such full-time duties, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that designating the position of Town Supervisor as a full-time position will better serve the interests of the Town and its residents by ensuring dedicated attention to the daily business affairs of the Town of Beekman,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position shall require the Town Supervisor to devote full-time professional attention to the duties of the office, as those duties are prescribed by law and by this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this designation relates solely to the time and availability the Town Supervisor devotes to the office, and nothing in this resolution shall be construed to confer, delegate, or enlarge any power, duty, or authority of the Town Supervisor beyond those expressly provided by Town Law § 29 and other applicable law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are authorized to take and direct such actions as are necessary to effectuate this resolution."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby designates the position of Town Supervisor as a full-time position effective January 1, 2027, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take any necessary steps to implement this resolution.

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 11:17:26-4 **Approve Hourly Wage Schedule for Seasonal Recreation Staff for 2027**

WHEREAS, THE Town Board is authorized to set salaries and wages,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following salary range be set for the Seasonal Recreational Staff for the year 2027 as follows:

Seasonal Recreational Staff ($16.00-$22.00) per hour.

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 11:17:26-5 Authorize Expenditures for Community Center Bathroom Upgrades

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Community Center ("Community Center") serves to provide meeting and event space regularly for the residents of the Town of Beekman, including but not limited to day camps, community day events, Easter events, fall festival, elections, exercise classes, etc. and is also rented out to various organizations as a meeting space, and

WHEREAS, the Community Center specifically serves as the Senior Citizen Center open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, and

WHEREAS, the bathrooms at the Community Center are not compliant with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and

WHEREAS, there are other areas of the Community Center that need modernization and ADA compliance, such as parking spaces, walkways, lighting, doors, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman recognizes the importance of providing ADA compliant facilities in as much as possible to better serve its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman desires to modernize and bring the Community Center into ADA compliance and is seeking a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) under its New York Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS) 2026 capital grant program which makes funds available to municipalities to build, renovate and modernize community centers across New York State, and

WHEREAS, the NY BRICKS 2026 program requires a capital improvement project with a minimum cost of $312,500.00 and the minimum grant value is $250,000.00 and the municipality would need to match a minimum of 20% of the project cost, or minimum $62,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the NY BRICKS 2026 application requires evidence that the municipality will match 20% of the project cost,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the contribution to the Community Center upgrades in an amount of $62,500.00, subject to securing the NY BRICKS 2026 grant in the amount of $250,000.00.

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 11:17:26-6 Acknowledgement of Part Time Appointment for the Justice Court

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Justice Court has identified a need for additional clerical assistance to support the operations of both Justice Murray and Justice Tramaglini, and

WHEREAS, Cindy Parraggio has previously provided clerical services to the Town of Beekman Justice Court and is familiar with the operations of the Court, and

WHEREAS, both Town Justices have expressed their support and consent to Ms. Parraggio's appointment to provide additional clerical assistance to the Justice Court, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parraggio has agreed to accept the part-time position at an hourly rate of $31.64,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves the appointment of Cindy Parraggio as Part-Time Justice Court Clerk, effective immediately at an hourly rate of $31.64.

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 11:17:26-7 **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	$178,756.68
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	$44,760.68
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	$2,586.50
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	$11,697.96
	$237,801.82

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded:_____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

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