

**Town of Knox  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Hammond  
Councilwoman Gage  
Councilman Decker  
Councilwoman Nagengast  
Councilman Viscio

**ALSO:** Town Attorney Dorfman  
Deputy Town Clerk Geel  
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

**ABSENT:** Town Clerk Swain

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION # 101 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting be approved.

**RESOLUTION # 102 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

On motion of Councilwoman Nagengast, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of August 2008 be approved.

**RESOLUTION # 103 - PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #009 of the General Fund, covering claims # 290-311 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims # 280-289 for the year 2008.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the Union Contract arrived today. Town Attorney Dorfman to compare to old contract.

**RESOLUTION #104 - HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008 FOR SECTION 8 HUD HOUSING PROGRAM**

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED to hold a public hearing on November 5, 2008 at 7:30p.m. for the Town's proposed Agency Plan for 2009 for the Section 8 HUD Housing Program.

The 2009 Budget Workshop dates have been set for September 23 and October 7, 2008. Town Clerk to advertise legal notice in the Altamont Enterprise for the 2009 budget workshops.

**RESOLUTION #105 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO TRANSFER \$1000.00 FROM A7140.4 TO SL5031 LIGHTING DISTRICT PER 2008 BUDGET**

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Hammond to transfer \$1000.00 from the general fund to the

lighting district per 2008 budget.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the Town of Knox was a recipient of a \$30,385.50 DEC Grant. He announced the application for a NYSERTA funding grant, which he has not heard the status of that grant.

Robert Price spoke regarding the Farmland Protection Grant. Sarah Gordon, the Planning Board members and the Conservation Advisory Council have been in contact via e-mail. Is the town board willing to spend up to \$1666.66?

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) sent Supervisor Hammond an e-mail.

Cheryl Frantzen, asking for re-affirmation of the Right To Farm Law? This law protects farmers and is adopted by the town.

Sarah Gordon - grants only apply to approved Right To Farm Laws. Knox already meets criteria for application.

Bob Price - what did it do for other farm communities in Albany County?

Sarah Gordon - no other community in Albany County applied this, Berne just received this grant. The town's cost is for the planning process.

Councilwoman Gage - did not get this from presentation.

Sarah Gordon - she will get a copy of the Town of Berne's application

Councilman Viscio - re look at the comprehensive plan for agriculture usage to develop an agriculture inventory. Look at regulatory side.

Travis Stevens - CAC has list of farms in town already, talk to active farmers and ask what will benefit them.

Councilwoman Gage - what is in it for me, as a farmer? Tax reduction, rebate?

Sarah Gordon - grant money cannot go to farmer, it's an economic incentive, over long term is their benefit

Councilwoman Nagengast - how do we get more farmers - promoting farming

Councilman Viscio - agriculture preservation is a benefit to entire community - what is the planning board's thought

Bob Price - not enthusiastic

Supervisor Hammond - can this be done at a lesser scale?

Sarah Gordon - yes - proposed budget is the max

Councilwoman Gage - not sure she wants to do something without determining a "bang for the buck"

Councilman Decker - wants to know what neighboring towns plans / proposals are

Sarah Gordon - will get plans tomorrow, will meet with planning board this Thursday

Highway Superintendent Salisbury announced the new pick up truck will be ready next week. Two containers have been ordered for the Transfer Station.

Supervisor Hammond announced Serial Bonds with Town Hall Project, with First Niagara Bank, this is the best way to finance this project.

ECS has announced that the cell tower may be in operation by the end of December 2008.

Robert Price announced a public hearing for another cell tower on the Kryzak property, at the corner of Route 156 and Pleasant Valley Road. Albany County Sheriff's Department are interested in being on our tower. The tower on Street Road should have three carriers, Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile. Verizon will pay one years rent in one lump sum.

Councilwoman Nagengast announced the Knox Soccer Program had a significant turn out this year, ninety kids are signed up this year, compared to the thirty five from last year. Presented the T-shirts that were ordered for the kids.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the Knox Fire Department will hold commemorative occasion for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
September 22, 2008

Kimberly D. Swain