

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Supervisor Lefkaditis
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Kuck
Councilman Barber
Councilman Barcomb

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Town Clerk Murphy
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

RESOLUTION # 31-2016 – ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL INTERVIEW

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session for personnel interview at 6:30pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #32-2016 – ENTER BACK INTO GENERAL SESSION AT 7:30PM

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to enter back into General Session at 7:30pm.

RESOLUTION # 33-2016 – CONSENT TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 1/12/16 January Meeting and 1/21/16 and 2/4/16 Special Meetings be approved.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Liam Hanley presented the Town Board with his proposed Eagle Scouts Project of building and installing a “Little Free Library” at the Town Hall. The library would contain books for all ages that are free to borrow. The concept is that if you take a book you leave a book in return. Currently a book collection to stock the library is being held at the Berne Library.

RESOLUTION # 34-2016 – APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY CONTINGENT UPON FINDING A PROPER LOCATION AT THE TOWN HALL.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the installation of the “Little Free Library” contingent upon finding a proper location at the Town Hall.

Deputy Sherriff Amy Kowalski introduced herself as the new community liaison.

Patricia Lightbody could not attend the meeting, however, Supervisor Lefkaditis announced that she would like to serve as the Community Service Coordinator for the Town of Knox to possibly work with the Justice Department to assign community service instead of a criminal record for youth. Councilman Barcomb recognized that this would be a great opportunity to find potential community service opportunities for all town youth.

Attorney John Dorfman stated that there may be regulations around working with the court system and agreed to discuss this further with the probation office and courts to get more information.

Brian Clary for the First Reform Church of Bethlehem discussed growing opposition to the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline that would pass through the Town of Knox and asked that the Town Board consider passing a resolution in opposition. Councilman Kuck added that he believes this is an issue of public safety and also encouraged that the Board discuss taking action on this. Councilman Kuck also announced that a Public Forum will be held at the Knox Town Hall on Saturday, March 12th from 2pm-4pm with representatives from the Stop Fracking group present with more information.

6. PERSONNEL:

RESOLUTION # 35-2016 – APPOINT MACKENZIE HEMPSTEAD AS MINUTES RECORDER TO THE ZONING BOARD (\$13.27/HR.)

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Mackenzie Hempstead as Minutes Recorder to the Zoning Board (\$13.27/hr.)

RESOLUTION #36-2016 – APPOINT KATHLEEN PUTZIG AS TOWN HISTORIAN (\$726.00 PAID QUARTLY.)

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution

was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Kathleen Putzig as Town Historian (\$726.00 paid quarterly)

Councilwoman Pokorny made a motion to appoint Dan Driscoll as a Planning Board Member to serve through 12/31/17, seconded by Councilman Barber.

Supervisor Lefkaditis urged the motion be amended.

RESOLUTION #37-2016 – APPOINT DAN DRISCOLL AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER THROUGH 12/31/17.

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED by the following roll:

AYES: Pokorny, Barber, Kuck, Barcomb

NAYS: Lefkaditis

RESOLVED to appoint Dan Driscoll as Planning Board Member through 12/31/17.

Supervisor Lefkaditis made a motion to appoint Ken Saddlemire as a Planning Board Member to serve through 12/31/22.

RESOLUTION #38-2016 – APPOINT KEN SADDLEMIRE AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER THROUGH 12/31/22.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was REJECTED by the following roll:

AYES: Barber, Lefkaditis

NAYS: Pokorny, Kuck, Barcomb

Councilman Barcomb made a motion to appoint Debra Nelson as Planning Board Member through 12/31/22.

RESOLUTION #39-2016 – APPOINT DEBRA NELSON AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER THROUGH 12/31/22.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED by the following roll:

AYES: Pokorny, Kuck, Barcomb

NAYS: Barber, Lefkaditis

RESOLVED to appoint Debra Nelson as Planning Board Member through 12/31/22.

RESOLUTION #40-2016 – APPOINT MARK YOUNG AS LANDFILL ATTENDANT PT (\$12.73/HR.)

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution

was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Mark Young as Landfill Attendant PT (\$12.73/hr.)

RESOLUTION #41-2016 – APPOINT LAURE-JEANNE DAVIGNON AS CONSERVATION ADVISORY MEMBER THROUGH 12/31/16

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Laure-Jeanne Davignon as Conservation Advisory Member through 12/31/16.

RESOLUTION #42-2016 – APPOINT PETER SHUNNEY AS CONSERVATION ADVISORY MEMBER THROUGH 12/31/17

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to appoint Peter Shunney as Conservation Advisory Member through 12/31/17.

Supervisor Lefkaditis made a motion to hold a public hearing to consider creating an Alternative Planning Board position to be held at the regular Town Board meeting on April 12, 2016.

RESOLUTION #43-2016 – AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 12, 2016 TO CONSIDER CREATING ALTERNATIVE PLANNING BOARD POSITION.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to authorize the advertising of a public hearing on April 12, 2016 to consider creating Alternative Planning Board position.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Heating Oil: Supervisor Lefkaditis announced that we have switched fuel providers at the Highway Garage to a NY State Contract which will give us a .39/gallon savings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Pokorny made a motion to send the proposed light ordinance to public hearing, seconded by Councilman Kuck.

Supervisor Lefkaditis discussed concerns about the language and enforcement of the ordinance as

presented and suggested that the Planning Board make the following changes:

- Amend for businesses, if that was the intent
- Change “gable-end” lighting located above eve.
- Clearly state that agricultural exemptions apply
- Consider adding exemptions for security systems
- Add enforcement clause at the end

Councilwoman Pokorny withdrew the original motion.

RESOLUTION #44-2016 – SEND LIGHTING ORDINANCE BACK TO PLANNING BOARD FOR REVISION.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to send Lighting Ordinance back to Planning Board for revision.

Supervisor Lefkaditis reviewed the Noise Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board.

Supervisor Lefkaditis suggested that the Noise Ordinance be sent back to the Planning Board for revision with the following suggestions:

- Exemptions for Agriculture be clearly stated
- Exemptions for fire and safety and alarm systems in general be added

RESOLUTION #45-2016 – SEND NOISE ORDINANCE BACK TO PLANNING BOARD FOR REVISION.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to send Noise Ordinance back to Planning Board for revision.

E-RECYCLING: Councilman Kuck and Councilwoman Pokorny updated the board on their work to find a vendor for E-Waste. Through a RFP in the Town of Bethlehem, 5 vendors were found, and one vendor (JGS) we currently have a contract with for other recycling. Upon review they would suggest the town contract with JGS who offers the lowest fees, has a good track record, and has been loyal to the town. With this contract the Transfer Station can begin to accept e-waste again. There will be a \$15 charge for CVTs until they are gone but all other e-waste will be free of charge.

FEMA: still being worked on.

BLIGHT: Town Attorney John Dorfman will review findings from the Planning Board and report back.

TOWN SIGN: Supervisor Lefkaditis will be getting estimates to share with the Fire Department.

OFFICE DESCRIPTIONS/FAQs: Councilwoman Pokorny has been working to collect and write descriptions. As they are put together they can be added to the website. A page for the Town Historian will be added to the website as well.

EMAILS: Emails are being created and the new ones are being tested now. Town Clerk Murphy will create “group” emails for each of the boards to receive a general email all at once. It was requested that she look into the security of the email system as well.

The Town Board set a new date for the Facilities Walk Through on Saturday, February 27th at 9:30, to be posted on the town website.

Public Comment:

John from Finke Equipment presented the Town Board with folders of information and sealed bids for the RFP for the mower. Supervisor Lefkaditis they all would need some time to review the materials received and that he and the Highway Superintendent would like to schedule a time to visit their facility.

Robert Price reminded the audience that there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 9th at the Town Hall.

Amy Damin introduced herself as a candidate for the BKW School Board.

Ed Ackroyd also introduced himself as a candidate for the BKW School Board.

The School Board vote will be held on February 23rd with a meet the candidates night on February 22nd.

RESOLUTION # 46-2016 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #14 of the General Fund, covering claims #459-461 in the amount of: \$548.44 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #462 in the amount of: \$58.90 for the year 2015 and on General Abstract #002 of the General Fund, covering claim #1-5 & 78-25 in the amount of: \$ 13,407.43 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #26-39 in the amount of: \$4,816.51 for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION # 27-2016 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk for the Month of January 2015 be

approved.

Supervisor Lefkaditis did not have his report to approve and will bring both January and February to the next meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
February 23, 2016

Tara L. Murphy