

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Decker
Councilman Barber

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Town Clerk Murphy
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Hammond reviewed the schedule for the evening and opened the floor to Robyn Reynolds, a Community Engagement Manager who works for Climate Action Associates LLC, under contract to NYSERDA, to address the board regarding the Climate Smart Communities program. Ms. Reynolds reviewed that this is a voluntary and flexible program focused on local action. NYS will provide framework and resources to assist the town on moving forward to reduce costs and become more climate smart along with access to funding and grants.

Supervisor Hammond recommended that the Board adopt the pledge through a resolution.

RESOLUTION #94-2015 TOWN OF KNOX TO ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE IN FULL.

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to adopt the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge in full as listed below.

WHEREAS, the Town of Knox (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities,

vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Knox, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

Representative from Milton Caterpillar to discuss purchasing a new loader for the highway department.

Hwy Superintendent Salisbury explained that Caterpillar is willing to deliver the new loader now and pick up the old machine for trade and wait for payment in January 2016 as originally planned. The representative from Milton Cat explained that snow season is coming and they would be able to resell the used loader now.

Supervisor Hammond reviewed the net price of the new loader is: \$143,845.00 and the trade-in value of the used loader would be: \$40,000.00, leaving a balance of \$103,845.00. Currently the Highway Reserve Fund has \$99,709.00 which would leave a balance of \$4,136.00 that would have to come from the Highway Fund.

Supervisor Hammond asked for board approval for a Permissive Referendum to execute the funds for this purchase. The 30 days advertised notice would be Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm. A special meeting will be scheduled to execute the referendum.

RESOLUTION #95-2015 - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2015 930M CATERPILLAR FRONT LOADER OBLIGATING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,000.00 FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to purchase 2015 930M Caterpillar Front Loader obligating Reserve Funds in the amount of \$99,000.00 subject to Permissive Referendum

Notice is hereby given by the Town Board of the Town of Knox, Albany County, State of New York, at a regular meeting theretofore held on the 13th day of October, 2015, duly adopted pursuant to Article 2, Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, a resolution subject to Permissive Referendum, the purpose and effect of which is to establish authority for the Town Board of the Town of Knox to purchase a 2015 930M Caterpillar Front Loader, and to provide for expenditure in the amount of \$99,000.00 for the funds available in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Supervisor Hammond set the next Town Board Meeting on November 4th as the date for someone from Joseph Mastriani's office to give an update on the Section 8 Housing Program in Knox.

RESOLUTION #96-2015 – ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2016 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015 AT 7:30PM FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2016

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to adopt the tentative budget for 2016 and hold a Public Hearing on November 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm for the approval of the tentative budget for 2016.

Supervisor Hammond reviewed the quote received from T.L.T Sealcoating & Striping Services, Inc. for sealing and striping the Town Hall parking lots. The quote is for \$6,939.00.

RESOLUTION #97-2015 – APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM T.L.T SEALCOATING FOR SEALCOATING AND STRIPING SERVICES OF TOWN HALL PARKING LOTS AND AUTHORIZE WORK TO BE COMPLETED AS QUOTED.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED approve the quote from T.L.T Sealcoating for sealcoating and striping services of town hall parking lots and authorize work to be completed as quoted.

Supervisor Hammond reviewed the new agreement with the City of Albany regarding a solid waste management partnership and recommended to the board to renew this agreement with the City of Albany.

RESOLUTION #98-2015 – RENEW AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ALBANY REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP.

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED renew agreement with City of Albany regarding solid waste management partnership.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury discussed the process of adopting town roads for the CHIP funding and mentioned that one road was left out of the original resolution. He would like to send the resolution to DOT adding this road along with two others that were left off by DOT. This will give the town an additional 3 miles of coverage.

RESOLUTION #99-2015 – RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF KNOX ON JUNE 9, 2015, NONCPROTUNC, DESIGNATING CERTAIN ROADWAYS IN THE TOWN OF KNOX AS A TOWN ROAD PURSUANT TO SECTION 189 OF THE HIGHWAY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO ADD WILLOW LANE.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to amend a resolution of the Town of Knox on June 9, 2015, noncprotunc, designating certain roadways in the Town of Knox as a town road pursuant to section 189 of the highway law of the State of New York, to add Willow Lane.

Hwy Superintendent Salisbury also mentioned that he has received an estimate for the damage to the guardrail on Dutch Settlement Road for \$1,400.00. The work needs to be completed before winter so he will have the work done and then the Town will be reimbursed once the accident report has been finalized.

Salisbury also mentioned that the Challenger Tractor should be sold now and is expecting a check in the next week.

Planning Board Chairman Bob Price announced that the Planning Board continues to work on updating the zoning ordinance with the business district information as well as maps. Once complete the final version will be sent to Town Clerk Murphy for posting and printing.

RESOLUTION # 100-2015 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor for the Month of September 2015 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 101-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following

resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 2015 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 102-2015 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #010 of the General Fund, covering claims #261-286+30213,787.63 in the amount of \$13,787.63 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #287-301 in the amount of \$11,255.86 for the year 2015.

Councilwoman Pokorny announced that she would like to see the town set a date for a Hazardous Waste Day for Spring 2016. She will explore and research the cost and also ways of perhaps sharing the cost.

Councilwoman Pokorny also passed around the new Recycling brochure full of useful information for use at the town Transfer Station. The brochure will be available online as well as at the Transfer Station for residents to pick up.

Councilman Viscio commented on the Broadband Forum held at the Town Hall last week, stating that it was well attended and well received. A lot of information was put forth from residents. Not all questions could be answered at this time but it was well organized and put Knox upfront on the issue.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
November 2, 2015

Tara Murphy