

March 9, 2010

Town of Knox
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Gage
Councilman Stevens
Councilman Viscio
Councilwoman Nagengast

ALSO: Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury
Town Attorney Dorfman

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

RESOLUTION #40 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 2010 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION #41 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of February 2010 be approved.

RESOLUTION #42 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #3 of the General Fund, covering claims #59-75 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #46-58 for the year 2010.

Judy Petrosillo, Manager and Kathy Stempel, Youth Services of the Berne Library distributed the annual report for 2009. Judy thanked the Town of Knox for the financial support. The library's operating budget for 2009 was \$38,459, operating fund disbursements were \$34,758. The total transactions from the Berne Library were 12,594. With only 158 Knox residents that are current Berne Library cardholders, Judy would like to see a greater number of Knox residents participate with the Berne Library.

Margaret Diggs, Colette Poulin and Joseph Espinosa of Albany County, Department for Children, Youth and Families addressed the board regarding summer job opportunities for the hilltown youths. Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families, Albany County Department of Social Services and the City of Albany Youth and Workforce Services work in collaboration to provide year round and summer employment opportunities to eligible youth.

RESOLUTION #43- APPOINT CAROL BARBER TO FILL VACANCY FOR RECORDING SECRETARY FOR PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilwoman Nagengast, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

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RESOLVED to appoint Carol Barber as Recording Secretary for the Planning Board.

Architect Sacco reported that the Town Hall Project is moving along. A representative from Nathan Office Interiors had a few sample chairs for the board to review before the Board meeting this evening. Councilwoman Gage suggests quotes for different chairs at the board room table. Supervisor Hammond will order the other office furniture with out the chairs for the board room table.

Councilman Stevens asked Supervisor Hammond for a quote for card readers for the interior and exterior doors for the new Town Hall. Supervisor Hammond had not received any quotes for this request.

RESOLUTION #44- AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS AS APPROVED BY THE CLERK OF THE WORKS AND PROJECT ARCHITECT

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

resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYSO

RESOLVED to authorize payments to Bruce Bunzey (clerk of the works) for \$3,495.00 for February, Wainschaf Associates, Inc., for \$76,722.93, Phoenix Electrical Co., Inc for \$14,625.25, Sacco & McKinney for invoice #7 for \$3,554.99, Grainger for \$328.68 and the Home Depot for \$181.86.

RESOLUTION #45-KNOX TOWN BOARD OPPOSING GOVERNOR PATERSON'S PROPOSAL TO CLOSE JOHN BOYD THACHER PARK

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Viscio,
the following
resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYSO

RESOLVED to pass resolution opposing Governor Paterson's proposal
to close John Boyd Thacher Park.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE KNOX TOWN BOARD
REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE NOT TO CLOSE
JOHN BOYD THACHER PARK**

By Town Supervisor Michael Hammond, Councilman Nicholas Viscio,
Councilwomen Patricia Gage, Councilwomen MaryEllen Nagengast and
Councilman Travis Stevens:

WHEREAS, Governor Paterson has proposed to close John Boyd Thacher
Park to assist in meeting the financial crunch the State of New York faces, and

WHEREAS, A substantial portion of Thacher Park lies within the boundary of
the Town of Knox, and

WHEREAS, Local business within the Town of Knox will suffer economic
hardships from the lack of patrons using the park', and

WHEREAS, While the Knox Town Board understands the fiscal difficulties
faced by the State, the importance of having access to one of the most valuable
local recreational areas cannot be over stressed, and

WHEREAS, The history of Thacher Park dates back around 400 years to a
time when the trail now known as the Indian Ladder Trail was used by the
Mohawk Iroquois Indians to reach the trading post operated by Henry Hudson, and

WHEREAS, This beautiful park, some 2155 acres, has been used by countless
visitors from the Albany area and beyond and during tough economic times, people
have avoided costly travel and have instead opted to take advantage of local
recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, the Knox Town Board appeals on behalf of the citizens of Knox to
the Governor and the New York State Officials responsible for the decision to close
Thacher Park to please allow the residents of the Town to continue to enjoy this
wonderful asset and please don't allow the park to deteriorate into an unusable
patch of land, now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, By the Knox Town Board, that New York State Officials are requested not to close John Boyd Thacher Park, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Knox Town Supervisor is directed to forward copies of this proclamation to Governor David Paterson, Senate Temporary President Malcolm A. Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Albany County's State representatives Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, Timothy Gordon, John McEneny and Robert Reilly.

Supervisor Hammond discussed the possibility of adding the Town Laws to the Knox Website. Bob Aaronson, webmaster for the Town of Knox would be able to add a new page within a week. The cost would be \$300.00 - \$400.00.

RESOLUTION #46- APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN WEBSITE TO INCLUDE LOCAL LAWS

On motion of Councilwoman Nagengast, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYSO

RESOLVED to approve development of town website to include local laws.

Attorney Dorfman donated a Meridian Telephone system to the town. Supervisor Hammond has been in contact with a representative from Northeast Services for the initial set up of the phone system. The cost of the set up will be less than a \$1,000.00.

RESOLUTION #47-AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST SERVICES FOR SET UP OF PHONE SYSTEM NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 1
RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to enter into contract with Northeast Services for initial set up.

Councilman Stevens would like to explore another avenue for the phone system.

Supervisor Hammond received a letter from Cheryl Frantzen from the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC). She stated that the Apple Festival held at the Altamont Fair Grounds in October will be focusing more on wine vendors than crafters and local farmers. She is suggesting to the Town Board that the CAC, would like to host a Harvest Festival, with local crafters and local farmers.

RESOLUTION #48-TOWN BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Stevens, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYSO

RESOLVED that the Town Board is in support of the Harvest Festival for the Conservation Advisory Council.

On behalf of the Town Board, Supervisor Hammond thanked Highway Superintendent Salisbury and the Town Highway employees for the great efforts of keeping the roads clean and clear during a tremendous snow storm, without any break downs of the equipment.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported though he wasn't intending on purchasing any equipment he has found a wing for the grader. If purchased

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new, the cost would be \$25,000.00. Auctions International has a wing that would fit the town's grader and would cost approximately \$3,000.00.

RESOLUTION #49 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALISBURY TO PURCHASE WING FOR THE GRADER, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYSO

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent Salisbury to purchase wing for grader not to exceed \$3,500.00.

Councilman Viscio reported he has been in contact with Carol McTague from the State Public Service Commission, trying to organize a meeting with John Mucha from Time Warner Cable.

Attorney Dorfman announced he has been in contact with the Department of Labor regarding the Workplace Violence Policy, and that the Town does not have to have a Workplace Violence Policy in effect.

On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 16, 2010

Kimberly D. Swain

