

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2014**

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 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Albany County Legislator Deb Busch presented the board with an update on activity at the County level including the creation of an Albany County Resource Center in the Hilltowns. The “Hilltown” Resource Center will be located in the Westerlo Reform Church and will provide all of the same services offered in downtown Albany: including employment services, medical assistance, and social services such as HEAP/Food Stamps.

Deb Busch also reported on the Albany County alternative energy meeting that was held at the Octagon Barn on July 1st. Discussions included the potential development of a “solar farm” that could potentially offset the Town Municipal expenses as well as future savings for town residents. Busch encouraged the Board to review the solar company’s PowerPoint presentation from the meeting and consider listening to a presentation from the company in the near future to discuss clean and affordable energy for the town.

Councilwoman Pokorny responded that it is great to have support from the county level on this topic. She also reported that she will be attending a DEC seminar on July 15th to discuss community energy resources in more detail and hopes to have more information on this topic to report back about.

Councilman Viscio mentioned that Helderberg Community Energy, of which councilwoman Pokorny is an active member, has been organized for several years to develop and support these types of projects and has helped to make great changes to the community.

Deb Busch added that there are several municipalities using renewable energy to help offset taxes with no investment by the town through lease programs. She asked that the Board review the information in the PowerPoint presentation and report back at the next meeting.

Supervisor Hammond reported that he received one more RFP for the painting of the Historical Museum from Lenny's Painting in Middleburgh, NY. Pressure wash and hand scraping, complete prime and two coats of finish paint (color = white), including deck and railings = \$9,849.00

The Board discussed the proposal and considered it a competitive quote however they had some concerns about the prep work, wondering if there was any replacement or repair work needed to the wood before painting could be done.

Supervisor Hammond responded that he doesn't think there will be a lot of repair needed other than the shutters which could be worked on after. He recommended entering in to the painting agreement now while the weather is favorable to this kind of work.

RESOLUTION #75-2014 – ACCEPT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM LENNY'S PAINTING CONTINGENT UPON CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY

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

RESOLVED to accept the Request for Proposal from Lenny's Painting for the purpose of painting the Historical Museum.

Supervisor Hammond read a thank you letter received by the town from someone who used the Knox Town Park Pavillion and included a donation of \$40 to the town.

Supervisor Hammond requested that the August Board meeting set for August 12th be moved to August 19th so that the full board will be present.

RESOLUTION #76-2014 – THE AUGUST TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 INSTEAD OF AUGUST 12, 2014

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

RESOLVED to hold the regular town board meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

Councilwoman Pokorny reported that on July 7th a volunteer came to the Town Hall to count the surveys that had been received. 136 paper copies and approximately 50 online suveys had been completed for a total of 186. Around 50 more surveys would reach the 25% participation mark and so Councilwoman Pokorny recommended that the deadline to complete the survey be extended to July 31st.

Councilman Decker suggested that the new date be added to the website and facebook as well as be printed in *the Enterprise*.

Councilwoman Pokorny also proposed putting together a small Input Review Committee to include representatives from the Town Board, Planning Board, Conservation Advisory Council, farmers, seniors, young families and youth to review the surveys, identify and summarize community needs, develop a vision statement of future goals of the town and recommendations to consider for policy implementation.

Councilwoman Pokorny suggested that this committee meet soon to begin reviewing the responses already received and set the first meeting for Tuesday, July 22nd at 7pm at the Town Hall. A notice will be placed in *the Enterprise* and an email will be sent to those who have originally participated in the survey process.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that paving will begin on Tabor and Zimmer Roads on July 21st and will take about 1.5 days to complete the job. He will be renting a bulldozer and roller to complete other roads after that which should take about a month to complete everything.

Town Attorney John Dorfman addressed the board about the recent NYS Board of Appeals decision to give towns the authority to regulate fracking in their own districts and suggested that the board consider getting requests/recommendations on fracking from the Planning Board and Conservation Advisory Council and to do their due diligence in this regard to come up with a statement or opinion on this topic as other towns have done.

RESOLUTION # 77-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 2014 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 78-2014 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Viscio, 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 May 2014 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 79-2014 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #007 of the General Fund, covering claims #177-188 & 201-207 in the amount of \$8,909.71 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #189-200 in the amount of \$15,366.56 for the year 2014.

Supervisor Hammond reported that the insurance company has issued a check in the amount of \$1,800 to repair the shingles that were blown off the Transfer Station during the storm on May 22nd. The whole roof will need to be looked at closer and may have to be completely replaced.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
July 14, 2014

Tara Murphy