

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2007**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Gage
Councilman Decker
Councilman Best
Councilman Viscio

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION # 80 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 81 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of July 2007 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 82 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #008 of the General Fund, covering claims # 262-283 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims # 246-261 for the year 2007.

Residents who live on Whipple Road, presented the Town Board with a petition regarding access to Whipple Road and Carrick Road. These residents want to know who owns the road if the Town of Knox does not? Attorney Dorfman to meet with the residents and report back to the Town Board next month. The two residents who reside at the end of Whipple Road, Chuck Tanner and Matt Chase are concerned with ATV's and other four wheel drive vehicles traveling to fast on the road.

RESOLUTION #83 - TOWN OF KNOX RESOLUTION OPPOSING ARTICLE X

On motion of Councilman Best, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 Best, Gage, Viscio, Decker, Hammond

NAYS 0

RESOLVED that The Town of Knox oppose Article X.

WHEREAS, Article X of the Public Service Law provides a streamlined siting permit procedure for certain power generation facilities and the law expired December 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, since January 1, 2003 power generation facilities have been sited via local zoning and state DEC review; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a proposal by Governor Spitzer before the Legislature to renew and revise Article X of the Public Service Law that would also include the siting of windmills; and

WHEREAS, this inclusion essentially eliminates local zoning control over windmills and has an impact on community host payments; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Knox, along with numerous municipalities throughout New York State, has undergone considerable time and expense to develop and implement windmill siting policies that best fits our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Knox is opposed to any inclusion of the siting of windmills in Article X of the Public Service Law as it removes local control of our landscape and violates the principles of Home Rule that has been the guiding force of our state; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Knox encourages any revision of Article X to address health and environmental issues for those who live and work near power generation facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer and elected officials.

Dated: August 14, 2007

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF KNOX

Supervisor Hammond reported that the International Union of Operating Engineers that represents The Town of Knox Highway workers, the contract expires on December 31, 2007. Attorney Dorfman and Councilman Best and Viscio will contact the International Union of Operating Engineers and commence negotiation.

RESOLUTION # 84 - REAPPOINT RUSS POKORNY AS KNOX ASSESSOR

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board Reappoint Russ Pokorny as Knox Assessor to a full seven year term as required by ORPS.

RESOLUTION # 85 - AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALISBURY TO RENT A ROLLER NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00

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

RESOLVED that Highway Superintendent Salisbury rent a roller, not to exceed \$2,000.00 for a weeks use.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported he purchased a bulletin board for the Transfer Station. Line, Church and Whipple Roads are ready to be chip sealed. He has also spoke with FEMA regarding the estimate of \$107,000.00 in flood damages and repairs.

RESOLUTION # 86 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO MAKE PAYMENT ON NEW TRACTOR NOT TO EXCEED \$74,100.00

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize Supervisor Hammond to make payment on the 4601 Challenger MT 455b 4WD Mid Sized Tractor, not to exceed \$74,100.00.

Robert Price reported that he reviewed the Town of Knox Fee Schedule and recommends some changes.

The Town Board requests the Planning Board to review the wording in the Zoning Ordinance Book regarding the usage of signs and report the proposed changes to the board next month.

On motion of Councilman Best, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
August 27, 2007

Kimberly D. Swain