

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2011**

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

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Highway Superintendent Salisbury
Town Clerk Swain

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mary Kinnaird, Chairperson for Berne Library Trustee and Judy Petrosillo, Manager of Berne Library addressed the board regarding programs the library offers. Currently, Knox is unserved by a chartered library. Knox supplies the Berne Library with \$1,500.00 per year from the budget. In 2010, 162 (16%) Knox patrons used the Berne Library.

The Berne Public Library is chartered to serve the Town of Berne. The library has a contract with the Town of Berne to be open for 25 hours a week in exchange for salaries, operating expenses, building space, heat, electricity and internet. 16% of 2010 operating expenses (excluding building, heat, electricity, internet and fax) would be \$5,700.00.

Judy Petrosillo asked the board to consider being chartered to the Berne Library. Serving 16% of residents from Knox does cost more, approximately \$6,000.00 a year. She has asked the board to please raise the budget for the Berne Library. To become chartered with Berne Library, the town would apply to the NYSED. The NYSED offsets some of the operating cost with grant money.

Councilwoman Nagengast replied that the Library and staff do an excellent job, and do much for the community.

Terri Ray, a representative from Joseph Mastrianni's office, reported on the Section 8 HUD Housing Program. With 16 Housing Choice Vouchers (there was 20, due to budget restraints now 16). 5 are participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency, which enables them to develop goals, gain full time employment.

Supervisor Hammond commented, last year Jim Mastrianni spoke about the possible merge with Guilderland, has there been any decisions? No decisions have been made regarding that.

Councilman Viscio asked if the Section 8 has had any funding issues? Currently the program receives the same amount of money as last year.

Supervisor Hammond reported that Callanan Industries have completed the paving work at the town hall. The bid was for \$50,900.00, additional \$5,000.00 for crusher run and leveling off with paver.

RESOLUTION #106 - AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$55,900.00 TO CALLANAN INDUSTRIES FOR THE PAVING OF TOWN HALL PARKING AREAS PER BID, \$45,000 FROM GRANT AND REMAINDER FROM BUILDING FUND

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

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of \$55,900.00 to Callanan Industries for paving town hall road and parking areas per bid.

Supervisor Hammond reported that the board met on October 5th to review the budget for 2012. Under the tax cap of 1.8%.

Councilwoman Nagengast asked if the town could take some money from another line item and budget more for the Berne Library, and keep the money in the hilltowns. Councilwoman Gage feels the same way. Councilman Stevens would like to see the numbers from the Altamont Library and compare them to Berne.

Councilwoman Gage asked Supervisor Hammond to contact Altamont Library and report back to the board with the statistics of Knox residents.

Supervisor Hammond asked Councilman Stevens to contact Betty Ketchum and Jean Forti for information regarding the Altamont Library.

RESOLUTION #107 - ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2012 AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 9TH AT 7:30PM

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 1 (Stevens)

RESOLVED to adopt the preliminary budget for 2012 and hold a public hearing.

The board continued the discussion regarding the use of the Community Room. Town Attorney Dorfman has not reviewed the draft application for the permit for the use of the room. Discuss next month.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that he hasn't received a quote from CEJJ, Inc. for a new container for the Transfer Station. May have to look into other companies, if they don't contact us back. The company that handles the refrigerators, are not accommodating as they use to be. He has signed a contract with this company. Town Attorney Dorfman to review.

Paving on Becker Road is complete. Three other roads are scheduled to be chip sealed, being late in the year they will not guarantee the work.

Councilman Stevens reported on the Fall Festival that was held on October 8th. The event was a good turn out, many people and the weather was great. One issue was no toilet paper in the ladies room. Suggest speaking with Cheryl Frantzen regarding recognition for the larger farms in the area that can not be at the festival.

Councilwoman Nagengast reported that over 100 kids participated in the Knox Soccer program. The Youth Committee is planning a bus trip to New York City, \$50.00 per ticket. The Youth Committee would like to offer the Maple Ski Ridge program again this year.

Supervisor Hammond announced that he received an offer on the 2004 Chevy 1 Ton. Contained a non-collusive bidding certificate. Offer was from, Terry Baldwin, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor from the Northeast Industrial Park. Offer in the amount of \$11,153.00. Board suggests a counter offer of \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION #108 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO COUNTER OFFER \$15,000.00 FOR CHEVY 1 TON

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

RESOLVED to make counter offer to Terry Baldwin in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Bob Price reported that six members of the Planning Board attended a conference yesterday and today regarding hydrofracking, which that will be discussed at the next Planning Board Meeting. Foil Requests, Interactive forms and full environmental forms were also topics of discussion.

RESOLUTION # 109 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Stevens, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 1 (Viscio) absent at last meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 2011 Meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 110 - 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 September 2011 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 111 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #10 of the General Fund, covering claims #286-307 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #279-285 for the year 2011.

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Stevens, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
October 18, 2011

Kimberly D. Swain