

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2014**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Decker
Councilman Barber

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Town Clerk Murphy

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Salisbury
Councilman Viscio

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RESOLUTIONS #119-2014 – SET TIME AND DATE FOR THE JANUARY 2015
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED to hold the January 2015 Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2015 at 9:00a.m.

Town Attorney John Dorfman discussed with the Board the need to authorize a Notice of Public Hearing relative to the proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2015 for Flood Damage Prevention as authorized by the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, and Environmental Conservation Law, Article 36.

The Board reviewed the need to designate an “administering agency” for this process and recommended that the Planning Board be designated as such.

Attorney Dorfman explained that there are 7 specific areas designated as flood plain area within the Town of Knox. With administrative duties given to the Planning Board they will need to set an application fee for the Flood Plain Permit process.

Robert Price, Chairman of the Planning Board, suggested a fee of \$100 per flood plain permit application. The importance of this application process to Knox residents is that if someone does build within the designated Flood Plain area they must comply with this application process in order to be eligible for FEMA compensation, in the event of flooding.

Supervisor Hammond distributed to Robert Price the paperwork and maps sent by FEMA for review.

RESOLUTIONS #120-2014 – THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF KNOX IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2015 PURSUANT TO SECTION 20 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED the Town Clerk of the Town of Knox is hereby authorized to publish a notice of public hearing relative to the proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2015 pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Supervisor Hammond decided with the Board to set the Organizational Meeting on January 1, 2015 as the date for the annual Town Justices records review as required by the Uniform Justice Court Act.

Supervisor Hammond announced that Highway Superintendent Gary Salisbury has received an offer of \$7,400.00 for the old truck at the town garage from a recent auction.

Councilman Decker explained that this is a much better price than what would be offered for scrap and suggested that we accept this as the minimum offer.

RESOLUTIONS #121-2014 – TO ACCEPT THE MINIMUM BID OF \$7,400.00 FOR THE OLD TOWN TRUCK AT THE CLOSE OF AUCTION

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED to accept the minimum bid of \$7,400.00 for the old town truck at the close of auction.

Town Clerk Murphy discussed the website update with the Board. Right now Town Clerk Murphy is working on setting up a new web page for the town. All of the data from the current website has been transferred over to the new template and now needs to be worked on. Town Clerk Murphy is working to make the website menus and submenus more user friendly with more pictures and easier navigation around the site. She is hoping to have the new site up and ready in the beginning of 2015.

Supervisor Hammond mentioned that in the meantime the current site will remain up and website hosting fees will be paid monthly to Bob Aronson until the new site is ready to go live.

Councilwoman Pokorny reviewed the status of the Comprehensive Plan stating that one more workshop is needed and then they should be ready to put together a draft report. The next

workshop will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Town Clerk Murphy will post this in the paper for town residents as well.

Councilman Barber announced that the Knox Youth Council met with the Berne Youth Committee and have decided that beginning in 2015 the two groups will be working together to help with events throughout the year!

RESOLUTION #122-2014 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #12 of the General Fund, covering claims #404-420 & 445-446 in the amount of \$20,277.01 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #421-444 in the amount of \$9,245.14 for the year 2014.

Supervisor Hammond mentioned that the Albany County Elections bill, which was submitted this month, of approximately \$10,000 is for the 2012 election year which included 2 primaries and 1 regular election making the bill larger than usual. The bill for 2013 still needs to be paid, however this will not be done in the same budget year.

RESOLUTION # 123-2014 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor for the Month of November 2014 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 124-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 125-2014 – ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03PM

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED that enter into Executive Session at 8:03pm.

RESOLUTIONS #126-2014 –RETURN INTO GENERAL SESSION AT 8:46PM

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLVED to return into general session at 8:46pm

With no further business, on motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman

Pokorny, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
December 17, 2014

Tara Murphy