

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2012**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Barber

ALSO: Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

ABSENT: Councilman Decker
Town Attorney Dorfman

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

James Spencer who resides on Bozenkill Road addressed the board. Five years ago his family started an alpaca farm, they shear and spin the fibers from the alpaca and make products with the fur. He converted the old milk barn into living quarters for his family. He has gone through the necessary channels and received a fire number for the residence. A stop work order was placed and cannot get certificate of occupancy. Supervisor Hammond responded that the town board cannot give the certificate of occupancy. Supervisor Hammond suggested that Mr. Spencer discuss this with Mr. Delaney.

RESOLUTION # 15 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH MOHAWK HUDSON HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SHELTER SERVICES IN 2012

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to renew contract with Mohawk Hudson Humane Society for shelter services in 2012.

Linda Carmen addressed the board regarding her letter of intent for vacant position on the town board she sent in to the board. She questioned, why this position hasn't been posted? And why the board passed a resolution to post all positions, but this hasn't been posted? Supervisor Hammond responded that the republican party has put a name in for consideration. It's a political process and the democratic party is canvassing for a candidate.

Mrs. Carmen also questioned the boards appointees. Why does one person hold more than one paying position? The deputy registrar of vital statistics, the court clerk and the cleaning person is the same person, who holds a full time paying job. Dog Warden, Park laborer and cemetery caretaker, are all the same person. Mr. Quay holds a full time job and works at the transfer station. Would the board consider appointing someone who is not working, or a senior citizen? Supervisor Hammond stated that the board could certainly consider that as criteria. The Dog Warden position was another position that wasn't posted. Supervisor Hammond stated that the board not wanting to expand the size of government. Mrs. Carmen who works with senior citizens, stated the possibility of a committee of seniors, find out who they are and if they are in need of assistance.

Bob Price asked the board if a date has been set for Winter Fest. No date has been set; will have to rely on the Altamont Enterprise for advertising. Will there be a class on the use of the new projector? Bob will coordinate by e-mail to all boards to set up a class for the use on the projector. Bob also asked the board about holding another blood drive here at the Town Hall. 21 pints were collected, which exceeded the American Red Cross' expectations. Supervisor Hammond will contact the Red Cross to set up another blood drive.

Beverly Brooks addressed the board, she has been a resident in Knox for 20 years. Questioned the vacant seat on the town board. What is the process to fill the seat? Does the board take into consideration what the voter's choice to the runner ups? Supervisor Hammond stated that Mike Swain has submitted a letter of interest; the party chairperson also submitted a letter as well; the democratic party will also do the same. Whoever the board appoints will have to run in 2012 election. Mrs. Brooks stated that she knows Mr. Swain and hopes that the board takes him into consideration, he is a trustworthy, hard working and honest man.

Kountry Knolls Mobile Home Park has submitted the completed application, fee and appropriate paperwork.

RESOLUTION #16 - APPROVE KOUNTRY KNOLLS MOBILE HOME PARK PERMIT APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to approve Kountry Knolls Mobile Home Park permit application for 2012.
Supervisor Hammond would like the board to approve the purchase for a computer for the Dog Warden and Park Laborer.

RESOLUTION #17 - APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER FOR DOG WARDEN AND PARK LABORER

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of computer, not to exceed \$500.00.

Linda Carmen asked the condition of Line Road? Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that the road will not be looked at until spring; still waiting for FEMA representatives to set up meeting with an engineer to review and discuss the next step. This is such a large piece of property that is sliding away. Dead end signs have been put up. Supervisor Hammond stated that the signs have been disappearing, the cost is expensive to replace.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury would like the board to consider purchasing him a laptop. Space is becoming an issue and the convenience for diagnostics on the trucks. Salisbury to check state contract.

Don Hempstead asked the board, is there any reason why the board hasn't filled the vacant seat? Town board should not be one sided, no matter what party; it's not good for the residents of this town.

RESOLUTION # 18 - APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 2012 Organizational Meeting be approved.

Approve minutes of the December meeting. Councilman Viscio and Supervisor Hammond are the only two on the board that were on board at the time of December Meeting. Councilman Barber was not on the board at that time. Two in favor to approve the December 2011 minutes.

RESOLUTION # 19 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Supervisor Hammond, the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 2 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 2011 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION #20 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO TRANSFER \$1,000.00 FROM A7140.4 TO KNOX LIGHTING DISTRICT AS PER BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to transfer \$1,000.00 from A7140.4 to Knox Lighting District as per 2012 budget.

RESOLUTION #21 - TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KNOX INSPECTED THE JUSTICE COURT'S CASH BOOK AND DOCKET FOR DECEMBER 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board has reviewed the Justice Court's cash book and docket for December 2010 through December 2011 and all funds due to Supervisor are accounted for.

RESOLUTION # 22 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor for the Month of December 2011 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 23 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #13 of the General Fund, covering claims #389-405 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #377-388 & 406 & 407 for the year 2011 and on General Abstract #001 of the General Fund, covering claims #2-10 and of the Highway Fund, covering claim #1 & 11 for the year 2012.

RESOLUTION # 24 - ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for Union contract proposal review.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 21, 2012

Kimberly D. Swain

