

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Supervisor Lefkaditis
Councilman Kuck
Councilman Barber
Councilman Barcomb
Councilwoman Pokorny

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 and a moment of silence for the victims of Orlando.

RESOLUTION #122-2016 – OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS ADVERTISED

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to open public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as advertised.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. that the Town of Knox will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 264 and 265 of the Town Laws of the State of New York to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Knox with the intent to correct typographical errors and add some new definitions. All suggested edits are for the 13th amendment dated 14 April 2014. These changes will be inserted into the next release of the Zoning Ordinance.

Specifically, the following changes are recommended:

Article II: Definitions, Section 20, Introductory Statement

- Pg. 6 > Building Group: change "principle" to principal".*
- Pg. 7 > Building Principle: change "Principle" to "Principal".*
- Pg. 8 > District, More Restricted or Less Restricted: remove strikeout from AM and add MRD before B, end sentence with (.).*
- Pg. 14 > Nuisance: change "mature of" to "nature or".*

Article III: Designation of Districts

- Pg. 27 > Section 31.8 Multi-Use Residential District: change "Brandt" to "Bradt".*

Article IV: Use Regulations and Use Tabulation

- Pg. 29 > Section 40, Permitted Uses: under definition (A), change "site/plan" to "site plan".*

- Pg. 36 > Section 46, Prohibited Industrial Uses: change “Cement Manufacture” should be “Cement manufacture”.

Article V: Supplementary Regulations and Non-Conforming Uses

· *Section 50, Supplementary Regulations*

1. Pg. 39 > A.3.f, Activity Standards: change “Know” to “Knox”.
 2. Pg. 39 > A.7, Fences and Walls: change “residential district” to “Residential District”.
 3. Pg. 45 > C.7.f, Exemption from Above Regulations: change “eliminate” to “eliminated”.
 4. Pg. 52 > N, Sanitary Waste Water Disposal: last line of description should end with the phrase Albany County Health Code rather than Town of Knox Sanitary Code.
- Pg. 60 > Section 52, Density Control Schedule: addition of “Minimum” to columns 3 and 5; removal of “Maximum” from column 3.

Article VI: Administration

· Pg. 70 > Section 61, Zoning Board of Appeals

1. F.4.i: remove “and” after . . . land uses.
2. F.4.j: replace (.) with (;).

Pg. 81 > Amendment History: remove “Riding Academy” deletion. This definition remains in the Zoning Ordinance.

Said hearing will be held on June 14, at 7:00 PM at the Knox Town Hall at which time all Interested persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Town Board.

Supervisor Lefkaditis reviewed the proposed list of typos with no comments from the audience.

Supervisor Lefkaditis read the proposed Lighting Amendments as follows:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, that the Town of Knox will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 264 and 265 of the Town Law of the State of New York to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Knox to establish new standards and requirements for regulation of artificial lighting in the Town of Knox.

Section I. Purpose and Findings

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Town of Knox to prevent unreasonably bright artificial lighting and to reduce the level of artificial lighting impinging on surrounding properties so as to preserve, protect and promote public health, safety and welfare. The Town Board finds that excessive artificial light levels are offensive and detrimental to the enjoyment of property, and that excessive and unnecessary artificial light is a nuisance and menace to public health, safety, welfare and the comfort of the people of the Town. This Law is to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide requirements, guidelines and standards for artificial lighting in the town of Knox.

Section II. Amendments

- A. Article V: Section 50 A3 f of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Knox is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:
f. Exterior Lighting Regulations

1. General Requirements.

No artificial lighting fixture shall be installed or positioned in a manner that the light shines directly on any neighboring residential property or shines directly on or into any room or rooms, porches or patios of any neighboring residential properties, nor shall any artificial lighting be maintained or operated in such a manner as to be a nuisance or annoyance to occupants of neighboring residential properties.

2. General Guidelines and Standards.

- a) *Flashing sources of illumination are prohibited.*
- b) *All new exterior lighting fixtures shall be full cutoff fixtures.*
- c) *Site lighting shall be designed and installed to minimize off-site impacts, including unnecessary glare and/or illumination of the night sky.*
- d) *In Residential zones, illumination at the property line shall not exceed 0.1 foot-candle.*
- e) *In Business zones, illumination at the property lines shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles.*
- f) *Lighting attached to home structures shall not exceed the height of the roof.*
- g) *Light fixtures used to illuminate flags, statues, or other objects mounted on a pole, pedestal, or platform shall use a narrow cone of light that will not extend beyond the illuminated object.*

3. Exemptions. The following are exempt from the exterior lighting provisions:

- a) *Lighting fixtures and standards required by federal, state, or county agencies, including street lights within the public right-of-way.*
- b) *Outdoor lighting fixtures used by law enforcement, fire and rescue, or other emergency response agencies to perform emergency or construction repair work.*
- c) *Lighting for exit signs, stairs and ramps required by building codes.*
- d) *Lighting in swimming pools and other water features governed by Article 680 of the National Electrical Code.*
- e) *Holiday and temporary lighting.*
- f) *Lighting for athletic fields; only with site plan approval from the Planning Board recognizing steps have been taken to minimize glare and light trespass, and to utilize sensible curfews.*
- g) *Low voltage landscape lighting.*
- h) *All lights with agricultural exemptions.*
- i) *Alarm lights for security systems.*

4. Enforcement Clause

To assure that artificial lighting does not adversely affect neighboring properties, the Code Enforcement Official shall have the authority to require changes to existing artificial lighting fixtures to reduce and minimize glare and the splaying of light at the property lines and to ensure continuous compliance with this regulation. Such changes may include, but are not limited to, directing the owner to remove the lighting fixture, or directing the use of lower wattage bulbs, the addition of shields to deflect light, and/or directing changes to the angle of the fixtures or shields. Failure to implement the changes as directed by the Code Enforcement Official shall be a violation of any permit or approval granted under this regulation.

Said hearing will be held on June 14, at 7:00pm at the Knox Town Hall, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

CAC Member Laure-Jeanne Davignon read a statement prepared by the Conservation Advisory Council.

*Town of Knox Conservation Advisory Council
Statement on the amendment of the town Zoning Ordinance in relation to
Noise Regulation and Artificial Lighting Standards
February 2016*

The mission of the Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Knox is to provide information, expertise, advisement and guidance to the Town of Knox Board on matters pertaining to the protection, conservation, preservation, restoration and enhancement of natural and cultural resources within the Town.

The Conservation Advisory Council would like to underscore the importance of the goals listed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Section 5.2. The goals listed here include the protection of the Town's natural resources, the preservation of the Town's rural character, the encouragement of the continued existence of open and agricultural lands and agriculture, the protection of the aesthetic, cultural and historic character of the Town, and the encouragement of economic vitality consistent with the Town's rural character. Finally, and most relevant in this instance, is the goal listed in section 5.2.6, to "Maintain a continuing planning process to ensure that the goals herein are implemented through appropriate revisions to the zoning ordinance..."

After much thought and discussion the Conservation Advisory Council would like to offer its full support for amending the town Zoning Ordinance to specifically address the areas of Noise Regulation and Artificial Lighting Standards. To reach this conclusion the Conservation Advisory Council considered the following points:

- i. The proposed amendments will serve to protect two of the Town's unique natural resources, specifically dark skies and a quiet natural environment.*
- ii. The protection of these natural resources will in turn help maintain quality of life for town residents and help protect the value of their homes and properties.*
- iii. The proposed amendments will allow the growth of business in a way that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, offering them clear and concise guidelines for development.*
- iv. Many surrounding communities use similar zoning regulations to ensure smart growth and maintain quality of life for their residents.*

In conclusion, the Conservation Advisory Council supports the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to include Noise Regulation and Artificial Lighting Standards, and requests that the members of the Knox Town Board consider enacting such amendments without delay.

After public discussion Supervisor Lefkaditis proposed moving on to discuss the Noise Ordinance and read the proposed amendment as follows:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, that the Town of Knox will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 264 and 265 of the Town Law of the State of New York to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Knox to establish new noise requirements for Site Plan Review.

Findings: Based substantially on a careful review of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board of the Town of Knox finds and declares that:

- A. Regulation of noise from new uses subject to Site Plan Review is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of neighboring property owners and the general public, and to preserve the Town's existing character.*

B. *New uses subject to Site Plan Review may be significant sources of noise, which, if not properly regulated, can have an adverse impact on the health of nearby residents and on the use of nearby properties, particularly in areas with low background sound levels such as prevail in most of Knox. EPA's well-known publication, Information on Levels of Environmental Noise Requisite to Protect Public Health and Welfare with an Adequate Margin of Safety, commonly known as the Levels Document, www.nonoise.org/epa.htm, was used to determine the appropriate noise limits for a "Quiet suburban or rural community (remote from large cities and from industrial activity and trucking)." The methodology determines the expected public response to the noise:*

- *No reaction, although the noise is generally noticeable;*
- *Sporadic complaints;*
- *Widespread complaints or a single threat of legal action;*
- *Several threats of legal action or appeals to local officials to stop the noise;*
- *Vigorous action.*

In the noise control profession it is generally considered adequate to reduce expected community response to "sporadic complaints" assuming that most of those complainants are using noise as a surrogate for visual impact or general dislike of the noise source; that was the criterion used for the proposed regulation.

The following is the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Knox:

1. *The following text shall be added to the current Article II - Definitions, Section 20:*

RUMBLE: a deep, heavy, continuous, rolling sound. (Webster's New World Dictionary)

2. *The following text shall be added to the current Article VI, Administration, Section 61F, [as noted]:*

61F.4.(k) [new]. Adequacy of the plan to minimize noise impacts on surrounding land uses;

i. If the facility is expected to produce off-site noise, a sound level analysis shall be prepared to determine maximum predicted ten-minute average energy equivalent sound levels at off-site property lines and residences from operation of the facility and associated equipment. Emergency alarms, such as fire alarms and break-in alarms, and agriculture, as described in Article V, Section 50A9, are exempt from this requirement.

ii. The predicted sound levels shall be based on manufacturer's data and a propagation analysis that considers terrain and the various atmospheric conditions that may occur during facility operation. At distances more than ten times the largest dimension of the noise source, but less than 1500 feet, the 6 dB reduction per doubling of distance rule-of-thumb may be used.

iii. The facility and associated equipment shall be designed and located so that predicted sound levels at off-site property lines and residences shall not exceed 40 dBA during nighttime hours (10 pm to 7 am) and 50 dBA during daytime hours (7 am to 10 pm). In addition, to avoid low-frequency rumble, the difference between the predicted A-weighted and C-weighted sound levels shall not exceed 20 dB.

iv.

In the event that the noise generated by the facility and/or associated equipment contains a pure tone (such as produced by a transformer or fan), an impulsive component (such as produced by hammering) or an amplitude modulated component (such as produced by commercial wind turbines), the predicted sound levels at off-site property lines and residences shall not exceed 35 dBA during nighttime hours and 45 dBA during daytime hours.

v. *A post construction noise monitoring plan shall, at a minimum, require certification by the permittee or applicant that the facility and associated equipment are in conformance with these requirements during a representative range of operating and atmospheric conditions. Instrumentation shall meet ANSI or IEC Type 1 standards, and measurement procedures shall comply with relevant portions of ANSI S12.9, Part 3.*

Said hearing will be held on June 14, at 7:00 pm at the Knox Town Hall, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

After public discussion Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked everyone for their comments and a motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESOLUTION #123-2016 – CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING TO RECONVENE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

On motion of Councilman Kuck, seconded by Councilman Barcomb, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to close public hearing and reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting.

Carol “Cookie” Palmer addressed the board briefly to discuss a current program to change all town building lights to LED lights to reduce the demand on the grid as well as reduce costs to the town. Supervisor Lefkaditis asked to table the discussion for the upcoming special meeting and added her to the agenda.

RESOLUTION #124-2016 – APPROVE MINUTES OF 5/10/16 SPECIAL MEETING, 5/15/16 SPECIAL MEETING, 5/10/16 REGULAR MEETING, AND 5/21/16 SPECIAL MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED approve minutes of 5/10/16 special meeting, 5/15/16 special meeting, 5/10/16 regular meeting, and 5/21/16 special meeting.

Board Liaison Reports:

- Councilman Kuck reported for the CAC, mentioning a recent DEC workshop attended by several CAC members as well as a meeting with an intern to work on the wetlands inventory with possible grant funding to assist.

- Councilwoman Pokorny reported on the ZBA – ideas about better communication between other boards as well as the Building Inspector with some input into the suggested changes to the zoning ordinance.

Town Attorney Dorfman mentioned that the boards must act as independent boards so communicating on issues in professional capacity would not be appropriate.

M. Gillis gave a summary of the Youth Council June 4th summer kick-off event and thanked the board for the support. Registration is open for the summer camp and soccer program. More information can be found on the town website and in the Town Clerk's office.

Hwy Superintendent Salisbury gave an update on the FEMA equipment. Tractor has been paid for by the town. The Roller is at highway garage and waiting for funds to come from FEMA, everything else is on schedule.

Salisbury discussed selling the 1974 John Deere track loader that is no longer used and 1988 trailer that is not road worthy.

RESOLUTION #125-2016 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SELL 1974 JOHN DEERE 450B TRACK LOADER, THROUGH USE OF BROKER, FOR NO LESS THEN NET \$7,500.00

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent to sell 1974 John Deere 450B Tracker Loader, through use of Broker, for no less then net \$7,500.00.

RESOLUTION #126-2016 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SELL 1988 EQUIPMENT TRAILER AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN LOCAL PAPER FOR NO LESS THEN \$1,500.00

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent to sell 1988 Equipment Trailer and advertise for bids in local paper for no less then \$1,500.00.

The board moved to discuss the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Superintendent Lefkaditis suggested approving the “Typos” amendment with two changes:

1. The change in proposed Typo amendment concerning Article II: Definitions, Section 20, page 8 will be removed from proposed Typo amendment and that same section and definition will be removed in its entirety from the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Suggested changes to Pg. 81 – Riding Academy Deletion – the board passed resolution to remove it in 2013 and it was never removed, so to change this would compound – just remove it from proposed typo ordinance, already addressed in June 2013.

RESOLUTION #127-2016 – APPROVE PROPOSED “TYPOS” AMENDMENT TO

ZONING ORDINANCE WITH AGREED CHANGES.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED approve proposed “Typos” Amendment to Zoning Ordinance with agreed changes.

The board moved to discuss the proposed Noise Amendment. Councilman Barcomb stated that the only problem with the current law is with enforcement. The ideal way to deal with an issue is to talk to your neighbor and extreme industrial/manufacturing is already covered under the current zoning ordinance.

Supervisor Lefkaditis stated that this was an incoherent law and stressed that residents need to use commonsense.

Planning Board member Tom Wolfe asked the board to consider adopting this amendment more as a guideline to be used by the Planning Board during comprehensive site plan review process rather than a law in the Zoning Ordinance.

After further board discussion a motion was made to reject the proposed amendment as presented.

RESOLUTION #128-2016 – REJECT PROPOSED “NOISE” AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE.

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED reject proposed “Noise” Amendment to Zoning Ordinance.

The board moved to discuss the proposed Lighting Amendment. Councilman Barcomb mentioned that any issue should first be handled neighbor to neighbor however this doesn’t always work. The zoning administrator would step in then to help work things out but we need to help them with that.

Supervisor Lefkaditis responded that there is no problem now so why do this. Any issue would be covered under the nuisance and new construction would have to be full cut off.

Councilman Barcomb stated that this could be mediation guidelines if neighbors are having an issue.

Supervisor Lefkaditis responded that it is so vague and unenforceable. He would chose under regulation over more regulation. The Planning Board efforts are commendable, but not for Knox.

Councilman Barcomb agreed that as written the amendment is too restrictive, commonsense is needed but there are too many holes in this.

Supervisor Lefkaditis suggested making a motion to reject this proposal in its entirety.

Councilman Barcomb added that the special use permit process currently covered in the Zoning Ordinance is sufficient and an adequate site plan review would be done based on what exists currently.

Councilwoman Pokorny stated that she has full cut off lighting that doesn't prevent lighting of the ground for protection and security.

Resident Dennis Cyr responded that the Town Board is making that decision for the residents though.

After further board discussion a motion was made to reject the proposed amendment as presented and suggested that the planning board use the proposed language as a guideline during site plan review.

RESOLUTION #129-2016 – REJECT PROPOSED “LIGHTING” AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED reject proposed “Lighting” Amendment to Zoning Ordinance.

The board discussed the Planning Board (PB) decision to reject the creation of a business district along the intersection of 156 and 157.

Supervisor Lefkaditis suggested that the board could either consider make it a MRD (Multi-use Residential District) or over-ride the PB decision and request a public hearing on the business district.

PB chairman R. Price stated that the business district was rejected because of the location with a severe curve, no sidewalks and fast speed limit. PB member R. Gwin suggested going to the NYS DOT to put in sidewalks and reduce the speed limit to 35 in the Hamlet similar to what was done in Guilderland Center.

Councilman Barcomb added that the changes in the Guilderland Center hamlet really brought a lot of change to the area and a better atmosphere to the neighborhood there.

Supervisor Lefkaditis read Section 70 of the Zoning Ordinance.

PB Member Tom Wolfe read his statement of dissent to the PB decision against the business district.

To: The Knox Town Board

RE: Minority Opinion Route 156 Business District, Knox Planning Board

I was the lone dissenting vote in the Knox Planning Board's decision on May 12, 2016

to recommend to the Knox Town Board that a new business district not be designated in the vicinity of State Routes 156 and 157. My reasons for dissenting are listed below:

1. The Planning Board did not follow the direction of the Town's Comprehensive Plan with respect to the consideration of the areas suggested for the possible designation as a business districts. Specifically, on page 96, the Comprehensive Plan states "An important first step in considering these areas further is to have focused public meetings with the residents of these areas." Aside from one member of the Planning Board meeting informally with one business owner and one resident of the proposed Business District, no other attempt was made by the Planning Board to comply with this direction.

2. The majority of the Planning Board was of the opinion that businesses and growth should be encouraged in the existing B-1 district. This suggestion if flawed for two reasons:

-There is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan that supports this reasoning. Without any basis in the Comprehensive Plan, this argument is solely an opinion and not a valid reason for recommending against the creation of a business district at the location recommended by the Planning Board. The Comprehensive Plan listed several proposed areas for business districts including the one now being considered on Route 156.

-The Comprehensive Plan notes the extreme limitations in district B-1 for future growth. Specifically, it states, "However, other than recognizing the existing business activities, there is little room for any expansion, the lots are small, and there is no public water supply."

3. The majority of the Planning Board felt that the lack of suitable road infrastructure and the lack of adequate water and sewage facilities prevented this area from supporting businesses. This opinion ignores the fact that there are currently 3 businesses (Armstrong Furniture and Machinery, Mae's Nursery and the Mountain Woodshop) operating in this area and a vacant restaurant (former site of Highland Restaurant and Tavern and Chelden House Restaurants) in the area. These current and former businesses have operated in this area for many years in spite of the cited lack of adequate infrastructure. Historically businesses in the Town of Knox have been small entrepreneurial operations, not large scale, infrastructure-intensive businesses. For decades many small businesses had been established and thrived absent such amenities.

The lack of adequate supporting road, water and sewage infrastructure in the Town, the Town's small stable population and the Town's geological and topographical constraints act as a self-limiting mechanism against the establishment of any large infrastructure dependent businesses. Future business growth in the Town will be limited almost exclusively to small businesses launched by entrepreneurs. The thorough two stage review of any proposed businesses by the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board will ensure that business growth in the Town will be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wolfe

Knox Planning Board member

Supervisor Lefkaditis read a section of the Comprehensive Plan that discussed business district creation in the hamlet and stated that if we want to see Knox grow let's do something.

Councilman Barcomb added that the hill on Rt 156 is not great for businesses.

T. Wolfe stated that the board should trust that through Site Plan Review the safety of traffic on that hill would be addressed.

Councilman Barcomb stated that he would like to consider looking into DOT and sidewalk suggestion for the hamlet and perhaps send back to PB with consideration of a MRD.

RESOLUTION #130-2016 – SEND NEW BUSINESS DISTRICT PROPOSAL BACK TO PLANNING BOARD TO RECONSIDER PROPOSED MRD WITH REQUEST OF LOWER SPEED LIMIT AND CONSIDERATION OF TOPOGRAPHY

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to send new business district proposal back to Planning Board to reconsider proposed MRD with request of lower speed limit and consideration of topography.

RESOLUTION #131-2016 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN PAPERWORK TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF COMP ALLIANCE AS WORKERS COMP FOR THE RATE OF \$48,588.00 FOR NEXT YEAR.

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to authorize supervisor to sign paperwork to accept recommendation of Comp Alliance as Workers Comp for the rate of \$48,588.00 for next year.

RESOLUTION #132-2016 – TABLE DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY AMNESTY PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to table discussion of Property Amnesty Program.

Councilwoman Pokorny discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Day set for Saturday, August 20th from 9am-2pm at the Knox Highway Garage. Pre-registration with Town Clerk for “coupon” is required. A list of acceptable materials along with rules will be on the town website, printed in the town-wide newsletter and posted at the Transfer Station.

RESOLUTION #133-2016 – TABLE DISCUSSION OF FACILITIES UPDATE

On motion of Supervisor Lefkaditis, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to table discussion of Facilities Update.

RESOLUTION #134-2016 – SET HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES AT THE GREATER; (i) 17% OF THE FOLLOWING PREMIUMS: 605.05 FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANS, 1,028.58 FOR EMPLOYEE & CHILD PLANS, 1,210.10 FOR TWO PERSON PLANS, AND 1,724.39 FOR FAMILY PLANS OR; (ii) 17% OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS PLUS ACTUAL DEDUCTIBLES OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE POLICIES COMMENCING ON JUNE 1ST 2016.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE SHALL BE 0% OF ANY PLAN.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to set health insurance contribution rate for highway employees at the greater; (i) 17% of the following premiums: 605.05 for individual plans, 1,028.58 for employee & child plans, 1,210.10 for two person plans, and 1,724.39 for family plans or; (ii) 17% of health insurance premiums plus actual deductibles of healthcare insurance policies commencing on June 1st 2016. Highway Superintendent's employee contribution rate shall be 0% of any plan.

Supervisor Lefkaditis proposed that the 4th Tuesday of each month be reserved as a public work day for the Town Board, as needed, with no voting but time for discussion.

RESOLUTION #135-2016 – RESERVE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AS TOWN BOARD PUBLIC WORK DAY AS NEEDED.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED to reserve 4th Tuesday of each month as Tow Board Public Work Day as needed.

RESOLUTION #136-2016 - TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KNOX INSPECTED THE JUSTICE COURT'S CASH BOOK AND DOCKET FOR EACH TOWN JUSTICE AND THAT THE FINES AND FEES SHOWN THEREIN HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Knox inspected the Justice Court's cash book and docket for each Town Justice and that the fines and fees shown therein have been turned over to the proper officials as required by law.

A representative for the NYS Deferred Compensation Program dropped off information for the town board to review as a benefit to any employee of the town. The Board members took information to review for further discussion.

Councilwoman Pokorny gave the following Comprehensive Plan Update:

- A draft of the History chapter is being reviewed and updated by the Town Historian.
- Demographic and Social Statistics data are being compiled by staff from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.
- Budget data has been provided in a 5 year summary spreadsheet from the Office of the State Comptroller.
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation is providing assistance with the sections on Vegetation, Wildlife and Wetlands.

- The Conservation Advisory Council is working with a summer intern to conduct a study of local wetlands.

When this material is compiled, it will be sent to Nan Stolzenberg for her professional review and recommendations.

Councilman Barcomb is working with the family of Ray Shafer to honor his 100 years of life possibly at the July meeting.

RESOLUTION #137-2016 TOWN BOARD TO ACCEPT THE TRAILER COURT APPLICATIONS FOR GREEN ACRES TRAILER PARK

On motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the Trailer Court Applications for 2016 for Green Acres Trailer Park.

The board set the date for a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6pm for purposes of discussing Solar Amendment and LED lighting project and other business as needed.

RESOLUTION # 139-2016 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Kuck, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk and Town Supervisor for the Month of May 2016 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 140-2016 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #06 of the General Fund, covering claims #136-157 in the amount of: \$13,011.81 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #158-172 in the amount of: \$111,454.63 for the year 2016.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber, the meeting was adjourned to at 11:31 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 29, 2016

Tara L. Murphy