



Knox Town Board Minutes

October 13, 2020

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Lefkadits followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkadits
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

Supervisor Lefkadits read out loud the statement printed on every Board Meeting agenda regarding the public comment policy and then asked if anyone would like to speak.

Public Comment:

B. McAuliff- stated her opinion regarding the hiring of Valerie Ackroyd for the ZBA secretary
-Voiced her complaints regarding the ZBA chair and requested an accounting of the monies requested by the ZBA for computer upgrades a year ago
-stated her concerns regarding the filing of the town financials
-stated her concerns regarding an upcoming public hearing and COVID restrictions
-stated her concerns of possible violations of open meeting law with discussions of land purchase in executive sessions

Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION 110-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the minutes from the 9/8/2020 meeting as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes from the 9/8/2020 meeting.

Presentation:

JoAnn Grady, from the Berne Library thanked the Board for the monies given in previous years and presented the Board with a letter for this year's budget requesting the same amount as previous years. She said the library continues to have events, especially for children, with COVID safety procedures in place. The library is open.

Highway Department:

Superintendent Schanz stated we took delivery of the Western Star tandem dump-truck the other day.

There was a brief discussion regarding the engine agreement with the County. The Supervisor will get a copy of the agreement that was passed tonight, to be reviewed at a later time and presented at the budget meeting in a week or so.

Old Business:

Pavilion bathrooms – the Board discussed options for bathrooms and kitchen/snack area and storage structure in the future to be shared between town residents and little league. Supervisor Lefkaditis will talk with John Demis regarding the drawings for this project.

CEC Grant- Waiting to hear from solar company regarding placement

-Reimbursement must be submitted for the LED lighting

A public hearing for the proposed MRD was scheduled for 11/4/2020 at 7:00 pm

RESOLUTION 111-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to properly advertise a public hearing on the proposed MRD at the intersection of 156/157 for November 4th at 7:00 pm at the Knox Town Hall. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to properly advertise a public hearing on the proposed MRD at the intersection of 156/157 for November 4th at 7:00 pm at the Knox Town Hall.
COVID procedures will be in place.

New Business:

Policy Committee – needs to schedule a meeting for the procurement/BZA/behavior policies

WiFi Broadband update – routers need to be ordered to finish the process

River Valley Radio invoice – Councilman Saddlemire spoke with Tom from River Valley. Issues with the radios stem from the highway garage being in a “hole” and having only one repeater. The cost of getting our own repeater, maintenance, a new building for the equipment would cost more than the current bill from River Valley Radio.

RESOLUTION 112-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to pay the River Valley invoice of \$1,500.00 for the yearly service for the highway. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cyr to pay the River Valley invoice of \$1,500.00 for the yearly service for the highway.

Councilman Cyr would like to thank Rick Fortuin for fixing the lights at the Town Hall as well as at the monument.

Councilman Cyr wanted to make sure that the computers purchased and placed at the Clerk's office rather than the Transfer Station was acceptable to do in case of an audit. Supervisor Lefkaditis explained that because both the Clerks office and the Transfer Station funds both came out of the General Account that it was acceptable to do.

Councilman Cyr asked for an update on the hiring process for a full-time employee. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated that this will be readvertised on Facebook and usually draws more applicants.

Councilman Cyr addressed the increased use of the park and residents walking dogs and not picking up feces. Supervisor Lefkaditis addressed the issue on Facebook and will notify the dog control officer.

Personnel:

Supervisor Lefkaditis stated Doug Roether, ZBA Chair, interviewed two candidates for the ZBA recording secretary and requests that the Board appoint Valerie Ackroyd for the position effective October 14, 2020.

RESOLUTION 113-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis, at the recommendation of the ZBA chair and seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint Valerie Ackroyd to the position of ZBA recording secretary effective October 14, 2020. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Valerie Ackroyd to the position of ZBA recording secretary effective October 14, 2020.

There was a brief discussion regarding the salary suggested to the Board by the ZBA chair, approximately a month ago, to be paid \$50/evening, twice monthly. The Board discussed a hybrid model in case more than two evenings are needed, paying an hourly rate for anything over two evenings. Supervisor Lefkaditis will pull the last five years and have a base monetary rate to go by. He will report back at the upcoming budget meeting.

Finance:

RESOLUTION 114-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to authorize the increase of line items DA5112.41 and DA3501(CHIPS) of the 2020 adopted budget from \$102,000.00 to \$116,645.08. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the increase of line items DA5112.41 and DA3501(CHIPS) of the 2020 adopted budget from \$102,000.00 to \$116,645.08.

There was a brief discussion regarding the tentative budget, including the contingency account, monies for the park building, payroll for the transfer station, health insurance, revenues, sales tax, NY Class, equipment, and winter payroll.

A budget workshop will be scheduled via email.

RESOLUTION 115-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. **INSERT ABSTRACT # AND AMOUNTS**. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

RESOLUTION 116-2020 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented.

There was a brief discussion regarding the memorial bricks and how to move forward. Councilman Cyr and Councilman Saddlemire will reach out to Don Champion for future planning.

RESOLUTION 117-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

Knox Town Clerk