



Knox Town Board Minutes

February 11, 2020

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Supervisor Lefkadits followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

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

Not present on this date:

- Attorney Javid Afzali
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

Supervisor Lefkadits stated this evening's meeting was using an abbreviated agenda because there were too many agenda items to discuss in one night, and another meeting would be held next Tuesday, February 18, 2020 to discuss the remaining items from the original agenda. Tonight would consist of public hearings, public meetings, voting and paying of the bills. He announced effective this evening meetings would consist of a new format; one that is widely used by Albany County, other municipalities and legislative bodies. Public comment is restricted only to public comments; there will be no questions or interruptions during the course of a Board Meeting. Anyone who interrupts will be asked to leave. Public comments are restricted to three minutes. Those who wish to speak will come to the podium, give your name, address. This format is a direct result of countless complaints that he has received about behavior of residents in the audience.

RESOLUTION 034-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and reconvene the public hearing on proposed Local Law 1 of 2020 regarding Hog Farming within the Town of Knox. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comments were made.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and reconvene the public hearing on proposed Local Law 1 of 2020 regarding Hog Farming within the Town of Knox.

RESOLUTION 035-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 1 of 2020 and reconvene public meeting of February 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 1 of 2020 and reconvene public meeting of February 11, 2020.

RESOLUTION 036-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and open the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

No Public comments were made.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and open the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance.

RESOLUTION 037-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance and reconvene the public meeting of February 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and open the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance.

RESOLUTION 038-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and reconvene the public hearing on proposed Local Law 3 of 2020 regarding Knox's participation in a Community Choice Aggregation Program. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comments were made.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting of February 11, 2020 and reconvene the public hearing on proposed Local Law 3 of 2020, regarding Knox's participation in a Community Choice Aggregation Program.

RESOLUTION 039-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 3 of 2020 and reconvene the public meeting of February 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 3 of 2020 and reconvene the public meeting of February 11, 2020.

Presentations:

Dawn Jordan, a member of the Helderberg Hilltowns Association requested several road closures for the Annual 5K Sap Run, now in it's 9th year. The Town of Knox allows the Association to use the Town Hall for registration, which they greatly appreciate. The Knox Fire department provides fire police for the race and the Sherriff's Department typically helps out as well. The road closures requested are: restrict route 156 to one lane travel between the Town Hall and Knox Cave Road from 9:45am until runners are clear (appx 10:10am); restrict Knox Cave Road to one lane travel between 156 and Street Road from 10:00 am until runners are clear (appx. 10:30am); close Street Road to local resident traffic only from 10:00am to 10:45am. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to the lane restrictions and closures with the exception of Route 156, which would require a permit from DOT. The Sherriff's Department Investigator Amy [REDACTED] offered to send two patrol cars to help out for the race.

Councilman Saddlemire stated he emailed the annual report for the Ag Committee. He would like it filed into record. He also stated there was a good turn-out for the Farm Transition workshop that was held on February 8th. Many speakers representing many different agencies and organizations attended for a good seminar with much information to share. He thanked Amy Pokorny for her help.

Kathy Stemple from the Berne Library invited everyone to come and get free seeds (flowers, herbs and vegetables) and handed out the most recent newsletter. She spoke briefly about some of the upcoming activities listed in the newsletter. She thanked the Board and residents for supporting the library.

RESOLUTION 040-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr to close Street Road from 10:00-10:45am on March 21, 2020 and permit local traffic only. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to close Street Road from 10:00-10:45am on March 21, 2020 and permit local traffic only.

Old Business:

After a brief Board discussion regarding the Hog Farming law the Board voted unanimously to approve it.

RESOLUTION 041-2020 – A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Saddlemire..... to INSERT HOG FARMING

RESOLVED: to HOG FARMING

Due to lack of power and running the meeting on generator power, the Supervisor was unable to show LL2 regarding Home Occupation on the projector. He was uncomfortable moving forward without the Board being able to see the changes in vocabulary. This will be addressed at the meeting on the 18th of February. Therefore, Resolution 037-2020 required an amendment.

RESOLUTION 042-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr amending Resolution 037-2020 to read as follows: to **suspend** the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance and reconvene the public meeting of February 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to amend Resolution 037-2020 to read as follows: to **suspend** the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance and reconvene the public meeting of February 11, 2020.

A discussion was held regarding CCA. Councilman Cyr stated he does not feel it is appropriate to make it the residents' responsibility to get off of the program and opt out. Councilwoman Springer stated having someone sign off on it is her biggest concern, and she is undecided at this time. Councilman Pritchard is also undecided at this time. He believes it would be easier for residents if they could choose to sign up for it rather than opt out. Supervisor Lefkaditis is concerned regarding the negotiation process for price. He does like not being able to be a part of that process. He stated there is no guarantee that money will be saved. He is not comfortable signing up every resident in the town, when the residents can choose to sign up with a different company now if they choose to. Councilman Saddlemire is hesitant to have to be locked in for 2 years. He believes we could move forward, because the Town can still opt out.

RESOLUTION 043-2020 INSERT LL#3 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilwoman Springer to act on moving forward or not move forward with Local Law 3 regarding Community Choice Aggregation in the Town of Knox. A roll-call vote was taken:

- Councilman Cyr - NAY
- Councilwoman Springer - NAY
- Councilman Pritchard - NAY
- Supervisor Lefkaditis - NAY
- Councilman Saddlemire - YEA

RESOLVED: to not move forward with Local Law 3 regarding Community Choice Aggregation in the Town of Knox.

Personnel:

RESOLUTION 044-2020 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilwoman Springer to approve unpaid extended leave of absence for Joe Adriance from 1/23/2020 to 3/3/2020. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve unpaid extended leave of absence for Joe Adriance from 1/23/2020 to 3/3/2020.

RESOLUTION 045-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard, seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the transfer of \$805.00 from the General account ending in ...9638 to the Lighting District ending in ...9688. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the transfer of \$805.00 from the General account ending in ...9638 to the Lighting District ending in ...9688.

RESOLUTION 046-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract #14 containing only the highway account in the amount of \$993.26 The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract #14 containing only the highway account in the amount of \$993.26.

RESOLUTION 047-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract #2 in the General Account #14-31 and 37 in the amount of \$7,703.00 and in the highway account # 32-36 in the amount of \$948.41. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract #2 in the General Account #14-31 and 37 in the amount of \$7,703.00 and in the highway account # 32-36 in the amount of \$948.41

RESOLUTION 048-2020 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Schanz
Knox Town Clerk

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