Knox Town Board Minutes

February 9, *2021*

Meeting of the Town Board

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

Public Comment:

B.McAuliffe -quoted minutes from June 2020 and January 2021 regarding town sales tax numbers

S.McAuliffe -made comments regarding the budget, sales tax numbers and attendance for members if various Board's

E.Fanning -would like to reiterate his letter to the Board opposing the proposed solar project at Thompsons Lake Road and Old Stage Road

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 027-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Prichard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting, the 2021 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes as well as the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting, the 2021 Reorganizational meeting minutes as well as the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes.

Highway Report:

RESOLUTION 028-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve the expenditure of $5,445.00 to Tracey Road Equipment, Inc., for the extended warranty of the 2021 Western Star 4700. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the expenditure of $5,445.00 to Tracey Road Equipment, Inc., for the extended warranty of the 2021 Western Star 4700.

Superintendent Schanz and Board members discussed the possible purchase of a new Ford pick-up truck with sander with the trade in of a 2018 truck. The installation of the chasse would go out to bid. The cost of the truck would be approximately $60K. The Board discussed the comparison of the trucks and trade-ins from a few years ago with the current trade in and purchase situation. The plan is to continue to trade-in trucks every 2-3 years, but the Board discussed the option to possibly trade-in trucks every 4-5 years. The Supervisor requested a side-by-side comparison with the last two trade-ins that were completed, the cost, the equipment, box types, transmissions, etc. This will be discussed further next month. Councilwoman Springer requested an inventory list of equipment of vehicles titled and insured.

Old Business:

Newsletter update – some Board members have reported back to Councilman Cyr with the topics they will write about in the newsletter. Councilman Cyr would like to have the newsletter ready by March and asked everyone to keep things concise.

CEC grant update – Dennis and Vikki have been working on the grant. After many hours of work the grant is back on track with the submission of missing and updated information. The old landfill is now owned by the Town and is the proposed site for the solar array. The Community outreach portion continues to be worked on.

New Business:

Local Law 1 of 2021 – regarding the number of members on the ZBA. The local law will be advertised, and a public meeting will be held next month.

RESOLUTION 029-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr to advertise proposed Local Law 1 of 2021 to reduce the number of members on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 7 to 5. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to advertise proposed Local Law 1 of 2021 to reduce the number of members on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 7 to 5.

RESOLUTION 030-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to acknowledge and accept the annual court audit findings for 2020. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to acknowledge and accept the annual Court audit findings for 2020.

RESOLUTION 031-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to acknowledge and accept the annual Clerk audit findings for 2020. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to acknowledge and accept the annual Clerk audit findings for 2020.

Personnel:

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RESOLUTION 032-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Charlotte Fuss as the Senior Service Coordinator. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Charlotte Fuss as the Senior Service Coordinator.

RESOLUTION 033-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to move $500.00 from A6772.41 to A6772.4. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to move $500.00 from A6772.41 to A6772.4

The Supervisor thanked Charlotte for the donation of her salary to the Seniors.

RESOLUTION 034-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Jessica Gaige to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2025. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Jessica Gaige to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION 035-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Steven Mattfeld to the position of Park Laborer at the rate of $16.20/hr. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Steven Mattfeld to the position of Park Laborer at the rate of $16.20/hr.

The interview committee continues to work on interviews for the ZBA, and all candidates were told it was a volunteer Board. They are also interviewing for the Youth Council.

RESOLUTION 036-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the 2021 Trailer Park Fees as presented: Knoxville Park in the amount of $450.00, Greene Acres in the amount of $500.00, and Kountry Knolls in the amount of $380.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the 2021 Trailer Park Fees as presented; Knoxville Park in the amount of $450.00, Greene Acres in the amount of $500.00, and Kountry Knolls in the amount of $380.00.

RESOLUTION 037-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to accept the resignation of Doug Roether from ZBA effective immediately. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Doug Roether from ZBA effective immediately.

RESOLUTION 038-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the resignation of John Wright from ZBA effective immediately. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of John Wright from ZBA effective immediately.

There was a discussion regarding the 4th Quarter sales tax. There was a slight decrease in sales tax and a large increase in mortgage tax. Both numbers are a guessing came in the future related to the COVID pandemic. Positions within the town are being worked on to give more job responsibilities to existing

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positions. The Supervisor would like to further the discussion in March to continue to save money without taking on new employment positions.

RESOLUTION 039-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to accept the Supervisor and Clerk reports as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 040-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In Abstract #014, this includes voucher #'s 418-420 and 427 in the General Account in the amount of $624.33, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 421-426 in the amount of $8635.65. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In Abstract #014, voucher #'s 418-420 and 427 in the General Account in the amount of $624.33, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 421-426 in the amount of $8635.65.

RESOLUTION 041-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In Abstract #002, this includes voucher #'s 9-23 in the General Account in the amount of $9,644.95, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 24-31 in the amount of $12,898.97. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills in Abstract #002, voucher #'s 9-23 in the General Account in the amount of $9,644.95, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 24-31 in the amount of $12,898.97.

RESOLUTION 042-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to adjourn into executive session pursuant to POL Article 7 §105(1)d, not to reconvene into public session. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn into executive session pursuant to POL Article 7 §105(1)d, not to reconvene into public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk

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