



Knox Town Board Minutes

June 8, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Supervisor Lefkaditis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkaditis
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Superintendent of Highways Schanz
- Town Clerk Schanz

Public Comment: B. McAuliffe -stated she was curious as to why Joan's appointment wasn't on the on the agenda tonight

-stated her opinion that the emergency meeting was held to appease the person who made the appointment

-stated she heard the Transfer station was down to one part-time employee and one Supervisor that will be paid another \$1.00 to and is the son of a Board member and the employee of another

-stated she thinks the start time for the meeting should be moved back as she is waiting for people to arrive

-stated she would like to know the status of her FOIL request before filing a complaint

D. Champion – would like to thank everyone for their help with the Memorial Day parade and ceremony and apologized for the sirens that took place during the parade as they shouldn't have.

Presentations:

- A. **Berne Library – Kathy Stemple**-provided the Board with a digital presentation of the 2020 Annual Report. The report highlighted some of the programs held throughout the year pre-COVID and during COVID. She provided stats for the number of people who attend the library, items checked out and borrowed from other libraries. She provided the stats for expenditures and income and stated the report is also available on the library website.
- B. **Knox Bicentennial Celebration - Dennis Barber** – provided the Board with an update for the Bicentennial Celebration. Throughout the year there will be different celebrations. He will meet with different organizations to see what they want to do. Some suggestions that have been made or done in the past are a fashion show, men growing beards, Miss/Ms Knox, parades, contests, photo contest, etc. Events will be held all summer long with the hopes of a final celebration taking place with the Pucker Street Fair and fireworks.
- C. **Helderberg Ambulance** – Alan Zuk and several members of the Helderberg Ambulance provided the Board with a presentation regarding the high number of calls and decreasing number of volunteers. They have been working on a short- and long-term viability plan of the squad. Advancing age and health of current members is an issue, and aggressive recruitment of new members is needed. The Ambulance squad would like to partner with the Town of Knox to attempt to increase the number of recruits. They need drivers and EMT's. Supervisor Lefkaditis offered to put any information the Squad gave the Town on the website and Facebook page. People interested can contact Neal at the station at 518.872.9111 or 838.333.0572

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 071-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer accept the minutes from the May 11th meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes from the May 11th meeting.

RESOLUTION 072-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr accept the minutes from the May 18th meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes from the May 18th meeting.

Highway/Transfer Station:

There was a brief discussion regarding the possible purchase of a trailer to cut down on the use and wear and tear of employee personal equipment. The trailer that was looked at today is too specific for what the town needs. The Highway Superintendent will continue to look and provide the Board a quote at the next meeting.

Old Business: Update on the Park Plan

Supervisor Lefkaditis got a call from Senator Hinchey's office and met with a representative who will bring the information back to the Senator and the plan for an indoor facility may be revived.

New Business:

A. Inter-municipal ballfield use agreement with BKW

Tom Galvin sent Supervisor Lefkaditis a letter thanking him for allowing the BKW athletes use the field. The field has become popular, and everyone would like to use it. Councilman Cyr suggested BKW purchase a scoreboard in return for use of the field, and Supervisor Lefkaditis suggests a contract be drawn up for a time frame and use agreement. Councilman Cyr would like to see a conversation take place between the Town, coaches and leagues to discuss the policies in place as well as equipment

usage, maintenance and scheduling. Councilman Cyr has been talking with Mr. Demis about the design of the bathrooms next to the concession stand.

B. 30 Day SLA Notice - The Town has received notice that the new owners of the Township Tavern, now called On the Hilltop have sent a 30 day notice for application for a Liquor License, no Board members have objected to the application.

C. Request for \$250.00 to update ZBA computer software

RESOLUTION 073-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard authorize the expenditure of \$250.00 to outfit the ZBA laptop with the appropriate software. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the expenditure of \$250.00 to outfit the ZBA laptop with the appropriate software.

Personnel:

RESOLUTION 074-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis accept the resignation of Lee Harnett effective 6.5.2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Lee Harnett effective 6.5.2021.

RESOLUTION 075-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to adjust Jeremy Springer's salary \$1.00 an hour more to compensate for the annual reporting. This motion carried unanimously with a 4:1 vote and Councilwoman Springer abstaining.

RESOLVED: to adjust Jeremy Springer's salary \$1.00 an hour more to compensate for the annual reporting.

Member Comment:

Councilman Cyr stated Tom Burgess is willing to buy a bench to go under the center pavilion at the playground and he would like to see the town make a matching contribution. Councilman Cyr stated that more chips/shavings also need to be added. Superintendent Schanz stated would like to see the benches along the trail replaced.

RESOLUTION 076-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, contingent upon the donation of a table/bench by Mr.Burgess, the town will match his donation, NTE \$1000.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: contingent upon the donation of a table/bench by Mr.Burgess, the town will match his donation, NTE \$1000.00.

Councilman Cyr has a quote for cameras to be placed at the town hall, the back garage and the pavilion. He will invite the company to the next meeting to present the proposal.

Councilman Cyr would also like to see additional lighting put in at the park and parking lot to cut down on vandalism.

Clerk Schanz stated she received a flyer/invitation in the mail from the Westerlo Hometown Hero Committee inviting all elected officials to join them in honoring their Hometown Hero recipients.

Supervisor Lefkaditis wanted to clarify the situation with appointing a new member to the ZBA at last months Board meeting. When the last two members resigned, those positions became unavailable, and the mistake was made by not appointing someone to a specific position versus a persons' position. A few days after the meeting, the Supervisor realized the mistake and called the attorney who said the town could not appoint someone to that position. The special meeting was not held for this purpose, but rather was added because a meeting was already being held for something else. Someone is still needed as a ZBA member, and this will be posted after the Supervisor provides the Clerk with the appropriate date of expiration for the term.

Finance:

RESOLUTION 077-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 078-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 142-163 and 181 in the amount of \$9,850.25 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 164-180 in the amount of \$30,215.86. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

RESOLUTION 079-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk