



# Knox Town Board Minutes

March 10, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lefkadits followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

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

Not present on this date:

- Interim Attorney Afzali

**RESOLUTION 061-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded Councilman Pritchard to suspend the public meeting of 3.10.20 and open the public hearing on the proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**: to suspend the public meeting of 3.10.20 and open the public hearing on the proposed local law 2 of 2020 regarding Home Occupation changes to the Knox Zoning Ordinance.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS**

B. McAuliffe – stated her concerns with changes to Home Occupation Ordinance that are different from the Planning Board recommendations

**RESOLUTION 062-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr adjourn the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 and reconvene the public meeting of 3.10.20. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**: to adjourn the public hearing on proposed local law 2 of 2020 and reconvene the public meeting of 3.10.20.

Supervisor Lefkaditis read the Public comment statement and asked if there was anyone who would like to participate in the only public comment section of the night.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

T. Wolfe – suggested to the Board they pass a resolution to County Executive Daniel McCoy and possibly the Public Service Commission to request help to push National Grid along to provide electricity for the wireless service antenna site

B. McAuliffe-asked where the rule regarding time allotment may not be yielded to 3<sup>rd</sup> party came from. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated this was not a question and answer session. She asked the Clerk to provide her with the local law dictating third parties cannot be allocated the time.

E. Ackroyd – stated the Hometown Hero Banners will be taking place again this year. He would like to spread the word to all Veterans in the Town.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION 062-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the Meeting Minutes from 2.11.20 and 2.18.20. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**: to approve the Meeting Minutes from 2.11.20 and 2.18.20.

\*The Workshop Minutes were removed from this vote as they were incomplete due to tape recorder failure. These minutes will be added to next months agenda.

#### **Presentation:**

Albany County Legislator Jeff Perlee from the 31<sup>st</sup> District spoke to the Board regarding the Coronavirus in Albany County. He stated he was briefed by the County Health Commissioner and stated the CDC and the Albany County Health Department web pages are very reliable sources for information regarding the virus. He stated each member of the legislature was granted a member item grant for senior transportation. Mr. Perlee has allocated his grant of \$300.00 to the Town of Knox. He sits on the Public Works Committee where he co-sponsored, and the Legislature approved, an allocation of \$121,000.00 to reconstruct Knox Cave Road. This will be 3.6 miles from Route 156 to Route 157A. This will also include upgrades to the storm water drainage system and guardrails. This project will commence sometime mid-summer and finish in early Autumn. Another grant was approved to study the extension of the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, which currently ends in Voorheesville. He proposed an extension of the rail trail to come up the hill and link with Thacher and Thompsons Lake State Park. He would like to bring to the Boards' and Public's attention regarding the Governors amendment to the state budget that will fundamentally change the way local towns can regulate solar and wind facilities. The proposal would affect the concept of Home Rule.

Supervisor Lefkaditis asked Legislator Perlee if now is the time to ask about removing the hump at the intersection of Knox Cave and Pleasant Valley Roads, before the reconstruction project begins, as it has been a troublesome intersection for accidents. Mr. Perlee said this is definitely the time and he would also help the Supervisor to reach out and help to address the issue.

#### **Highway/Transfer Station:**

Superintendent of Highways Schanz requested to attend Highway School in June 2020. The cost for lodging is \$252.00 and registration is \$110.00.

**RESOLUTION 063-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize an expenditure NTE \$400.00 for Superintendent Matt Schanz to attend Highway School Training. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize an expenditure NTE \$400.00 for Superintendent Matt Schanz to attend Highway School Training.

Superintendent Schanz asked the Supervisor for an update on purchasing the motor from the County. He stated the Shared Service Agreement has been executed and has been sent to the County Highway Department who will then send it to County Executive McCoy. As soon as it is signed by Mr. McCoy the check for \$1.00 will be sent and then the motor can be picked up and put in.

Superintendent Schanz stated he has received a few bids to put the motor in. The lowest bid received was from Mr. Palmer. This discussion will continue at the next Board meeting pending the status of the motor from the County.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Planning Board Chair, Tom Wolfe was present, and the changes to the Home Occupation definition were discussed with his input.

The changes now read: In any district, except for LC1 and LC2 individuals may, with a special use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, conduct their business, trade or profession in their home or residence or accessory building, provided no more than 2 persons unrelated to the owners or residents are employed in addition to the owner, (as defined in section 50A-1A above) of the property; that no other professional shall be permitted share, let or sublet space or professional use. Let there be no external evidence of such use except one sign consisting of Article V Section 50C regulation and there shall be no visual exterior storage of material except equipment.

**RESOLUTION 064-2020** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to approve proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 as it relates to Home Occupation amendment with the following additions: \*\*\*\*\*

A roll-call vote was taken:

<b>Councilman Cyr</b>	<b>YAY</b>
<b>Councilwoman Springer</b>	<b>YAY</b>
<b>Councilman Pritchard</b>	<b>YAY</b>
<b>Supervisor Lefkaditis</b>	<b>YAY</b>
<b>Councilman Saddlemire</b>	<b>YAY</b>

This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve proposed Local Law 2 of 2020 as it relates to Home Occupation amendment with the following additions: \*\*\*\*\*

CEC update:

- time extension (18 months) has been approved and will receive something formal in writing from Chris
- Cannot ask for reimbursement for lights until they are installed, up and running

- Amy asked if first payment has been received yet. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated he has not.
- Amy asked if the Town has been billed or paid for the energy audit yet. Supervisor Lefkaditis and Councilman Saddlemire both stated they have not received a bill. Amy also stated we need to inform them if we will be using their services to complete the project which was confirmed by Supervisor Lefkaditis we have agreed not to.
- Amy requested the energy use data for 2019 (electric, propane, and fuel oil for heating) be updated and sent to her
- Amy stated the next steps for the grant need to be decided. A property will be discussed in executive session tonight and Supervisor Lefkaditis will be in touch regarding this.

Update NY Class – presenter unable to attend this evening, this will be rescheduled for April

Attorney Interviews – the Board will be interviewing an attorney tonight in executive session

Speed limit reduction on Crow Hill Road – granted to reduce speed limit to 40 MPH on Crow Hill Road. There is a 40 MPH on Crow Hill Road at Town Highway between CR 253 and the Schenectady-Albany County line, a distance of three tenths of one mile.

#### **New Business:**

Borrego PILOT update- the Attorney had a concern regarding the use of words “tax and jurisdictions”. He recommends it either be defined or removed from the agreement. Supervisor Lefkaditis will work on correcting this issue and report back to the Board.

April Meeting Date changed – The April 2020 meeting will be moved from the second Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in April.

#### **Finance:**

**RESOLUTION 065-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize \$150.00 annual donation to the Kiwanis Club of the Helderbergs. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize \$150.00 annual donation to the Kiwanis Club of the Helderbergs.

**RESOLUTION 066-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept three trail park permits; Green Acres Mobile Home Park in the amount of \$500.00, Knox Kountry Knolls Trailer Park in the amount of \$380.00, and Knoxville Park in the amount of \$480.00. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept three trail park permits; Green Acres Mobile Home Park in the amount of \$500.00, Knox Kountry Knolls Trailer Park in the amount of \$380.00, and Knoxville Park in the amount of \$480.00.

**RESOLUTION 067-2020** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr 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 068-2020** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Voucher # 3. The General Account is voucher #'s 38-54 in the amount of \$12, 523.40 and in the Highway Account #'s 55-67 in the amount of \$10,000.05 This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Voucher # 3. The General Account is voucher #'s 38-54 in the amount of \$12, 523.40 and in the Highway Account #'s 55-67 in the amount of \$10,000.05.

**RESOLUTION 069-2020** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and proposed acquisition of real property not to reconvene into public session.

\*Resolution 069-2020 was modified to the below Resolution 70-2020 after Councilman Saddlemire requested to discuss the possibility of hiring for a full-time position in executive session and possibly reconvening if terms are met for hiring personnel and a resolution needs to be passed.

**RESOLUTION 070-2020** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and proposed acquisition of real property with the possibility of reconvening into public session. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and proposed acquisition of real property with the possibility of reconvening into public session.

**RESOLUTION 071-2020** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz  
Knox Town Clerk