



Knox Town Board Minutes

March 9, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

(in person and virtual)

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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
- Highway Superintendent Schanz
- Town Clerk Schanz

Public Comment:

B. McAuliffe - asking why action is not being taken against Board members who do not abide by the COVID policy rules

D. Champion - update on Memorial Day events. Knox will hold ceremony at noon, will talk more about it next month

E. Ackroyd - looking for nominees for the Hometown Hero program

Presentation:

- A. Gerry Lenseth and Chad Saddlemire from the Frontier Sno-Riders spoke to the board regarding the possible purchase of 3-5 acres from the Town to build a storage and maintenance facility near the trail head that runs through the Town Park. They would work with the Board mutually to agree upon a parcel. The Board will discuss some options and will reach out to the Riders. The Riders will look into the options of a 99-year lease.
- B. The COVID-19 vaccination clinic went well. The Supervisor thanked Mike McLaughlin, Juliette Price, Kenny Saddlemire, the Board, Dave Poole, Amy Burnside, Betty Filkins, Sean Lyons, Clerk

Schanz for their efforts and hard work. Another clinic is in the works and will be announced at a later date.

Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION 043-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to suspend the public meeting of 3/9/2021 and commence the public hearing of proposed law 1 of 2021 reducing the number of ZBA members from 7 to 5. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting of 3/9/2021 and commence the public hearing of proposed law 1 of 2021 reducing the number of ZBA members from 7 to 5.

No Comments were made by the public.

RESOLUTION 044-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to close the public hearing on local law 1 of 2021 and reconvene the public meeting of 3/9/2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to close the public hearing on local law 1 of 2021 and reconvene the public meeting of 3/9/2021.

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 045-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes.

Highway Report:

Superintendent Schanz and Board members continued the discussion from last month regarding the possible purchase of a new Ford pick-up truck with sander and trade in of a 2018 truck. Superintendent Schanz submitted proposals comparing sanders. Hopefully next month price comparisons will be available for the 1 ton trucks, and this will be discussed again at the next meeting when all the costs are in.

Old Business:

CEC grant update – Questions were posed to the Board regarding the land for the solar array. Supervisor Lefkaditis will do some research to see if he can find answers to the questions. He will email the Board with the information he finds.

New Business:

Local Law 1 of 2021:

RESOLUTION 046-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2021

To Reduce the Number of Members on the Knox Zoning Board of Appeals

SECTION 1. The Town Board of the Town of Knox finds that that in order to properly provide services to the residents of the Town of Knox it must adequately staff the various legislative and governing bodies, such as the Zoning Board of Appeals, in a manner sufficient so that they may perform their function in an orderly and timely manner.

SECTION 2. Authority. In accordance with New York State Town law §267(7) to adopt and amend local laws not inconsistent with the provisions of the New York State Constitution or not inconsistent with any general law relating to its property, affairs, and government, which authorizes the Town to adopt and amend local laws relating to the establishment of the number of members for the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Board hereby authorizes the imposition of the following requirements as provided for in this article.

SECTION 3. Zoning Board of Appeals minimum number of members.

A. The Town of Knox through the duly elected member of the Knox Town Council hereby adopts and amends the number of members to serve on the Knox Zoning Board of Appeals from Seven (7) to five (5) in accordance with all relative laws including NYS Town Law §267(7).

SECTION 4. When effective; applicability.

A. This article shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

B. This article shall apply to all members of the Town of Knox Zoning Board of Appeals.

C. Current and prospective members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be notified of this article prior to their appointment to such Board.

D. General severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or item of this article shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair nor invalidate the remainder hereof, but such adjudication shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence paragraph, section or item directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to reduce the number of members on the Knox Zoning Board of Appeals

RIC PILOT:

The county proposed splitting the money equally 3 ways between the town, county and school. The town would be taking on all of the risk including aggravating the neighbors, clear cutting the land, maintain the roads, limit our ability to add future arrays, deal with litigation, our services go out if 911 is called, etc. The Supervisor suggests to go back to the School Board and flip the role. The Supervisor will prepare a letter to the School Board President and Superintendent to let the know the Board's position.

Sno-Riders landowner's permission agreement:

RESOLUTION 047-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to authorize the Supervisor to execute the landowner owner permission agreement with the Sno-Riders Snowmobile club, with the amendment removing the words 'for cause' and replacing those words with 'at the land owners sole discretion'. This motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Saddlemire and Councilman Pritchard abstaining due to their membership in the club.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to execute the landowner owner permission agreement with the Sno-Riders Snowmobile club, with the amendment removing the words 'for cause' and replacing those words with 'at the landowners sole discretion'.

Personnel:

RESOLUTION 048-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Lee Empie to the ZBA with a term ending December 31, 2023 and Susan Mason to the ZBA with a term ending December 31, 2022. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Lee Empie to the ZBA with a term ending December 31, 2023 and Susan Mason to the ZBA with a term ending December 31, 2022.

Many thanks to all of the applicants.

RESOLUTION 049-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Beth Jones to the position of Youth Coordinator for the year 2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Beth Jones to the position of Youth Coordinator for the year 2021.

Member Comment:

Councilman Cyr asked that the Supervisor help to register the Transfer Station Supervisor Lee Harnett to the eWaste site in order to enter the annual recyclable reports.

RESOLUTION 050-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the Clerk report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Clerk report as presented.

RESOLUTION 051-2021 - 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