



Knox Town Board Workshop Minutes

February 4, 2020

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The workshop began at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

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

Not Present on this date:

- Attorney Javid Afzali

The workshop was held to review the CEC grant audit and related results, as well as a park committee update. Amy Pokorny and Councilman Saddlemire reviewed the grant with the Board and discussed options available, including lighting, renewable energy, a new roof for the highway garage, programmable thermostat and new windows at the highway garage. The total of the grant is \$130,000.00. The monies can be used for the recommended projects and multiple projects can be combined.

- It was decided that the grant would be used for a solar array and lighting in the park. The solar system will be as large as possible for the money the Town has been granted.
- Further work needs to be done to determine the best place (land) to put the panels. There are a few land options that were discussed, including acreage across from the Town Park (approximately 3 acres), acreage across from the Transfer Station (approximately 5 acres) and the old landfill property (approximately 14 acres)
- Amy Pokorny will draft a letter of extension which could be as far out as September 2021
- Supervisor Lefkaditis will contact Mr. Jacobson regarding the testing required to use the old landfill, as well as the Attorney who is handling the Borrego PILOT for any helpful information. He will also check if solar is available on NYS contract.

- Amy Pokorny will inquire if the grant money will pay for the testing
- The Town will RFP for contractors

A discussion was held regarding the design of a community building. The Park Committee will be contacting the Albany County Sherriff's Department to discuss the possibility of a sub-station at the new community building or using the basement of the Town Hall once the community center is built. The discussion also involved a conversation regarding the purchase of a used full-sized hockey rink. The intention of this rink would be to use as an outdoor rink, as well as in warmer weather, as basketball courts, tennis courts, roller skating, soccer, etc., and could be enclosed to become the indoor center. To raise the money for the rink, monies from the Borrego PILOT agreement will be used. Options were discussed using this as an alternative to the community center if the money isn't raised. Options regarding the current plans for a community building, how to incorporate the rink into the current design, including the dimensions of the building, site prep, materials etc. were discussed. Doug Roether is working on a grant for the community building and it will require stamped plans to be submitted. The Supervisor will contact Mike Martin regarding drawings for the building. Doug will also be completing a needs assessment. A Phase II Park Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future. The Supervisor will look into the procurement policy as well as the revenues from the PILOT, and the issue will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz
Knox Town Clerk