



Knox Town Board Minutes

July 10, 2018

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkaditis
- Councilman Barber
- Councilman Barcomb
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Town Clerk Traci Schanz

Shortly after the meeting began, Dennis Cyr spoke briefly in response to an article printed in the Altamont Enterprise stating no one supported business within the Town. Mr. Cyr stated his support for business within the Town and wanted it on record that he was in support of the business district. He knows many other people who support having business in the town, but have trouble getting to the meetings due to other obligations. He asked the Board not to take the business districts off the table, and restated his support of reasonable, practical business that keeps the character of the town and is mindful of neighbors. Mrs. McAuliffe responded with her concerns about being a homeowner within the business district and being asked to rezone her property. The conversation continued amongst other members of the audience with comments and questions regarding zoning and variances within the district.

Another brief discussion was held amongst the Board and the residents regarding the time frame for the MRD proposal to be submitted to the Albany County Planning Board as well as the Planning Board for Knox. This process should take approximately 3 months.

An update was given regarding the playground construction. The dates have been pushed back from the end of July to the end of August. Supervisor Lefkaditis will announce the dates when he has them from the playground company Miracle. The tennis court nets have been removed with the help of the highway department. A deposit of \$15,000.00 has been made.

Liaison reports were given, with Supervisor Lefkaditis reporting that the last two meetings for the ZBA have had only two and four members attend. Doug Roether has been doing many things to ensure members do attend. The board suggested that he email or call all members to inquire if each ZBA member still has interest in attending and remind them of the importance of coming to meetings. Doug Roether spoke briefly regarding the possibility of using Google Docs as well as organizing the current

filing system. Supervisor Lefkaditis recommended talking with Mackenzie Hemstead for any recommendations she may have regarding this issue as she knowledgeable in IT. Supervisor Lefkaditis was unable to attend the Planning Board meeting. Bob Price said the Planning Board got started on a discussion regarding home occupancy.

A reminder was given to all regarding Family Farm Day, taking place on September 9, 2018 at the Tommell Farm.

RESOLUTION 140-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb and seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 board meeting.

Supervisor Lefkaditis read a statement from Highway Superintendent Salisbury as he was unable to attend. Upper Street Road was chip sealed, as was Becker Road and Colonial Road, and Cross Road. The roads have been mowed as fast as possible, as well as helping to remove the netting in the town park. In his statement Superintendent Salisbury expressed his concerns over growing friction at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated this issue needs to be discussed quickly.

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Dennis, Sue, Diane and Rose for all of their hard work and making the Puckerstreet Fair a great event.

Councilman Barber gave a re-cap of the fair, stating the fair made approximately \$700.00 without having to use the money that the board had allotted. The fair committee has several recommendations for next year that will be discussed at their next meeting.

Councilman Barber requested an update on DCO and Park laborer positions and tools. Councilman Pritchard reported that he looked for tools on the internet and was not able to find a lot for a reasonable amount. He states NAPA has a lifetime warranty for a reasonable price including a box and tools with SAE and Metrc tools.

RESOLUTION 141-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Barcomb to purchase item # PTOJ99901A, a 179-piece tool set with box and lifetime warranty for \$1999.00. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to purchase item # PTOJ99901A, a 179-piece tool set with box and lifetime warranty for \$1999.00.

Bob Price spoke regarding the DCO position. He stated Dennis and Ken have been helpful and supportive. He stated he has decided this position is something he no longer wants to do. He is resigning from his position this evening as DCO. Signs and all other materials have been left in the building. Supervisor Lefkaditis will reach out to Cheryl Baitsholts to ask her to be the interim DCO.

RESOLUTION 142-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to approve the resignation of Bob Price affective 7/10/2018 from the DCO. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the resignation of Bob Price affective 7/10/2018 from the DCO.

RESOLUTION 143-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Barcomb to appoint Cheryl Baitsholts affective 7/10/2018 on an interim basis as the Town of Knox Dog Control Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Cheryl Baitsholts affective 7/10/2018 on an interim basis as the Town of Knox Dog Control Officer.

Supervisor Lefkadits gave an update on the 4H garden. It is growing, and it looks nice. Officer Johnson has volunteered to put a 250-gallon water tank there as he has the means to fill it. He will be asking the fire company if they could help with donations of water.

Amy Pakorny asked for an update of old business regarding the NYSEDA Grant. Councilman Saddlemire stated that the contract was signed and sent back a few weeks ago and that all paperwork has been submitted to NYSEDA. A meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks and discussions regarding vendors and contracts will be taking place soon as well. Once the energy audit is complete a meeting will take place between NYSEDA and Councilman Saddlemire, with Supervisor Lefkaditis attending if his schedule allows.

Councilman Barcomb stated he received an email from Ag and Markets stating they were looking for pictures of landscapes with animals and farms for a future publication.

Bob Price asked about the possibility of pothole repair on the Bozenkill near the railroad tracks that is 20"x10". Supervisor Lefkaditis will contact the County regarding the issue. Mrs. McCauliffe requested rumble strips be put in on route 156. This is a State road, and Supervisor Lefkaditis will contact them also.

RESOLUTION 144-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Pritchard to appoint Donald White as the Transfer Station Alternate effective June 23, 2018 at a rate of \$13.55/hr. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Donald White as the Transfer Station Alternate effective June 23, 2018 at a rate of \$13.55/hr.

RESOLUTION 145-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber to correct the rate of pay for Kevin Delligan effective May 28, 2018, at the rate of \$16.20/hr. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to correct the rate of pay for Kevin Delligan effective May 28, 2018, at the rate of \$16.20/hr.

RESOLUTION 146-2018 – A motion was made with regret by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis, to accept the resignation of Maryellen Gillis from the position of Youth Council Coordinator effective 7/31/18.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Maryellen Gillis from the position of Youth Council Coordinator effective 7/31/18.

RESOLUTION 147-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to accept the resignation of Denise Hoffman from the position of Deputy Clerk effective 7/1/18. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Denise Hoffman from the position of Deputy Clerk effective 7/1/18.

RESOLUTION 148-2018 – A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Councilman Barber to approve the Clerk's report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the Clerk's report as presented.

Due to power and internet being down for most of the day, the Supervisor's report was unavailable. If necessary, a special meeting will be held to approve it.

Councilman Barcomb asked if the building inspector Dan Sherman had begun to enforce the Blight Law. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated we had just received the Law back from being officially filed with the Department of State and needed to meet with the Building Department to discuss a course of action.

Councilman Barber and the Board held a brief discussion regarding the SOP for the Transfer Station, including construction debris, commercial dumping and excessive garbage. Supervisor Lefkaditis suggested a mailer to residents, a flyer to hand out at the Transfer Station as well as posting the information on the website and Facebook. Councilman Saddlemire suggested issuing new permits. Supervisor Lefkadits suggested a fob system, along with new gates when the turn-around is completed.

RESOLUTION 149-2018 – A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkadits, seconded by Councilman Barber to spend no more than \$120.00 on a 1400psi electric pressure washer. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to spend no more than \$120.00 on a 1400psi electric pressure washer.

RESOLUTION 150-2018 - A motion was made by Councilman Barcomb, seconded by Supervisor Lefkaditis to adjourn the meeting, and was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Schanz
Knox Town Clerk
August 11, 2018