



# Knox Town Board Minutes

## July 9, 2024

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**The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Supervisor Pokorny, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Pokorny
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Councilman Saddlemire

Absent on this date:

- Councilman Pritchard
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

The Supervisor announced that the engineer from Lamont that was supposed to present to the Board this evening regarding the plans for the Transfer Station has cancelled. He stated the company needed more time to prepare the documents and will hopefully present the documents to the Board in August, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 104-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to approve a proclamation presented on behalf of the BKW Girls Varsity Softball Team. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a proclamation presented on behalf of the BKW Girls Varsity Softball Team

The proclamation will be signed, and reads as follows:



# Proclamation

Of the

*Town Board of Knox, NY*

**WHEREAS**, The Berne-Knox-Westerlo Varsity Girls Softball team has won the title of State Class C Champions for 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Citizens of Knox and fans of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Varsity Girls Softball team are extremely proud of the team's accomplishments;

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Knox recognizes the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Varsity Girls Softball team for their teamwork, athleticism, grace and success in the sport of softball;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Knox, NY, commends the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Varsity Girls Softball team for their winning season and publicly thanks all the parents, coaches, and volunteers in the community who generously gave their support.

Considered and approved this 9th day of July, 2024.

By resolution of the Knox Town Board, as shown:

Supervisor Pokorny \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Cyr \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Pritchard \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Saddle mire \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilwoman Springer \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk Schanz \_\_\_\_\_  
Hwy Superintendent Schanz \_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor introduced Investigator Nathaniel Bray of the Albany County Sherrif's Department. Investigator Bray will be the County liaison and attend as many Board meetings as possible. He will leave his contact information with the Clerk and looks forward to working with everyone.

The Supervisor presented the Board with a broadband resolution that he would like to see passed regarding the installation needed for residents who do not receive wired broadband services currently. The Broadband Committee has been working on this connectivity issue for two years. If passed, the Supervisor will bring the resolution to Daniel McCoy and ask for his assistance, via grant money, with this matter. The cost of this would be approximately \$2.25 million for the 20% of remaining residents to receive broadband services.

**RESOLUTION 105-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to approve a resolution asking Daniel McCoy for grant monies for connectivity to broadband. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a resolution asking Daniel McCoy for grant monies for connectivity to broadband.

The resolution to be presented to Mr. McCoy will be signed and reads as follows:



**RESOLUTION**

Of the

*Town Board of Knox NY*

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Knox Broadband Committee has been actively engaged for nearly two years in promoting access to wired broadband for all of the residents of Knox;

**WHEREAS,** Twenty percent of the residents of The Town of Knox do not have access to wired broadband;

**WHEREAS,** Access to wired broadband is critical to opportunities in employment, healthcare, education, safety, and community participation;

**WHEREAS,** Grant money is available through Albany County use of ARPA funds;

**WHEREAS,** The detailed groundwork has been done by The Knox Broadband Committee to support the project of installing the additional broadband connections required for the Town of Knox;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Knox, NY, strongly encourages the County of Albany to use grant funds available to install broadband connectivity to the residents of Knox who are still in need of this vital resource.

Considered and approved this 9th day of July, 2024

By resolution of the Knox Town Board, as shown:

Supervisor Pokorny \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Cyr \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Pritchard \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Saddlemire \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Springer \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk Schanz \_\_\_\_\_

Hwy Superintendent Schanz \_\_\_\_\_

## **Presentation:**

Gary Kleppel, Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee spoke on behalf of his committee as well as on behalf of Eric Marczak, Chair of the Conservation Advisory Council, also in attendance, to present the possibility of forming a steering committee regarding a Farmland Protection Planning Grant. Mr. Kleppel stated that only the Town Board can approve the formation of a steering committee. He went on to present the Board with reasons why both of the above groups feel it necessary to create this committee and how it could be beneficial to the farm owners in Knox. Just a few of the reasons listed were to help protect existing farmland, protect against unwanted development, help to plan/protect forever green areas as well as provide a way for farmers to sell off portions of land as they see necessary.

**RESOLUTION 106-2024** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddle mire to approve the formation of a Steering Committee for the purpose of a Farmland Protection Grant. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the formation of a Steering Committee for the purpose of a Farmland Protection Grant.

A member of the audience asked why she couldn't find the minutes on the website. The Clerk took full responsibility for this and will get them caught up. The audience member also asked why the town was using a rented bulldozer to complete the work being done by Drum Road, rather than our own equipment. The Highway Superintendent was not in attendance at this meeting, and no one was able to answer this question.

Councilwoman Springer, Chair of the Pucker Street Fair Committee thanked everyone who helped her plan and run the fair. She stated that charging for rides this year, although it was a difficult decision, proved to be very beneficial to helping the fair continue next year. The fair-goers were accepting of it, and the upgraded rides were much appreciated by attendees. The ride company and band, Geezer have already been booked for next year.

Bob Alteri, from the Little League will be attending next month's meeting to talk with the Board. No further details were provided.

The AUD continues to be worked on.

The discussion regarding the Museum repairs continues this month, with the announcement of Tyler Sigond being granted the contract for porch and gutter repair/replacement. Tyler will meet with the Board and Building Inspector before beginning work in September.

Councilman Cyr reports that the cracks on the basketball court have been sealed and he is now waiting for the court to be sealed before continuing work on the line painting and backboards.

Ray Weiler, Head of Buildings and Parks states that the materials have been purchased for the park bridge project, but the work has not begun yet.

Emily Griffiith has billed four hours so far for typing the employee handbook.

The Court Clerk, Deborah Liddle submitted documents for Board approval to attend an annual training conference.

**RESOLUTION 107-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire, to approve the Court Clerk's attendance at the Annual Conference in the amount of \$1,007.00 plus her milage reimbursement for traveling. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Court Clerk's attendance at the Annual Conference in the amount of \$1,007.00 plus her milage reimbursement for traveling.

Ray Weiler, Head of Buildings and Parks asked the Board again to look into an alternative option for the dog kennels. There are times when he must lay on the floor to work on equipment after dogs have been in the building. He states there is dog hair around and sometimes fleas and the remnants of defecation on the floor. He does not like working in these conditions and would like the board to consider other options. Ray and the Supervisor will reach out to Ag and Markets to see what options the Town may have.

Jerry Tedino did not get back to the Supervisor regarding record consolidation.

**RESOLUTION 108-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer, to approve Abstract #007, voucher #'s 183-206 in the General Fund in the amount of \$11,888.38 and voucher #'s 207-219 in the Highway Fund in the amount of \$14,888.80. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve Abstract #007, voucher #'s 183-206 in the General Fund in the amount of \$11,888.38 and voucher #'s 207-219 in the Highway Fund in the amount of \$14,888.80.

**RESOLUTION 109-2024** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard, to approve the Supervisor's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Supervisor's report as presented.

**RESOLUTION 110-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr, to approve the Clerk's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

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

The Supervisor will be on vacation in the beginning of August, therefore the Board agreed to move the meeting to August 22,2024 at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION 111-2023** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

*Traci Schanz*

Knox Town Clerk