



Knox Town Board Minutes

September 14, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Lefkaditis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkaditis
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Superintendent of Highways Schanz

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Knox Bicentennial- no one present

Keep Lock Security – reviewed the new quote for cameras at the pavilion/park building that was provided to update the one provided to the town back in April. The cameras will be a bit more expensive since the original quote was provided.

RESOLUTION 093-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the proposal from Keep Lock Security Services and Tech Albany as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the proposal from Keep Lock Security Services and Tech Albany as presented.

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Councilman Cyr for his work with this resolution, spending months working with the security company to make this happen.

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 094-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to accept the minutes as presented from the August 10, 2021 meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as presented from the August 10, 2021 meeting.

Highway/Transfer Station:

The Highway Superintendent presents a quote to replace the pins on the roll-off truck from Sprayweld for \$6,800.00. He stated the tarp and fuel tank are done. The brakes still need to be done as do many hydraulic lines. Superintendent Schanz will ask the Town of Guilderland and Town of Berne for help hauling while our truck is down.

RESOLUTION 095-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the bid to replace the pins on the roll-off truck not to exceed \$6,800.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the bid to replace the pins on the roll-off truck not to exceed \$6,800.00.

A discussion was held regarding the paving of all unpaved roads in the Town. Superintendent Schanz suggested selling the grader and use that money to pave all of the roads in the Town. Most roads that are not currently paved are short roads and will last a long period of time. Superintendent Schanz will run the numbers for next month's meeting, and it will be discussed again then.

Old Business:**Update on the Park Plan/ZBA SOP**

- Councilman Cyr reports that John Demis is almost done with the drawings and holding tank plans.
- When Fall ball is over, the current concession stand will be demolished and the water line extended.
- One of the LED lights is being replaced (under warranty)
- A freezer in the concession stand has died. A discussion was held regarding what type of freezer to replace it with. In general it seems a combination fridge/freezer will suffice.
- Schedule BZA SOP's meeting

CEC Grant Update

- Councilman Cyr is working with a Solar company, planning a site visit and discussing the number of panels available with the money in the grant

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Councilman Cyr and Vikki [REDACTED] for the effort and hard work they have put into the CEC grant.

New Business:**Intermunicipal Agreement with Berne for dog control services**

The Town of Berne would like to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control Services with the Town of Knox. A brief discussion was held regarding the number of dogs held in the kennels last year. It is believed that the kennels were used for one dog by each town.

RESOLUTION 096-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control Services for the Town of Berne and the Town of Knox for the calendar year 2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control Services for the Town of Berne and the Town of Knox for the calendar year 2021.

Upgrade/change Clerk cc software:

The Town Clerk presented the software program she would like to add to the current software to be able to accept credit card payments online as well as in person.

RESOLUTION 097-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to make an expenditure of \$745.00 to upgrade the Clerks' software program to accept credit cards. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to make an expenditure of \$745.00 to upgrade the Clerks' software program to accept credit cards.

Knox Youth Council:

Supervisor Lefkaditis would like to have sporting event for the youth, "Back to School Extravaganza", as well as continue with events from last year. (Santa drive-through, Thanksgiving Dinners for families, etc.) Dates will be discussed, as well as options for other events.

HFCO Tree Donation:

HFCO has asked for a \$50.00 donation for a Christmas Tree for the Festival of Trees. Supervisor Lefkaditis voiced his concerns regarding the use of donations, stating when the original pitch was made to offer events for children HFCO said there would fundraising for the events. He stated he is glad to have the events but is bothered that the kids are charged for each event. He understands there are fees and expenses but does not understand why the kids were charged for each event and therefore cannot support this event.

RESOLUTION 098-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve the \$50.00 annual donation to HFCO. This motion carried unanimously 3:2, with Supervisor Lefkaditis and Councilwoman Springer voting NAY.

RESOLVED: to approve the \$50.00 annual donation to HFCO

RESOLUTION 099-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the resignation of Steven Mattfeld effective September 3, 2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Steven Mattfeld effective September 3, 2021.

Councilman Cyr stated Mr. Mattfeld did an outstanding job and thanked him for his hard work; stating this position was several part-time jobs combined and proved that this is manageable with one person. Mr. Mattfeld has accepted another job for more money.

RESOLUTION 100-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to accept the resignation of Daniel Jones effective September 3, 2021. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of Daniel Jones effective September 3, 2021.

Daniel Jones also left for a better paying job.

A discussion was held regarding open positions within the Town. Councilman Cyr would like to see an increase in pay for Highway and Park employee. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated there is room within the budget to increase pay rates. Highway Superintendent Schanz would like to see incentives for the highway employees as well and gave examples of a buyout for healthcare not used and retirement options. Councilman Cyr would like to somehow reward the people who have stayed and continue to work hard as well as find new hires and offer incentives. Supervisor Lefkaditis would like to revisit the discussion about a full-time employee to be shared between parks and highway. The discussion will continue throughout budget season. For the immediate future, we need to find someone to mow for the rest of the season.

Member Comment:

The Clerk asked for an update on the speed limit study to inform a resident. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated he has not heard anything but will reach out to the county to see if there is any information available.

Finance:

- 2022 Budget prep-the tentative budget is due by September 30th, and at least one budget workshop will try to be scheduled for October.
- Code A4089 needs to be added to the 2021 budget with the amount of \$137,000.00 for the American Rescue Plan monies. This code was assigned by the Comptroller's office. This code will also be in the 2022 budget, as the second half of the Plan is given next year. A discussion regarding what to do with the monies will need to be held during budget season.
- 2nd Q sales tax-the check was received was for approximately \$290,000.00. This was a huge increase. Supervisor Lefkaditis does not expect this to continue as the aid begins to taper off.

RESOLUTION 0101-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Springer Cyr to add code A4089 to the 2021 budget. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to add code A4089 to the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 0102-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented.

Councilman Saddlemire stated he received a call from Mr. Barber during the meeting, apologizing for not being able to make tonight's meeting. Mr. Barber asked if there would be money in the budget for the Bicentennial Celebration and would like to invite Councilwoman Singer to the meeting this week.

RESOLUTION 103-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract 9. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 240-253, 267 & 268 in the amount of \$13,625.98 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 254-266 in the amount of \$18,834.79. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

Councilman Saddlemire stated the Ag Committee has been meeting again and there is one open position currently.

Councilman Pritchard and Supervisor Lefkaditis discussed salary and work hours needed to complete the application for the transfer station grant. Supervisor Lefkaditis will email Councilman Pritchard with more information.

A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of hosting a household hazardous waste day for residents in 2022. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 104-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk