



Knox Town Board Minutes

July 27, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

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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
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz

Absent on this date:

- Councilman Saddlemire
- Superintendent of Highways Schanz

Public Comment: NONE

Presentations: NONE

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 080-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer accept the minutes as presented from the June 8, 2021 meeting. This motion carried unanimously, 4:0.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as presented from the June 8, 2021 meeting.

Highway/Transfer Station:

The Highway Superintendent was not present, however the Supervisor spoke with Superintendent Schanz and he reports business as usual with the exception of repairs to roads from the extraordinary amounts of rain we have had recently.

Old Business: Update on the Park Plan

Councilman Cyr reports that new drawings are being worked on for the new bathrooms at the pavilion after receiving the required letter of approval from the DOH.

New Business:

A. Knox Cave Speed Limit Study

Although measures have been taken to improve the safety at the intersection of Knox Cave Road and Pleasant Valley Road, the speed continues to be an issue, and the Board agreed that a speed limit study is warranted by the County. Mrs. Santiago-White stated she has been writing to the County since 2015 and that the Commissioner had been out to talk with her last year. She states there have been several accidents with injuries and deaths. Supervisor Lefkaditis read the below resolution out loud.

RESOLUTION 081-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to accept the Request for Linear Speed Limit study as read out loud. This motion carried unanimously, 4:0.

RESOLVED: to accept the Request for Linear Speed Limit study as read out loud.

Department of Transportation
Traffic Safety and Mobility
Region 1
50 Wolf Rd
Albany NY 12205

Re: Request for Linear Speed Limit

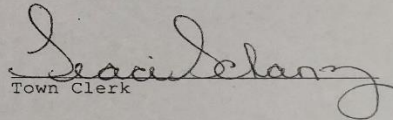
The Town Board of the Town of Knox, by a resolution adopted July 27th, 2021, and the County Superintendent of Highways of the County of Albany, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on

CR 252 (Knox Cave Rd.), a COUNTY ROAD

between Town of Berne line and existing 45 mph speed limit near CR 254

Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the County of Albany will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to 17 NYCRR Chapter V.

Dated: July 27th, 2021


Town Clerk

Dated: _____

County Superintendent

Comments by County Superintendent:

B. Moth Study in Park - A resident asked permission for a small group of adults (6) to use the wetlands area at night to study moths. The Board discussed this and is in agreement that the group can use the area at night from now until approximately mid-September.

C. Solicitor's permit – someone contacted the Clerk via email requesting to go door to door to sell educational materials. The person has not appeared in person before the Clerk or the Board but was advised via email from the Clerk to read the Peddlers Ordinance on the town site. The clerk had received several calls from residents stating someone was going door to door. Via email this person was requested to stop (if it was her) since she had not applied for a permit to do so. The Clerk has not heard from this person since asking her to stop and referring her to the website. Supervisor Lefkaditis will ask the Town Lawyer if it is possible to put a moratorium in place while COVID is still active and then the topic will be revisited.

D. Review draft of PT TTS driver SOP – Only one suggestion was made to change the draft to reflect how the monies from the hauling's reach a clerk in a timely fashion. Supervisor Lefkaditis will reach out to the auditor to ask about the turn around time required for this.

Mrs. McAuliffe asked Supervisor Lefkadits to explain the comment he made about people being able to speak freely this evening (outside of the public comment time) due to being on best behavior. Supervisor Lefkaditis explained that there was a time during meetings that people were being rude, cutting Board members off, not allowing members to speak and were arguing amongst themselves. He stated that the Board would not have this. He stated she recorded all of the meetings and could go back and look, things were chaotic. He stated this was a bit laid back of a meeting tonight and a few questions would hurt, but that this was not the norm and maybe he shouldn't have done it, but, his fault.

Member Comment:

Councilman Cyr would like to clarify something from last month's meeting minutes and let these minutes reflect that the current TS supervisor is not an employee of his currently. He was an employee of the Town's prior to being an employee of Councilman Cyr's and has not been an employee of the Councilman for more than a year and a half now. Councilman Cyr would like the minutes to reflect that the added \$1.00 to the current TS supervisor's salary was not given by favoritism but given due to the extra paperwork required of the job.

Councilwoman Springer spoke regarding a flyer given to her to share with residents about the Healthy Homes program put on by the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Albany County.

Finance:

A. Nothing to present today, but Supervisor Lefkaditis asked the Board members to start thinking about the budget and anything they may need or want to talk about for upcoming meetings.

B. Accept clerk and Supervisor Reports

RESOLUTION 082-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Clerk and Supervisor reports as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 083-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 182-200 in the amount of \$9,894.21 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 200-211 in the amount of \$13,706.28. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked the Board members who came to sign off on the vouchers earlier in the month (when the meeting was cancelled) as to not hold up the payments to our vendors.

RESOLUTION 079-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard 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