



Knox Town Board Minutes

November 3, 2021

Budget Hearing and 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

The Supervisor opened the meeting by congratulating all of the people who ran in the recent election as well as those who won. The supervisor recognized that running is not easy, putting yourself out there, being exposed to nastiness, a lopsided newspaper and it can be ugly. He congratulated all and thanked all for what they do.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed 2022 budget with pass through expenses, roll-over services for fire (Knox and Berne) ambulance and paramedics. There are several increased line items due to inflation.

There is no increase in property taxes.

There has been \$250,000.00 budgeted for a tandem truck.

\$30,000.00 has been budgeted for the Park Improvement Plan. It is carried over from this year as the town did not get to it this year, so it will be a one-time expense for next year as well.

The ARP funds are budgeted for are \$275,000.00. There is currently not a plan for this, but the funds must be budgeted for therefore throwing off the unassigned fund balance.

The proposed budget shows a significant increase of 41.56%, which is misleading due to significant one-time expenses as well as a FTE being budgeted for twice (in equal amounts in the Highway fund and in the general fund for Parks), which is also why the unassigned fund balance is high.

Individual line items that have increased/decreased include, but are not limited to:

Bookkeeper (not a raise, but more time spent in office)

Buildings and maintenance (ARP money)

Court Bailiff (raise)

Ambulance Squad (Helderberg ambulance)

Youth services (monies increased from County)

Celebrations (increased for the bicentennial celebration)

Health insurance - increase

Personnel-recreational

Decrease to \$1,300 (computers/training from Doug, not requested again) What line was this for???

Refuse and equipment (decrease) money spent for roll-off, not needed in next year's budget

Interest in earnings

Scrap -increase

Grants (partially received this year)

New line item added for ARP money

Appropriations for Highway- increase

CHIPS - increase

Equipment - increase

Workers Comp - decrease

RESOLUTION 113-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard to suspend the public meeting and open the public hearing for the 2022 budget. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting and open the public hearing for the 2022 budget.

Budget Hearing Comments

B. McAulliffe asked for clarification regarding the 2020 numbers and what they represent. The supervisor explained that there are no 2020 #'s, it is a typo that should read 2021, but this is the budgeted numbers, and the real ones are online. She questioned the amount of line item 8020.1 of \$6,600.00, with the Supervisor explain that is the difference in the line item amounts from last year to this year. She questioned the ARP line item, Supervisor Lefkaditis explained that it should read \$137,000.00 because as he remembered, a resolution was made for that. She also had a question regarding interest rates, with the Supervisor explaining it was just an adjustment.

A. Pokorney asked if the ice-skating rink would be installed. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated he would like it installed but that it was up to the Board and it hadn't been discussed yet.

RESOLUTION 114-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to close the public hearing and reconvene the public meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to close the public hearing and reconvene the public meeting.

A special meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2021, at 7:00.

RESOLUTION 115-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk

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