



Knox Town Board Minutes

July 11, 2023

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

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Pokorny
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Councilman Pritchard
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

Supervisor Pokorny introduced Laurie Lambertson who has applied for the Tax Assessor position. She currently works for the Town of Bethlehem and has many years of experience.

RESOLUTION 114-2023 A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the resignation of John Bononno. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the resignation of John Bononno.

RESOLUTION 115-2023 A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Laurie Lambertsen to the position of Tax Assessor as of July 1, 2023. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Laurie Lambertsen to the position of Tax Assessor as of July 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION 116-2023 A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the minutes from the June 2023 meeting as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes from the June 2023 meeting as presented.

After last month's discussion regarding traffic stops with school buses, it has been brought to the Supervisor's attention that this is not a Town Board issue, but rather only a judicial issue. The Town Justices will be having a meeting to discuss the issue.

The Supervisor introduced Jamey Barringer, a candidate for Supervisor in the upcoming election, joining tonight to see how meetings are run, and what is discussed.

The Clerk provided an update on the new key fob entry system. The crew is almost finished with the installation of the new system. There are just a few things to finalize. The Clerk reports that the crew had a mishap with a pane of glass near the front door. While working on the front door with a cutting tool, one pane of glass close to the work area shattered. The installation crew has reached out to Altamont Glass, who has ordered a replacement, and it will be covered by the contractor, at no cost to the town.

The Supervisor provided an update on the Street Road solar project. The two arrays are up and linked to the box on the power pole. National Grid will now need to install a meter above the box, and Sun Common will schedule a day to change things over. Councilman Cyr reminded the Board that education regarding the solar array is part of the grant and still needs to be done.

Councilman Saddlemire reported back to the Board with the quotes received for the installation of the fence around the solar array. One quote was approximately \$14,000.00 and one was approximately \$9,000.00.

RESOLUTION 117-2023 A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to accept the bid for the solar array fencing in the amount of \$9,828.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the bid for the solar array fencing in the amount of \$9,828.00.

Councilman Cyr has engineered, stamped plans, that he will submit to Dan Sherman, Building inspector in the hopes that a building permit will be issued for the concession stand.

Supervisor Pokorny would like to schedule a special meeting regarding the redesign/rebuild of the transfer station. This meeting will be solely dedicated for the purpose of a discussion and further planning regarding the layout/design of the transfer station. A meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

There was a discussion regarding the repairs to the Highway barn roof. David Zook of Falcon Roofing and Construction provided a quote for \$32,000.00 for roof repairs. Superintendent Schanz questioned if the quote included window replacement. The quote does not include windows. The Supervisor will ask Mr. Zook for an additional quote for windows and doors.

RESOLUTION 118-2023 A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the bid in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the roof repairs to the Highway barn to be paid from line item A1620.41. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the bid in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the roof repairs to the Highway barn to be paid from line item A1620.41.

There was a brief discussion regarding follow-up regarding the number of Planning Board members and a possible change. Councilwoman Spring, board liaison to the Planning Board asked that the discussion

be tabled until next month, when the new chair, Deb Nelson will be able to be present to participate in the discussion.

The Supervisor thanked everyone for their efforts and help with the Pucker Street fair. Councilwoman Springer thanked everyone as well, and states there will be a committee meeting soon to discuss how things went and monies that were spent and made and to begin planning for next year.

The Highway Superintendent states we are down two full time employees. We currently only have two employees with CDL's. Ads have been placed with the Enterprise, town website, facebook page and on the flashing sign at the highway garage. Councilwoman Springer mentioned taking CDL drivers right from school. She will share the information with Superintendent Schanz. Ray Weiler offered to get his CDL if the town could find out the correct information. If Ray could get his, he could also be a substitute driver for the transfer station and could help with plowing in the winter. Superintendent Schanz will reach out to Randy Bashwinger, Berne Superintendent to find out more information.

Louis Saddlemire, Cemetery Association President wrote a letter to the town, asking for help from the Highway department to help spread shale on the cemetery roads in 2024. The town has a box scraper that he would also like to borrow to help maintain the roads within the cemetery. The town is in agreement to let him borrow the box scraper, and hopefully by 2024 we will be able to help him out with the shale.

A \$40,000.00 grant has been received by the Soil and Water Department. \$6,000.00 will go to the CAC for Boardwalk repairs and \$34,000.00 will go to the repairs on Street Road where the bank has eroded.

RESOLUTION 119-2023 A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to approve expenditures for the boardwalk repairs NTE \$6,000.00 . Receipts shall be furnished to apply for reimbursement from the grant. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve expenditures for the boardwalk repairs NTE \$6,000.00 . Receipts shall be furnished to apply for reimbursement from the grant.

The Street Road repairs will have to go out to bid due to the cost. This will be advertised when we get closer to the project time frame. This will be looked at again at the next meeting on the 19th, and the Grant paperwork can be signed by the Supervisor and submitted now.

There was a discussion regarding Culligan and the lack of service. The Supervisor has been in contact with the company regarding lack of service and states he is not paying them until the issue is solved.

The clerk spoke on behalf of Arlan Wright, (Scout working toward Eagle with a project for Veterans) who emailed her asking what the best way would be to obtain the funds promised to him by the Board. The clerk reached out to the bookkeeper who states invoices for product/materials need to be submitted and the town will pay directly so no monetary exchange happens between Arlan and the vendors. Arlan also stated he would like some help locating all of the veterans in town as to not exclude anyone. Arlan can go through the tax roll to identify who is a veteran. The Supervisor has offered to help with this project.

RESOLUTION 120-2023 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Abstract #007 including voucher #'s 175-196 and #207 in the General Account, totaling \$13,558.50 and voucher #'s 197-206 in the Highway Fund, totaling \$16,837.85. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Abstract #007 including voucher #'s 175-196 and #207 in the General Account, totaling \$13,558.50 and voucher #'s 197-206 in the Highway Fund, totaling \$16,837.85.

RESOLUTION 121-2023 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Clerk's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Clerk's reports as presented.

RESOLUTION 122-2023 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the Supervisor's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Supervisor's report as presented

RESOLUTION 123-2023 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk