



Knox Town Board Minutes

December 13, 2022

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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 Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

Presentations:

Arlan Wright presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. Arlan is a member of Troop 1079 and would like to build a monument at the Knox Town Hall or in the Town Park for Knox Veterans. He is asking the Board for approval of this project as well as funding. After his presentation regarding the proposed structure and plaque, Arlan listened to comments and suggestions from Board members. Arlan will research the cost of different types of plaques, look for other sponsors/donations for materials, etc., and return to the Board at a later date with his findings.

Nikki Salisbury, Dog Control Officer, presented the Board, per the Board's request, with a description of what her job entails, the laws governed by Ag and Markets that she must follow and enforce throughout the town and several different situations she has been involved in. Nikki takes calls from residents regarding missing dogs, complaints of barking dogs, deals with calls from the Sherriff regarding dogs involved in car accidents, abuse, neglect/welfare calls, house fires, etc. She has had to go to court, impound dogs and issue tickets for non-compliance from owners. Nikki reiterated the importance of maintaining the kennels housed in the park building as is regulated by Ag and Markets, approved for a specific kennel set-up, and is subject to inspection at any time. The Town can be fined if an inspection occurs and the set-up (#of crates, flooring, food/water, etc.) is not adequate. Nikki was informed prior to the meeting that her current salaried position may be changed to hourly. She has received the same salary since starting in this position and reminded the board that this position is a

24/7/365 job and has made sacrifices (left family events, missed Holidays, etc.) while being DCO. She believes she deserves the salary she receives and would respectfully step down if it were to change to hourly. The Board thanked Nikki for coming, and several members stated they truly did not know what her job entailed, and they were very pleased to have a better understanding of the commitment and involvement the DCO position entails.

RESOLUTION 154-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to accept the minutes as presented from October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 9, 2022, and November 15, 2022. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as presented from October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 9, 2022, and November 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION 155-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the invoice to National Grid in the amount of \$23,754.35 for the installation of a 630' lateral needed to serve a new solar field located at 361 Street Road. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the invoice to National Grid in the amount of \$23,754.35 for the installation of a 630' lateral needed to serve a new solar field located at 361 Street Road.

The above resolution will be paid from the general fund until reimbursement comes from the CEC Grant.

RESOLUTION 156-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to complete a journal move in the amount of \$58,171.44 from A1620.41 to A8160.4 to pay for the new compacting boxes at the Transfer Station. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: authorize the Supervisor to complete a journal move in the amount of \$58,171.44 from A1620.41 to A8160.4 to pay for the new compacting boxes at the Transfer Station.

There was a discussion regarding the wiring of the two new boxes at the Transfer Station. The Supervisor has been talking with Richard Grant, electrician, about the wiring of the new compressors. Mr. Grant suggests purchasing a transformer to power the new compressor. The Board also discussed the possibility of covering the compressors to keep them out of the weather. The option of putting them where the bailer is now could be a possibility. It was also mentioned that the boxes currently have water in them. Some solutions discussed were caulk or weather stripping to help prevent water getting in. Also, a temporary structure (car port, etc.) could be a possibility. Supervisor Pokorny will reach out to Tom, the salesman for the new compactors to get his thoughts on the above discussion.

Highway Superintendent Schanz reports he is short on help after an employee quit, and he still needs to fill the FT position and a part time wing-man.

Dayle Hemstead has agreed to be the Deputy Tax Collector and will be sworn into office in January.

RESOLUTION 157-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to authorize the Supervisor to pay Paychex in the amount of \$368.10. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay Paychex in the amount of \$368.10.

RESOLUTION 158-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the payment of a voucher previously removed after clarification was made regarding a tire purchase from Adirondack Tire. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the payment of a voucher previously removed after clarification was made regarding a tire purchase from Adirondack Tire.

Councilman Saddlemire asked Superintendent Schanz to explain what a drag box was and if the purchase was for a used drag box. Superintendent Schanz explained how it is used and verified that the purchase was made from the Market Place.

RESOLUTION 159-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Abstract #12 including voucher #'s 358-377 in the General Account, totaling \$7,531.83 and voucher #'s 378-390 in the Highway Fund, totaling \$71,711.52. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from Abstract #12 including voucher #'s 358-377 in the General Account, totaling \$7,531.83 and voucher #'s 378-390 in the Highway Fund, totaling \$71,711.52.

RESOLUTION 160-2022 - 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 report as presented.

Amy Pokorny asked if there was an update on the status of the AUD report. Supervisor Pokorny states he has talked with the bookkeeper who continues to work on the report.

RESOLUTION 161-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to pay an invoice submitted by Rick Fortuin, Arrow Electric, in the amount of \$115.00 for repairs completed on the lights in the Clerk's office. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to pay an invoice submitted by Rick Fortuin, Arrow Electric, in the amount of \$115.00 for repairs completed on the lights in the Clerk's office.

There was a brief discussion regarding the light over the Post Office Boxes outside of the Town Hall, and how it is not working properly. The Board will ask Rick Fortuin to replace the light in the Spring when the weather is nicer.

RESOLUTION 162-2022- A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn into executive session pursuant to POL Article 7 §105(1)a, not to reconvene the public meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn into executive session pursuant to POL Article 7 §105(1)a, not to reconvene the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk

