



# Knox Town Board Minutes

## December 21, 2021

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

A moment of silence was held for Sonny Fongemie who passed away on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated he was a great employee, soft spoken, smart guy who was always looking for solutions to problems. He will be greatly missed, and the Town sends condolences to his family.

#### Present on this date:

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

#### Public Comment:

R. Pokorny - spoke to the Board regarding the Re-org meeting date and time. Thanked Supervisor Lefkaditis for his service

J. Adriance – thanked Highway Superintendent Schanz for putting up the Welcome to the Town of Knox sign, stating it was nice to see when she returned home.

D. Roether – thanked Supervisor Lefkaditis for the great job he has done over the years, for the countless things that have gone unrecognized

-thanked the Board for the work they have done

-offered his help to the Board in the future to support the Town

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Mr. Roether for his help on several projects

B. Pasquini – thanked Supervisor Lefkaditis, as a friend, coworker, and resident of the town, for all his hard work over the years, for his time, amount of positive change he has brought, use of his personal equipment, property, his generosity.

- stated he hopes the new administration lets the town stay as it is and lets the people remain independent, help the residents the best they can, accept new business, new residents, expand and no over-regulate the town

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Mr. Pasquini for his help and donations over the years

S. McAuliffe – asked Councilman Cyr how many hours he put in at the Transfer Station since 2 members of the community were fired and told no longer needed. Councilman Cyr responded that he volunteers to learn the job as well as to help out, to write the SOP's and separate the Transfer Station job(s) from the Highway Department

- asked what right Councilman Cyr had to question the media outlets his wife chooses to communicate with

- stated his wife has knowledge of State function beyond anyone's comprehension and hopes the new supervisor will use her in the future to benefit all

- gave Councilman Cyr credit for voting no for the hockey rink

- \*3 minutes ended and was asked multiple times to sit down and stop talking or authorities would be called, and he would be escorted out of the meeting

B. McAuliffe – commented on Councilman Cyr's intellectual abilities

- commented on the time she spends trying to inform the board and residents is how she has chosen to serve the community

- stated she has contacted the controller's office that the newly elected Supervisor's first financial filing will be late due to the current Board still having outstanding filings

- stated she feels that saying goodbye to the Supervisor is like beating a fatal disease and now needs to get rid of the remaining tumors

#### **Consent Agenda:**

##### **Minute Approvals**

**RESOLUTION 128-2021** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Saddle mire to approve the minutes as presented from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> (2021) meetings. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as presented from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> (2021) meetings.

##### **Old Business:**

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked Councilman Pritchard for clearing the property of the old landfill where the future solar site will be.

Supervisor Lefkaditis stated everything is in place for Hudson Valley Wireless except for the hardware. He would like someone to follow up and buy the routers/equipment.

The Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated with the current laws that have been passed and filed with the state.

The Handbook needs to be updated with the new policies.

## **New Business:**

The re-org meeting is scheduled for January 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM

A request has been made by the residents of Cedar Lane to take over plowing of the road. The Highway Superintendent and Board feel that the Town cannot honor the request at this time.

There was a discussion amongst the Board members, and they have no interest in opting out of the March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

## **Member Comments:**

Councilwoman Springer thanked Supervisor Lefkaditis for his years of service to the Town. She stated he always took the time to answer her questions, shared his knowledge and wisdom, spoke truthfully and respectfully of all. She commented on the highlights of his accomplishments, including, but not limited to strong finances, a beautiful town park and a Board in place that is well prepared to continue to serve the Town. She thanked his wife and family for the sacrifices they have made as well.

Councilman Cyr asked if the Town is responsible for the maintenance of the Historical Society. The answer is yes as it is leased from the Town for approximately a dollar per year. There was a brief discussion regarding the work and payment for the stairs on the building and which line item it should come from as it is not earmarked in the 2022 budget.

Councilman Cyr asked if there was a way to get a plow for the park truck to help with some of the plowing of the town hall and park area. The cost would be approximately \$5,500.00. Supervisor Lefkaditis will take a look at the budget and email the Board.

Councilman Cyr stated the work continues move forward for the solar project.

Clerk Schanz read an announcement from BKW for a food distribution drive through on 12/28 @10 am.

## **Finance:**

**RESOLUTION 129-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract 12. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 342-362 in the amount of \$15,904.37 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 363-378 the amount of \$44,424.84. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

**RESOLUTION 130-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire 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.

**RESOLUTION 131-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay Magna in the amount of \$1,120.88. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize the Supervisor to pay Magna in the amount of \$1,120.88.

**RESOLUTION 132-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to pay the travel voucher for the Tax Collector in the amount of \$143.40. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**: to pay the travel voucher for the Tax Collector in the amount of \$143.40.

**RESOLUTION 133-2021** - 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

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