



Knox Town Board Minutes

February 8, 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
- Highway Superintendent Schanz
- Town Clerk Schanz

Presentations:

Joe Burke, from the Altamont Library and Kathy Stemple, from the Berne Library thanked the Town for the support provides to the libraries. Themed programs are on the agenda for the libraries, and having these events take place at the Town Park is something they are interested in doing. Both libraries are working on activities for Spring and Summer.

RESOLUTION 041-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to approve the minutes as presented from the 01.01.2022 Reorganizational meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes as presented from the 01.01.2022 Reorganizational meeting.

RESOLUTION 042-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the minutes as presented from the 01.11.2022 meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes as presented from the 01.11.2022 meeting.

Public Comment:

Don Hemstead – stated the conditions of the Transfer Station were dangerous after the last storm. He feels more should have been done about the ice and snow and a plow truck should have gone through to plow and salt.

Tony - stated he felt the area where the vehicles drive through at the Transfer Station were safe, but the areas closer to the papers and recyclables were not maintained and were not safe.

Kim Smith – stated she enjoyed reading the newsletter, appreciates all of the hard work that went into the letter and thanked everyone for the hard work that they do for the Town that makes it such a great place to live.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion regarding the Youth Council Coordinator. The person who had interviewed and was ready to accept the position has now backed out for personal reasons.

Councilman Cyr mentioned that Doug Roether would like to run a sailing class at Thompson's Lake and talks are in the works to make it happen this year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the remaining openings on various committees.

- The Ethics committee still needs one more person
- The CAC only has one interested person
- The Broadband committee has 3 interested people

Supervisor Pokorny stated that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is on hold as the Town waits for a response from the city of Albany to determine pricing, scheduling and to start a grant application.

RESOLUTION 043-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint Tom Wolfe, Beth VanBlydel and Jim Corigliano to the Broadband Committee. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Tom Wolfe, Beth VanBlydel and Jim Corigliano to the Broadband Committee.

Highway Superintendent Report

Superintendent Schanz stated he had a conversation with Councilman Cyr regarding the purchase of a plow for the Parks Truck that was purchased last year. There was a conversation regarding the purchase of another heavier duty truck to keep for the park and then swapping the current truck to the Highway Department. Councilman Cyr contacted the Town Lawyer who stated this would be ok as long as each truck was purchased from the corresponding budget for Town and Highway to trade the trucks between departments. Superintendent Schanz would also like to purchase the two other pick-up trucks (1-ton) that were approved last year. The lawyer will need to be contacted to discuss the purchase of all trucks without going through the bidding process and possibly purchasing trucks under an emergency purchase.

Community Presentations

Agricultural Committee Presentation

Gary Kleppel and Evan Taylor provided a presentation and discussion regarding the safety of local farmers traveling on town roadways. The committee did a study to see where signs may be helpful

throughout the town to improve safety on the roadways for farmers and residents. Roadways without shoulders, roadways with guard rails that are close to the edge of the roads, twisting and winding roads, roads where it is not possible to make a wide turn or see oncoming traffic were all areas of concern where the committee believes signage would be beneficial.

Bicentennial Celebration

Dennis Barber reminded everyone of the first event for the Bicentennial Celebration which will be the Proclamation on February 28th at 7:00 pm. New events have been added for the year. In July there will be an ice cream social with movies. There will be a Fall Halloween event. In April there will be a pageant and baking contest. The fair will take place in June and in August there will be an event as well as the Memorial Day parade in May.

RESOLUTION 044-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve a payment from the celebrations budget line in the amount of \$712.80 to Fast Signs for banners for the Bicentennial. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve a payment from the celebrations budget line in the amount of \$712.80 to Fast Signs for banners for the Bicentennial.

RESOLUTION 045-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve a payment in the amount of \$159.74, payable to Valerie Ackroyd to reimburse her for a ZBA mailing. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve a payment in the amount of \$159.74, payable to Valerie Ackroyd to reimburse her for a ZBA mailing.

A brief discussion was held regarding the issuing of credit cards to specific town officials. Credit cards would be issued to the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town and Parks Department and Highway Superintendent

RESOLUTION 046-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the issuing of town credit cards in the amount of \$2,500.00 for each above listed official. This motion passed with a 4:1 vote, with Councilman Cyr voting NAY.

RESOLVED: to approve the issuing of town credit cards in the amount of \$2,500.00 for each above listed official.

RESOLUTION 047-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills as presented; Abstract #1, voucher # 388 in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,700.81 and voucher # 389 in the Highway Fund in the amount of \$1,620.25, as well as Abstract #002, voucher #'s 12-29 and #38 in the amount of \$10,251.07 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 30-37 in the amount of \$8,899.86 in the Highway Fund. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills as presented; Abstract #1, voucher # 388 in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,700.81 and voucher # 389 in the Highway Fund in the amount of \$1,620.25, as well as Abstract #002, voucher #'s 12-29 and #38 in the amount of \$10,251.07 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 30-37 in the amount of \$8,899.86 in the Highway Fund.

RESOLUTION 048-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve the permit application as presented for Kountry Knolls Trailer Park. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the permit application as presented for Kountry Knolls Trailer Park.

RESOLUTION 049-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the audit of the Court books as presented. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the audit of the Court books as presented.

RESOLUTION 050-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr accept the online Sexual Harassment training provided by PERMA, as the official training for the Town. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the online Sexual Harassment training provided by PERMA, as the official training for the Town.

There was a discussion regarding the use of the money from the American Rescue Plan. There was confusion regarding if this was monies already received or if it was a different grant that could be applied for. After discussing and re-reading the documents, it was decided that this was for monies already received through the ARP.

There was a discussion regarding the placement of acoustic panels in the lower-level meeting area. The Board agreed that they would like to start with 5 panels and see what the effect is on the acoustics in that room and then purchase more if necessary.

RESOLUTION 051-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to purchase 5 acoustic panels at the cost of \$350.00 for the lower-level meeting room. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to purchase 5 acoustic panels at the cost of \$350.00 for the lower-level meeting room.

The Town Clerk announced she received a letter from St. Pauly's Textile, the company that receives the clothes donated to the drop box at the Transfer Station. In 2021, the Town collected 12,409 pounds of clothing from the collection box which clothed 2,286 people around the world, with Knox receiving \$496 for 2021.

The Clerk also stated the Town received a letter from the speed limit study that was requested last year, stating that a reduction in speed limit was not warranted. Mrs. White (who has been petitioning for a reduction for years) was notified by the Clerk and sent a copy of the letter.

RESOLUTION 052-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Clerk's report as presented. This motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 053-2022 A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer 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