



# Knox Town Board Minutes

## *July 12, 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 Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

Not present on this date:

- Councilman Pritchard

### **Public Comment:**

**Gail Burgess** – asking for the Town’s permission to use the Town’s property while moving a shed on her property that is adjacent to the Town property.

**Amy Pokorny** – would like to change the signs on the bathrooms to make them say restroom rather than man or woman. She is concerned that women will be waiting in line while the men’s room remains empty or used very little during the Bicentennial Play. Supervisor Pokorny stated he would like to consider changing the signs permanently. After a brief discussion regarding a permanent change, and not all Board members in agreement, it was decided that the signs could be changed for the day of the Bicentennial Play.

Supervisor Pokorny thanked Councilwoman Springer for her hard work and leadership during the Pucker Street Fair. He thanked Clerk Schanz for the minutes from last month, stating it was a challenging meeting to sort through. He also thanked Eric Marczak for his involvement in the CAC and the interview completed with the Altamont Enterprise.

**RESOLUTION 103-2022** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve the minutes from the July 2022 meeting as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes from July 2022 as presented

### **Committee Presentations:**

**Bicentennial Committee:** Dennis Barber recapped the events that are coming up, with an ice cream social and movie on 7/22/22, the Anti-Rent War Play on 7/31/22, 8/5/22 a chicken BBQ at the Church, a car show on 8/6/22, and on 8/7/22 the presentation of the Whipple Family history. The car show will remain on the upper level of the park area and not down below. The garage will be used for the bands on 8/6. There was a brief discussion regarding the power source for the bands. Amy Pokorny stated on 7/31/22 between 12-1:30 pm, Dana Sherman will perform an impersonation of Daniel Simmons, who owned the ax factory in Berne and will do a demonstration of how beams used to be made by hand. One porta john will be ordered for the car show, and per Supervisor Pokorny will be paid for out of the Bicentennial budget.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a porta john at the Pavilion, and the Board agreed to place one there until 10/01/2022.

**RESOLUTION 104-2022** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to place a porta john at the Pavilion for public use until 10/01/2022. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to place a porta john at the Pavilion for public use until 10/01/2022.

### **Old Business:**

Hazardous Waste Day will take place on 6/23/22 from 9:00-2:00 pm. Supervisory Pokorny shared a list of supplies that Amy made (based on the previous waste day) that would be helpful to have for the day. Amy asked for volunteers to help in 2-hour shifts. Superintendent stated he will be there. Clerk Schanz will reach out to the Berne Clerk to see if they have volunteers coming to the event.

Councilman Cyr continues to work on the Solar Array project and is waiting on National Grid to get back to him about mounting poles for the project.

There was a discussion regarding the safety of the transfer station and the repairs recommended by the engineer. Councilman Cyr shared some points of conversation he had with the engineer regarding the repairs and upgrades to the Transfer Station, possibly using new containers, filling in the area where the compactor is now, changing the current building where the office is and extending the parking lot. He suggested checking into the use of the ARP monies to aid in the repairs. Councilwoman Springer would still like to look into town-wide garbage pick-up. Superintendent Schanz stated he looked into town-wide pick-up about 3 years ago with the previous Supervisor, and the cost to the town back then was approximately \$300,000.

There was a discussion regarding park/mowing equipment and the purchase of a new mower. Supervisor Pokorny stated there was money in the budget to do it now, or the Board could plan/budget for new equipment next year. Councilman Saddlemire will check with Jack Miller and state contract options.

Supervisor Pokorny has not received an answer from the town attorney regarding the possible sale of the property at Colonial Drive. The Board believes \$15,000.00, plus fees, is reasonable to request for this property. The Supervisor will reach out to the town attorney with this proposal.

Supervisor Pokorny continues to work on the PILOT agreement. He stated The Town Host Community Agreement has now been offered and increases the town's monetary intake from the agreement. The Supervisor will go back to the company and request the HCA be increased to \$30,000.00 or change the PILOT to reach the amount of \$30,000.00.

A discussion was held regarding the repair/repositioning of gravestones at the cemeteries that Ray mows, as he has noticed that several stones need to be stood up and repositioned in order to mow around them. The Board agreed that if some stones only need to be picked up or leaned against that it would be ok, but not to spend too much time on it.

The Board agreed to purchase a thermostat cage to go over the thermostat in the Boardroom as people continue to adjust it and the heat is on in the summer.

Superintendent Schanz asked that the Board recognize Juneteenth as a Holiday for the Highway Department, as it is a federal holiday. Supervisor Pokorny will ask the attorney how to make the change.

**RESOLUTION 105-2022** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to accept the Supervisor's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the Supervisor's report as presented.

**RESOLUTION 106-2022** - 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.

**RESOLUTION 107-2022** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills as presented Abstract #007, voucher #'s 108-207 in the amount of \$15,967.45 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 208-218 in the amount of \$24,486.51 in the Highway Fund. This motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills as presented Abstract #007, voucher #'s 108-207 in the amount of \$15,967.45 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 208-218 in the amount of \$24,486.51 in the Highway Fund.

**RESOLUTION 108-2022** A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire 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