



Knox Town Board Minutes

May 10, 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

RESOLUTION 077-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meeting as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes from April 2022 as presented

Committee Presentations:

Bicentennial Committee: Dennis Barber was not present for the Bicentennial Committee, so Amy Pokorny provided an update. The parades for Memorial Day are in the planning stages. A special History Day will be held on July 31st at the Historical Society, featuring storytelling and Abe Lincoln. It will consist of an original play about the Anti-Rent wars, that is being researched, written, cast and produced by one person, Paula Shafer. Ms. Shafer has arranged for descendants of the original families portrayed in the play to act and take part in the play. The play will take place in the lower-level meeting room. Mrs. Pokorny thanked Ms. Shafer for all of her hard work and efforts she has put into the play. An antique car and truck show, as well as Stories on the Porch are scheduled for August.

Parade Committee: Don Champion spoke about the Memorial Day parade in Knox being put on by the Knox Firemen. The preschoolers, Knox Fireman Drum Core, musicians, and boy scouts have all been planned.

Pucker Street Fair Committee: Councilwoman Springer stated they have contracts for fireworks and rides (for Saturday only). Friday night will be a "Party in the Park" with food and music. More vendors and crafters are signing up each day. There will be bands both days.

RESOLUTION 078-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Pritchard to schedule a household hazardous waste collection event at the Town of Knox highway garage from 9 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, July 23 under the terms of the contract negotiated by the City of Albany (on or about March 4, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2024) with MXI Environmental Services LLC, on our behalf as per the cooperative agreement in our Town of Knox Solid Waste Management Plan as members of the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to schedule a household hazardous waste collection event at the Town of Knox highway garage from 9 AM until 2 PM on Saturday, July 23 under the terms of the contract negotiated by the City of Albany (on or about March 4, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2024) with MXI Environmental Services LLC, on our behalf as per the cooperative agreement in our Town of Knox Solid Waste Management Plan as members of the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit.

RESOLUTION 079-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to enter into a shared services agreement with the Town of Berne to participate on a pro rate cost basis in the Household Hazardous Waste collection event scheduled for Saturday, July 23 from 9 AM until 2 PM at the Knox highway garage. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to enter into a shared services agreement with the Town of Berne to participate on a pro rate cost basis in the Household Hazardous Waste collection event scheduled for Saturday, July 23 from 9 AM until 2 PM at the Knox highway garage.

RESOLUTION 080-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to apply for financial assistance from NYS DEC for up to 50% of the cost of the Household Hazardous Waste collection event. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to apply for financial assistance from NYS DEC for up to 50% of the cost of the Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

Unfortunately, there will not be a swim camp this summer. Molly Tiffany informed the Supervisor that she was unable to make it happen this year. Hopefully next year will be better.

There are two openings on the CAC. Nelson Kent and Peter (intern at Thatcher park)

RESOLUTION 081-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Nelson Kent to the CAC as a committee member. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Nelson Kent to the CAC as a committee member.

RESOLUTION 082-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Eric Marczak as the chair of the CAC. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Eric Marczak as the chair of the CAC

The CAC would like to have junior members as part of the CAC, according to Eric Marczak, this is required. He gave the Board a document with the requirements and guidelines the committee will go by.

RESOLUTION 083-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint two junior members to the CAC. This motion carried unanimously. m

RESOLVED: to appoint two junior members to the CAC.

RESOLUTION 083-2022 WAS REINDED, AS IT WAS DECIDED THAT EACH JUNIOR MEMBER WILL BE VOTED IN AS THEY APPLY

There was a brief discussion regarding the back stairway and porch at the Historical Society building. Ray has repaired the back stairway and it is all set. Councilman Saddlemire spoke with Ray regarding the porch on the building, and he met with Ray at the site. He does not believe the porch is as bad as some have made it out to be. He spoke with Ray and he is prepared to fix/repair it as needed. Councilman Saddlemire stated he would like to get estimates for repairs as needed and possibly create a reserve fund to put towards the Historical building for future needs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the newsletter and the increasing amount of information to put in it, as well as the cost of it. It is not cost effective to lesson the pages, as the cost increases rather than decreases when you go from 12 pages to 8.

RESOLUTION 084-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilwoman Springer to publish the 2nd newsletter, NTE \$900.00. This motion carried unanimously. m

RESOLVED: to publish the 2nd newsletter, NTE \$900.00.

There was a brief discussion regarding skylights at the town and the installation of new skylights. Board members will attempt to contact local contractors, as it is a conflict of interest for Ray to be a town employee and complete larger (2 -man) jobs for the town.

Supervisor Pokorny made a brief comment regarding the AUD and that there were items to untangle from the 2020 AUD.

RESOLUTION 085-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire hire James Mattice as a Transfer Station Attendant at the rate of \$14.96/hour. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to hire James Mattice as a Transfer Station Attendant at the rate of \$14.96/hour.

There are other candidates for the Transfer Station that Councilmen Cyr and Saddlemire are waiting to hear back from.

There was a discussion regarding the repairs needed at the transfer station, including the repairs underneath the main hopper and the replacement of containers. A new co-mingle box is needed quickly as the one we have is broken and not usable.

RESOLUTION 086-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to purchase a new 40 yard co-mingle container with lid, NTE \$11, 513.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to purchase a new 40 yard co-mingle container with lid, NTE \$11, 513.00.

There was a discussion regarding the selling of Colonial Drive to the sole resident who lives on it and states he owns all of the surrounding property. The resident wants to purchase it and make it a private in road rather than a public road. This was tabled until next month, while the Board asks the town attorney to complete more research.

There was a brief discussion regarding the re-ordering and organizing of the files for the ZBA, PB, and BZA. A meeting should be scheduled with the different departments.

A discussion was held regarding the hockey rink. The town would like to sell it and will reach out to the town attorney to see how to start the process.

Supervisory Pokorny provided an update on the RIC PILOT. The percentage terms are not agreeable to the Board at this time. The Supervisor will re-work the spreadsheet and present the new proposal to the Board.

RESOLUTION 087-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to purchase 132 American Flags to be placed at Veterans graves for Memorial Day in the amount of \$143.88. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to purchase 132 American Flags to be placed at Veterans graves for Memorial Day in the amount of \$143.88.

RESOLUTION 088-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Supervisor Pokorny to increase Gina Cerutti's pay by \$1.00 an hour for completing all transfer station required paperwork for a total of \$15.96/hour. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to increase Gina Cerutti's pay by \$1.00 an hour for completing all transfer station required paperwork for a total of \$15.96/hour.

RESOLUTION 089-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Supervisor Pokorny to pay in an additional \$5.00/month for a hot spot for Building Inspector, Dan Sherman for his town phone. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to pay in an additional \$5.00/month for a hot spot for Building Inspector, Dan Sherman for his town phone.

RESOLUTION 090-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills as presented Abstract #005, voucher #'s 115-130 and #'s 149, 150 in the amount of \$14,885.58 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 131-148 in the amount of \$39,879.37 in the Highway Fund. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to pay the bills as presented Abstract #005, voucher #'s 115-130 and #'s 149, 150 in the amount of \$14,885.58 in the General Fund, and voucher #'s 131-148 in the amount of \$39,879.37 in the Highway Fund

RESOLUTION 091-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to accept the Supervisor and Clerk reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Supervisor and Clerk reports as presented.

RESOLUTION 092-2022 A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk