



Knox Town Board Minutes

October 19, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

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

Present on this date:

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

Public Comment:

B. McCauliffe – stated she believes the Board believes that confidence is less important than being agreeable, citing Councilman Cyr's reversed decision on a ZBA appointment, the late filing of the 2020 AUD, and stated for the record, to the Supervisor, that while an accurate statement can be made about someone residing in town but that lying about where someone resides is the issue of concern. She also stated her concerns with unmasked, unvaccinated individuals wearing/not wearing masks and will share her video with the AG and Dept. of Health.

Presentations:

Gary Kleppel – Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, wanted to introduce the committee to the Board and fill the Board in on a few things the committee is working on. This month they will working on attracting and keeping young farmers in the Town of Knox and to attract agri-business as well. They would like to raise awareness of the committee. There is an upcoming meeting with the FFA at BKW. A suggestion was made to reach out to 4H as well. Mr. Kleppel spoke of the shortage of livestock processing centers as well and stated he has a meeting planned with Senator Hinchey regarding this issue. The committee is also concerned about farmer safety, especially when transporting equipment, and would like to work on placing appropriate signage to help protect everyone. They will also be addressing the issue with low power lines.

Dennis Barber – spoke to the Board regarding expenditures for the Bicentennial celebration. The first celebration will take place on 2/28/2022 at 7:00 pm for the Proclamation. There will be another date in April and then in June with the Pucker Street Fair, and then in August, a BBQ, car show, live bands and in September, a Church service in the Park. He would like the town to purchase flowers, banners, pay for the bands, and promotional items. He stated the budget for this event would be approximately \$4000-\$5000.

-Mr. Barber stated he would also like to be hired for the Town Historian position

Minute Approvals:

RESOLUTION 105-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the minutes as presented from the September 14, 2021 meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as presented from the September 14, 2021 meeting.

Park Plan Update:

Councilman Cyr states little league will remove their items soon, National Grid will shut off power in November, a roll-off will be dropped off soon and demolition will begin soon. There is a conflict in scheduling with pavilion events and this will be worked on between the Clerk and Councilman Cyr.

Schedule BZA policy meeting:

A meeting was scheduled for the 28th with Dan Sherman and Richie Loucks to discuss final SOP's and Blight Law.

CEC Grant:

Waiting for NYCERTA to provide next step, planning a site visit from Sun Common, and if all goes well to have the Solar Array completed this year.

Recycling Grant:

Councilman Pritchard is still working on it. The last of the information should be completed soon and then passed on to the Supervisor for signature and submittal.

Budget Meeting:

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm

Open positions:

There was a discussion regarding the open positions for a FT Transfer Station worker, Parks/Maintenance worker, and additional tasks of mowing cemeteries, hiring someone with a CDL. Salaries will be discussed at a later point, but advertising should be done now. Councilman Cyr and the Clerk will work on an advertisement and get it posted.

RESOLUTION 106-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to advertise for a FT Transfer Station employee as well as a FT Town and Park Maintenance position. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to advertise for a FT Transfer Station employee as well as a FT Town and Park Maintenance position.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Standard Workday. NYS is asking for this information again from the Assessor, Supervisor, Court Bailiff, and Zoning and Building Administrator. If there have been many changes materially then the 3-month process must be done again. The decision was made to pass the resolution for the Assessor, Supervisor and Bailiff and to check in with the ZBA and if nothing has changed to then pass another resolution for him at the Budget meeting.

RESOLUTION 107-2021 - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Standard Workday Resolution for the Town Supervisor at 55.86 days, the Court Bailiff at 4.5 days and for the Town Assessor at 7.5 days. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the Standard Workday Resolution for the Town Supervisor at 55.86 days, the Court Bailiff at 4.5 days and for the Town Assessor at 7.5 days.

Highway Report: Superintendent Schanz states he will most likely need more money for the repairs being done to the truck with the County motor. A journal entry will need to be made to accommodate for all of the repairs necessary.

RESOLUTION 108-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr 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 109-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract 10. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 269-284 and 298-301 in the amount of \$23,141.98 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 285-297 in the amount of \$174,186.32. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills.

RESOLUTION 110-2021 - 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

Traci Schanz
Knox Town Clerk