



# Knox Town Board Minutes

August 10, 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. McAuliffe** - apologized to Councilman Cyr for any distress caused by her comments related to Jeremy Springer being a current employee at the last meeting  
- quoted the NYS Conflict of Interest Law  
- requested an explanation as to why Joan Adriance is still not a member of the ZBA, but Rose Pritchard would be nominated for the seat this evening  
- stated the 2020 financials are not filed and wondered why the Board has not asked for an update  
-stated she was confused over when questions are allowed/not allowed (3 minutes of public comment ran out)

**E. Ackroyd** - Thanked Supervisor Lefkaditis for using his personal time away from his own business to help him re-hang and repair the Hometown Hero Banners that had fallen down

### Presentations:

**Steve Prokrym-Keep Lock Security** – reviewed the quote for cameras at the pavilion/park building that was given to the town back in April. The cameras will be a bit more expensive since the original quote was provided. This installment will cover entrance/exits at the town hall as well as outside around the

park building and pavilion area. A new quote will be sent to Councilman Cyr and this will be discussed again at the September meeting.

**Minute Approvals:**

**RESOLUTION 085-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the minutes as presented from the July 13, 2021 meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the minutes as presented from the July 13, 2021 meeting.

**Highway/Transfer Station:**

The Highway Superintendent reports business as usual with the exception of repairs to roads from the extraordinary amounts of rain we have had recently. The tandem is back costing almost 20K in total for parts and labor. The 284 Agreement was presented to be approved by the Board.

**RESOLUTION 086-2021** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Highway Superintendent's 284 Agreement as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the Highway Superintendent's 284 Agreement as presented.

**Old Business: Update on the Park Plan/ZBA SOP's**

- Councilman Cyr reports that the drawings continue to be worked on for the new bathrooms at the pavilion.
- Supervisor Lefkaditis will negotiate the price of the new tables to be purchased for the park.
- Councilman Cyr reports that part of the asphalt walking path has washed out because of the storm. Highway Superintendent Schanz will take a look at it and see what it needs to be repaired.
- Councilman Cyr and Supervisor Lefkaditis report that the NYS Troopers and Albany County Sherriff's department will be patrolling more often due to recent vandalism in the park.
- Councilman Cyr and Supervisor Lefkaditis will meet with the Building Department at 6pm on 8/26/21

**New Business: Peddler's permit/TS driver SOP/Personnel**

- Supervisor Lefkaditis checked with the Town Attorney regarding the possibility of putting a moratorium on Peddler Permits, and he is advised that this is acceptable.

**RESOLUTION 087-2021** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilwoman Springer, that in accordance with Section 5 of the Town of Knox's Peddlers Ordinance of 1967, the Town hereby enacts a moratorium on the issuance of any peddlers' licenses until such time the CDC lifts all COVID related restrictions. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to enact a moratorium on the issuance of any peddlers' licenses until such time the CDC lifts all COVID related restrictions.

- The TS SOP's will be changed to reflect the timely manner in which the money from the scrap runs (metal, cardboard, etc.) will be turned into the Clerk.

**RESOLUTION 088-2021** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the part-time Town Transfer Station truck driver Standard Operating Procedures as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**: to approve the part-time Town Transfer Station truck driver Standard Operating Procedures as presented.

**Additional Public Comment (allowed due to resident arriving late and granted permission to speak regarding the ZBA member appointment)**

**J.Adriance** -Mrs. Adriance recounted the timeline of events regarding interviews with Councilman Cyr and Councilman Saddlemire, as well as email exchanges between March-July 2021. She also spoke about the incorrect wording of the original motion, the reworded motion, and the readvertising of the position with appropriate wording of the expiration of the term. She commented on the pending appointment of Mrs. Rose Pritchard, and quoted a letter the Supervisor sent to residents when running for his first term. She asked Councilman Cyr and Saddlemire to vote Nay for the appointment of Rose Pritchard this evening as it may not make a difference in the outcome of the vote, but it would to her.

**RESOLUTION 089-2021** - A motion was made by Supervisor Lefkaditis seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint Rose Pritchard to the ZBA with a term expiring 12/31/2025. This motion carried unanimously 3:1 with Councilman Pritchard abstaining.

**RESOLVED**: to appoint Rose Pritchard to the ZBA with a term expiring 12/31/2025.

Supervisor Lefkaditis stated since he took office positions were advertised multiple times. For example, the Dog Control Officer position was advertised multiple times and there were 3 people. All 3 were appointed. Bob Price was appointed and after approximately 3 days declined, then Katie was appointed and after half a day declined, then one person was left, and she happened to be the daughter of the then Highway Superintendent and has worked out wonderfully. He stated that situation is not nepotism and this evening's situation is similar. He stated for his own reasons, he would not appoint Mrs. Adriance to any board within the town and that he would be happy to discuss it with her after the meeting. He stated he knows Rose Pritchard personally and that she knows the zoning laws extremely well because she has lived it. He stated she sued the town many years ago and knows the process.

Councilman Cyr stated the ZBA completed the interviews, and the Board accepted the recommendation of the ZBA chair. He stated no one swayed him and he still believes that Mrs. Adriance is qualified, but when he heard Mrs. Adriance was supporting Mrs. McAuliffe to get her on the line, he was concerned because Mrs. McAuliffe has never had anything positive to say towards the Town and was concerned that the negative influence would get into the ZBA. A conversation began to take place between Councilman Cyr and Mrs. Adriance, Supervisor Lefkaditis asked that they talk after the meeting. Mrs. Adriance stated she would write a letter to the editor instead.

**Member Comment:**

Councilman Pritchard stated there is paperwork to be completed for the grant for the transfer station. Councilman Pritchard will start to work on the paperwork and Supervisor Lefkaditis will put it all together. Councilwoman Springer suggested contact Helen Lounsbury for help as she is very good at writing grants. This will be added to the September agenda.

**Finance:**

- 2022 Budget prep-

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter sales tax-no check has been received as of this evening's meeting, but the American Relief Fund check for \$136,000.00 has been received. This will also be added to the September agenda.

**RESOLUTION 090-2021** - 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 091-2021** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills for Abstract 8. In the General account this includes voucher #'s 212-230 and 239 in the amount of \$8,718.77 and in the Highway account this includes voucher #'s 231-238 in the amount of \$2,396.73. This motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 092-2021** - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Traci Schanz*

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Knox Town Clerk