



Knox Town Board Minutes

November 9, 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

Public Comment: Amy Pokorny announced a public event at Woodsman Hall in Westerlo. The Supervisor will get the days and hours and the Clerk will post it on the town website.

RESOLUTION 144-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to suspend the public meeting and convene the Public Hearing for the 2023 budget. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to suspend the public meeting and convene the Public Hearing for the 2023 budget.

Comments from Public:

Amy Pokorny asked if money was placed into the 2023 budget for account clerk support. Amy wondered if it was needed in the future for a new AUD coming up. The Supervisor explained nothing had been done yet, but a transfer could be made if needed. Councilman Cyr asked why Amy thought our bookkeeper needed assistance. Amy stated that the bookkeeper hasn't been able to get the previous AUD done and there has been some Supervisor reports not completed on time. She stated that Berne has more help than Knox does, but the population is almost the same. Clerk Schanz commented that Knox was not Berne and Berne does things differently. Several comments were made by many people at the same time about the number of clerks, accountants and other help that the Town of Berne has as well as the pay difference. Councilman Cyr states he believes this is a conversation to be held between the Supervisor and the Bookkeeper. Councilman Pritchard states if the bookkeeper decides she wants help that she should have the most input on how and when that happens.

Comments from Board members:

Councilman Pritchard asked what happens with the monies leftover from the previous year, he would like to have a better understanding of this. Supervisor Pokorny explained that is what makes up the unexpended fund balance.

Councilman Cyr asked where the monies from the PILOT were placed. The Supervisor explained that this goes into the General Fund.

RESOLUTION 145-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the public hearing for the 2023 budget and reconvene the public Board meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the public hearing for the 2023 budget and reconvene the public Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022 to finalize the budget and pay the bills.

The Solar project continues to move forward.

The Transfer Station project continues to move forward as well. The new compacting boxes should be in before the end of the year. The possibility of having a meeting at the transfer station was discussed, for the purpose of finalizing the arrangement of boxes and trailer. A date will be decided at the next meeting.

The pavilion kitchen continues to make progress. Councilman Cyr was able to get sheetrock and wood donated. He is also working on getting drawings for the bathroom and interior design of the kitchen. Councilman Cyr thanked the Highway Department for their help with the tank.

Supervisor Pokorny provided an update on the sale of the hockey rink. He thought he had an interested buyer, but after communicating with the person, there was no interest shown. Supervisor Pokorny will be placing an ad on a hockey forum at the cost of \$75 to try and sell it.

Superintendent Schanz reports the build date for the last new truck will now be in January.

Councilwoman Springer asked if Superintendent Schanz would be ordering signs for the trucks to identify them as town trucks. The board agreed and Councilman Cyr stated he would look into pricing from Cal Stripe for magnetic signs.

There was a discussion regarding speed limit changes on West Wind and Knox Cave Road.

RESOLUTION 146-2022 - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to request a speed study by the county, to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45mph on Bozenkill Road between West Wind Road and Knox Cave Road. This motion carried 4:0 with Councilman Pritchard voting Nay.

RESOLVED: to request a speed study by the county, to lower the speed limit to 45mph on Bozenkill Road between West Wind Road and Knox Cave Road.

RESOLUTION 147-2022 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to request a speed study by the county, to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45mph on the western end of Pleasant Valley Road between Route 156 and Tabor Road. This motion carried 4:0, with Councilman Pritchard voting Nay.

RESOLVED: to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45mph on the western end of Pleasant Valley Road between Route 156 and Tabor Road.

Supervisor Pokorny stated he received a complaint about the flags hanging at the Museum as they are not lit at night, and they should be taken down at night and hung up in the morning. It was agreed that the flags would be taken down for the winter.

There was a discussion regarding new keys and locks/barrels made for the town hall. The current software for fabs is out of date. There is new software available at the cost of \$500.00.

RESOLUTION 148-2022- A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr replace the barrels on town hall doors and get new keys and purchase the software for the key fab system, not to exceed \$1000.00. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to replace the barrels on town hall doors and get new keys and purchase the software for the key fab system, not to exceed \$1000.00

There was a discussion regarding the tax collector's resignation and what should be done by the end of this year. The Board needs to find someone who will hopefully sit with the tax collector so they can learn the year-end responsibilities. There are people available from the Albany office to sit with new collectors to help with the transition. Councilwoman Springer voiced her concerns about the tax collector leaving mid-term and feels it was not handled well. Councilmen Saddlemire, Pritchard and Cyr voiced concerns regarding year end responsibilities getting done.

Councilman Cyr wants to spread the word that the Senior Center has resources to help people with HEAP, SNAP, Meals on Wheels, assistance for Senior Vets and other assistance.

RESOLUTION 149-2022- A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard 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