

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2015**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Barber
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Decker

ALSO: Town Clerk Murphy
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

ABSENT: Town Attorney Dorfman

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Hammond opened the floor for public comment.

Anna Wolfe addressed the board to announce that March 21-22 & 28-29 is Maple Weekend Events with maple producers doing tours and several pancake breakfasts and the Sap Run on March 21st at the Knox Town Hall.

All events have been listed on the Town website by Town Clerk Murphy.

Councilman Viscio announced that he would be giving Town Clerk Murphy the Pipeline maps that were given to him at the meeting in New Scotland last month. Residents are welcome to stop in to look at the maps if they are interested.

Robert Price, Planning Board Chairman, announced that the Planning Board will have a tax map with the pipeline overlay available shortly and will also make that available in the Town Clerks offices as well.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury discussed that February was a rough month on the highway trucks and equipment with all of the severe winter storms that came through. There have been several equipment issues and repairs needed but they are being taken care of right now. Salt

orders were sent in and it has been received so town should be set for remaining season. Went through a lot of salt and sand this year.

Councilman Barber stated that Winterfest was well attended this year and that the connection with the Berne Youth Council helped bring a good crowd and made for a good event.

Councilwoman Pokorny reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and her recent meeting with Nan Stolzenburg of Community Planning & Environmental Associations, who supplied a list of recommendations for the next steps in this process. Generally, the town needs to continue to collect data on maps and demographics which is a service she provides. This is something that is currently being done by Planning Board member Betty Ketchum so this is an expensive the town can save on.

Some of the other options Nan offered were to develop a written profile and inventory from the data that has been collected as well as edit and consolidate the completed profile and inventory and identify issues, and trends that need inclusion in the SWOT.

Councilman Decker asked if this means she could take all of our data, condense it down and make it more user friendly because this seems like a useful next step.

Councilwoman Pokorny added that Nan also provided pricing for providing future actions and strategies that could help the town meet its goals. Nan also provided resources for economic development ideas.

The board discussed the different options presented. Supervisor Hammond agreed it was time to hire Nan for some of these services but in an effort to keep expenses down on this we should pick options that make sense.

Councilwoman Pokorny stated that we have a “menu” of options with prices so we can choose which ones seem appropriate and have an estimate of the fee involved.

Councilman Viscio stated that to have an expert review the data and develop a written profile seems to be a valuable option. Research into economic development ideas and to look at what feasible economic development could look is also an important next step. Nan mentioned an expert who has done work in Schoharie who would be a good resource for us.

Supervisor Hammond asked the board to formally hire Nan Stolzenburg as the Town Consultant for the remaining process to finalize the Comprehensive Plan project.

RESOLUTION #34-2015 - FORMALLY HIRE NAN STOLZENBURG AS A CONSULTANT TO FINALIZE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to formally hire Nan Stolzenburg as a consultant to finalize the Comprehensive Plan project.

RESOLUTION #35-2015 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT GARY SALISBURY TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL AND TAX COLLECTOR DIANE CHAMPION TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent Gary Salisbury to attend Highway School and Tax Collector Diane Champion to attend annual meeting.

Supervisor Hammond reported Lou Saddlemire has an official Dog Warden jacket now so that residents know who he is when he is visiting houses on official business.

RESOLUTION #36-2015 – TOWN BOARD TO ACCEPT THE TRAILER COURT APPLICATIONS FOR KNOXVILLE PARK AND KOUNTRY KNOLLS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to accept the Trailer Court Applications for 2015 for Knoxville Park and Kountry Knolls.

RESOLUTION # 37-2015 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #003 of the General Fund, covering claims #32-44 & 60 in the amount of \$7989.45 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #45-59 in the amount of \$15,270.79 for the year 2015.

RESOLUTION # 38-2015 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor for the Month of February 2015 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 39-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting be approved.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
March 23, 2015

Tara L. Murphy