

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2015**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Decker
Councilman Barber

ABSENT: Town Attorney Dorfman
Councilman Viscio

ALSO: Town Clerk Murphy
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

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

Supervisor Hammond circulated the monthly reports and bills for review and reviewed the schedule for the evening.

Supervisor Hammond announced that he would like to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing for the Preliminary town budget for fiscal year 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary Budget for the Town of Knox for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at the Knox Town Hall where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Knox will be held at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th day of November, 2015 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

PURSUANT to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor.....	\$16,672.00
Town Justices (2) Total.....	\$20,286.00
Councilmen (4) Total.....	\$15,300.00
Town Clerk.....	\$12,585.00
Highway Supt.....	\$55,878.00

Tax Collector.....\$5,000.00

DATED: October 14, 2015
BY ORDER OF THE KNOX TOWN BOARD
TARA L. MURPHY
Town Clerk

RESOLUTIONS #103-2015 – ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2016 AT 7:33PM

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to open public hearing on tentative budget for 2016.

The floor was open for comment and paper copies were provided and also available online. Supervisor Hammond stated that the board will continue with normal board duties while leaving the floor open for discussions or comments on the budget.

RESOLUTION# 104-2015 –AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MOHAWK HUDSON ANIMAL SHELTER FOR SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Mohawk Hudson Animal Shelter for services for fiscal year 2016.

RESOLUTION # 105-2015 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$53,351.00 TO THE NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to make annual payment to the NYS Retirement System.

Supervisor Hammond stated that a shared services contract with the Town of Berne has been circulated and was being reviewed by the Town Board, Town Attorney and Youth Services Coordinator. There are some concerns with the paperwork that will need further review.

Councilman Decker suggested that a draft response be put together to return with their proposal. Youth Services Coordinator, MaryEllen Gillis should also have a chance to fully review and comment before anything is returned.

Councilwoman Pokorny stated that Knox resident, Dee Woessner was interested in joining the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) and has submitted a letter of interest to the Supervisor and Board for consideration. Woessner has an extensive science background that will be an asset

to the work of the CAC. A motion was made to add Dee Woessner to the CAC.

RESOLUTION # 106-2015 – AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF DEE WOESSNER TO THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to authorize the addition of Dee Woessner to the Conservation Advisory Committee, term ending December 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Pokorny spoke about a conference she recently attended along with residents, Anna Wolfe and Dee Woessner, by the American Farmland Trust called Harvesting Opportunities in New York with helpful information that could help bring opportunities to Knox.

Hwy Superintendent Gary Salisbury stated that the Challenger tractor was sold and picked up, the check was given to Supervisor Hammond.

Councilman Decker mentioned that the money from the sale of this tractor will go towards the purchase of the new John Deere tractor.

RESOLUTION # 107-2015 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #011 of the General Fund, covering claims #303-317 in the amount of \$16,151.00 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #318-325 in the amount of \$7,010.03 for the year 2015.

RESOLUTION # 108-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 2015 meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 109-2015 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

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

Supervisor Hammond asked if there were any questions or comments about the budget before the public hearing is closed.

RESOLUTIONS #110-2015 – CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:01 P.M.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to close Public Hearing at 8:48 p.m. and resume regular town board meeting.

RESOLUTION #111-2015 – ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to adopt the preliminary budget as presented for fiscal year 2016.

Councilman Decker pointed out that the 2016 Budget has a 0% tax increase for residents.

Councilwoman Pokorny mentioned that the first three chapters of the Comprehensive Plan have been drafted and should be ready shortly to circulate for review and comment.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
November 10, 2015

Tara Murphy