

**Town of Knox  
Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2014**

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

**ALSO:** Town Attorney Dorfman  
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 introduced Terri Ray, Program Director with Joseph E. Mastrianni and Sons, before opening the floor for the advertised Public Hearing as required by HUD for the Knox Section 8 Housing Program.

**RESOLUTIONS #107-2014 – ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY HUD FOR THE KNOX SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM.**

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

RESOLVED to open public hearing on for Knox Section 8 Housing Program.

Terri Ray reported there are fifteen openings in the Knox Section 8 Housing Program with thirteen families currently receiving assistance, which leaves 2 openings currently. Six families are self-sufficient and ten of the thirteen are elderly or disabled. Terri explained that rural landlords are always needed and they are currently looking for landlords in Knox and ask that if anyone is interested that they contact her office for more information.

**RESOLUTIONS #108-2014 – CLOSE SECTION 8 PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:42 P.M.**

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

RESOLVED to close Section 8 Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. and resume regular town board meeting.

Supervisor Hammond presented the board with a resignation letter from David Quay as required by NYS Retirement System and recommended that it be accepted and then re-appoint David Quay to the same position due to unusual circumstances with the NYS Retirement System.

**RESOLUTIONS #109-2014 – ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM DAVID QUAY**

**AS REQUIRED BY NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

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

RESOLVED to accept resignation letter from David Quay as required by NYS Retirement System.

**RESOLUTIONS #110-2014 – WAIVE ADVERTISING AND RE-APPOINT DAVID QUAY TO SAME POSITION DUE TO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

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

RESOLVED to waive advertising and re-appoint David Quay to same position due to unusual circumstances with the NYS Retirement System.

Supervisor Hammond read a letter sent to the town hall from Maryellen and John Gillis, Lorrie and Vern Gordon, Bob and Sandy Wells, and Steve and Sherry Schrade along with a donation of \$150.00 for the Knox Youth Program in honor of Coach Jim Gillis.

**RESOLUTION# 111-2014 –AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MOHAWK HUDSON ANIMAL SHELTER FOR SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Mohawk Hudson Animal Shelter for services for fiscal year 2015.

**RESOLUTION # 112-2014 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$71,568.00 TO THE NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to make annual payment to the NYS Retirement System.

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 2015 at the advertised time of 7:45pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary Budget for the Town of Knox for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 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 7:45 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014 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, 2014  
BY ORDER OF THE  
KNOX TOWN BOARD  
TARA L. MURPHY  
Town Clerk

**RESOLUTIONS #113-2014 – ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2015 AT 7:45PM**

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

RESOLVED to open public hearing on tentative budget for 2015.

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.

Robert Price presented a letter received by the Planning Board concerning the proposed Tennessee Pipeline project. There will be some disruption during this process of excavation of the pipeline, specifically along Rt. 252, Rt. 146 and Rt. 156.

Supervisor Hammond expressed that some residents have concerns over this project and don't want to deal with the disruption and potential mess to their property.

Councilman Decker stated that the letter offers an Open House in Schodack on December 4<sup>th</sup> for any concerned residents to attend and receive more information.

Councilman Viscio asked that Robert Price look into the scope of this project and any potential public safety concerns. He also suggested that the town assessor contact the Office of Real

Property to find out about any information about assessment adjustments. This falls under utilities which is outside the scope of the local assessor but perhaps the ORPS has more information.

Supervisor Hammond reported on the Solar Project RFP status. RFP's were sent out to 10 companies and several responded that they are either too small to deal with a municipality or that they do not have the availability to look into the RFP. Two companies expressed some interest but would need additional time to further investigate the project.

Councilman Viscio suggested that Supervisor Hammond contact those two companies to see if they would be interested in coming to talk more about the project.

Supervisor Hammond presented the board with a check from Verizon for \$18,063.81 for the cell tower. ATT will be sending payment shortly which should be an increase from last year because of the upgraded services. Currently the town is receiving about \$35-36,000 annually from the cell tower.

**RESOLUTION # 114-2014 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Viscio, 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 October 2014 be approved.

**RESOLUTION # 115-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting be approved.

**RESOLUTION #116-2014 - PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #11 of the General Fund, covering claims #378-387 & 398-403 in the amount of \$8,738.70 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #388-397 in the amount of \$5,169.22 for the year 2014.

Councilwoman Pokorny announced that St. Paulys Textile, the company that manages the clothing shed at the Transfer station, has sent posters and flyers out about a national event called "America Recycles Day" which will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. This event will hopefully help promote the clothing collection shed which gives a monthly stipend to the Town of Knox.

Councilwoman Pokorny also announced that she would like to schedule another comprehensive plan workshop for Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Baber announced that the Knox Winterfest is scheduled to be held on January 24,

2015 with more details to come.

Supervisor Hammond discussed the concerns about after-hour traffic at the Transfer Station and would like to put rocks or something to block the side hill that people are driving up. Councilman Viscio stated that signs need to be put up as well.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury mentioned that it is getting worse with large items being dropped off. He suggested that a large pile of dirt with maybe some trees planted would be a good block for this area.

Supervisor Hammond and the board also discussed the possible installation of security cameras if the issue continues.

Charlotte Fuss gave the board an update on the Senior Program. The meal program has been approved for 3 days per week in Berne. The daycare center in Berne is also open and stressed that the fee is a sliding scale. Transportation is still an issue and Charlotte thanked the board for the increase in the budget for 2015 stating that is was very much appreciated. Currently 6 people (4 from Knox) are using the bus service and she would like to see the bus set up to bring people to the meal plan. She also mentioned that the hilltowns do have access to meals on wheels through Senior Services of Albany, please send people her way so she can help more seniors get these helpful services.

**RESOLUTIONS #117-2014 – CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:43 P.M.**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #118-2014 – ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

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

RESOLVED to adopt the preliminary budget as presented for fiscal year 2015.

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
November 18, 2014

Tara Murphy