

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2015**

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 7:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Hammond reviewed the schedule for the evening and announced that there would be an executive session called later to discuss personnel issues.

2016 Budget Workshops were scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 7pm and a second date of Wednesday, October 7, 2015, if needed. Notice will be printed in the paper.

Councilman Viscio gave a brief overview of the Rural Broadband Initiative and the need for expanded coverage for residents. Councilman Viscio announced that a meeting has been set October 8, 2015 at 6:30pm for Town officials, State and Local government officials, as well as Time Warner Cable representatives to hear from the public and review where we are now and what is needed to move forward in the future. Councilman Viscio explained that original coverage was built by Time Warner Cable in 1990 and negotiations for expansions have not been successful because of new contract regulations of 16-20 houses per mile for coverage. The Governor's office is expected to roll-out a plan for expanded broadband within the next year.

RESOLUTION #83-2015 – ADOPT THE STANDARD WORK DAY REPORT AS REQUIRED BY NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

RESOLVED to adopt the Standard Work Day Report as required by the NYS Retirement System.

Supervisor Hammond received a letter from Joseph Mastrianni in reference to setting up an annual review of the Housing Choice Voucher Program through the Public Housing Authorities. The Board agreed that they would like to schedule this meeting to occur in a subsequent meeting.

Councilwoman Pokorny discussed a few upcoming events:

1. Flu Shot workshop arranged by Senior Service Coordinator, Charlotte Fuss
2. September 17th Habitat & Wildlife Report given by the NYS DEC
3. September 19-20 Helderberg Hilltowns Farms and Artisan Tour

Highway Superintendent Gary Salisbury announced that the Transfer Station is using a new recycling vendor – JGS Recycling. Salisbury gave the contract to Town Attorney Dorfman for review.

Councilwoman Pokorny commented that JGS is charging for Console and projector televisions at \$75.00/set. Signs will need to be put up at the Transfer Station to inform residents of that.

Hwy Superintendent Salisbury added that all charges for electronics have been dropped. If the Board will sign the new contract he can return it to JGS.

Town Attorney Dorfman stated that he had concerns over the lack of mention of liability of going onto town property for pick up. He will re-negotiate contract with coverage setting forth their insurance is primary. The current contract is acceptable however he will re-evaluate changes.

RESOLUTION #84-2015 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CONTRACT WITH JGS RECYCLING

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to approve the Transfer Station Recycling Contract with JGS Recycling.

Hwy. Superintendent Salisbury also informed the board of recent guard rail damage on Dutch Settlement Road due to a traffic accident. Salisbury gave the police report to Town Attorney Dorfman for further review.

Hwy. Superintendent Salisbury requested Board approval to sell the Challenger tractor. The FEMA funding will cover new tractor purchase. The old tractor has been a problem because no one will fix it or cover it, just needs to go. It's valued at about \$38,000-\$35,000, the town paid \$75,000 for it 8 years ago. Would like to use Northeast Equipment Connections as the auction service for this sale.

RESOLUTION #85-2015 – AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF CHALLENGER TRACTOR

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

RESOLVED to authorize advertisement for sale of Challenger Tractor.

RESOLUTION # 86-2015 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #009 of the General Fund, covering claims #238-250 in the amount of \$7,154.99 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #251-260 in the amount of \$37,905.54 for the year 2015.

RESOLUTION # 87-2015 - 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 August 2015 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 88-2015 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Robert Price requested that the Planning Board make two changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

1. Noise Ordinance – adding noise to site plan review
2. Adding definitions, correcting typos and minor things.

Robert Price also mentioned a blood drive on September 26th for the benefit of Joe Merli.

Anna Wolfe presented to board a proposal for flooring for the Historical Society building stating that the mildew smell coming from the old carpets is overwhelming. This is a large expense for the historical society and because the building is owned by the town they believe the town should cover this cost. The Historical Society is proposing an inexpensive laminate floor.

Supervisor Hammond stated that it was always agreed that the Town would take care of the outside of the building and the Historical Society would take care of the inside.

Councilman Viscio suggested a shiplap board floor instead of laminate for a historical building.

Councilman Barber stated that the lowest quote they received for laminate was \$1,300. He suggested that they could get the carpet up and see what shape the floor is under there. They are open until September 20th and then will work on this.

Councilman Barber announced that the Historical Society would like to plant a basswood tree where the stump is now.

Supervisor Hammond responded that Gary would find a good spot and dig a hole for it.

Councilman Barber also asked if the Planning Board minutes and ZBA minutes should be

located in the same room. Supervisor Hammond responded that yes, they are located there for public view.

RESOLUTION #89-2015 – ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:46PM

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:46pm to discuss personnel issues.

RESOLUTION #90-2015 – RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION AT 10:00PM

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to return to general session at 10:00pm

RESOLUTION #91-2015 – APPOINT ERIC KUCK AS PART-TIME TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

On motion of Councilwoman Pokorny, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to appoint Eric Kuck as Part-Time Transfer Station Attendant

The Board took a moment to mourn the passing of and recognize the years of service of two town residents.

The Board wishes to recognize Robert Delaney for his years of service as the Town Building Inspector and for his years of volunteer work with the Boy Scouts, Knox Fire Department and Veterans. This is a loss to the community and deepest condolences to his family. In honor of Bob's dedication and service to the town a tree will be planted in his honor.

RESOLUTION #92-2015 – RECOGNITION OF ROBERT DELANEY'S PASSING AND YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF KNOX

On motion of Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to recognize the passing of Robert Delaney and years of service to the Town of Knox with the planting of a tree in his honor.

The board wishes to recognize Jean Forti for her contribution of countless hours of volunteer services for Knox food pantry, Girl Scouts, Youth Council, 4H, Pony Pals, and the needs of seniors.

RESOLUTION #93-2015 – RECOGNITION OF JEAN FORTI'S PASSING AND YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF KNOX

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

RESOLVED to recognize the passing of Jean Fort and years of volunteer service to the Town of Knox with the planting of a tree in her honor.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
September 23, 2015

Tara Murphy