

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2012**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Barber
Councilman Decker

ALSO: Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

ABSENT: Town Attorney Dorfman

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the board is in a position, after conducting interviews to appoint someone to the vacant seat on the town board.

RESOLUTION # 25 - APPOINT AMY POKORNY TO FILL VACANCY LEFT BY TRAVIS STEVENS UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

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

RESOLVED to appoint Amy Pokorny to fill vacancy left by Mr. Stevens until this year's general election.

Linda Carmen opposes this appointment. She submitted a letter of intent for this position and wasn't interviewed, to her knowledge either was Mike Swain. Mr. Hammond announced that interviews were given to individuals. She would like the names of persons interviewed. Mr. Hammond replied he will not give the names publicly at the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 26 - APPOINT JOHN DEMIS TO FILL VACANCY ON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

RESOLVED to appoint John DeMis to fill vacancy left by Councilman Barber.

Bob Price highly recommends the appointment of John DeMis to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joan Bentley resigned as the Planning Board Minutes Recorder; Supervisor Hammond and Chairman of the Planning Board, Bob Price interviewed Mrs. Aveyard, she would be a great asset.

RESOLUTION #27 - APPOINT KAREN AVEYARD TO FILL POSITION OF MINUTES

RECORDER FOR THE PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to appoint Karen Aveyard to fill position of Minutes Recorder.

Supervisor Hammond asked Amy Pokorny to take the oath of office and may sit on the town board this evening. Town Justice Corgiliano administered the oath of office.

RESOLUTION # 28 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW CONTRACT AND MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$25,500.00 TO THE HELDERBERG RESCUE SQUAD FOR 2012 EMERGENCY SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize supervisor to renew contract and make annual payment of \$25,500.00 to the Helderberg Rescue Squad for 2012 emergency services, as per budget.

RESOLUTION # 29 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW CONTRACT AND MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$24,192.00 TO THE ALTAMONT RESCUE SQUAD FOR 2012 EMERGENCY SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize supervisor to renew contract and make annual payment of \$24,192.00 to the Altamont Rescue Squad for 2012 emergency services, as per budget.

RESOLUTION # 30 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW CONTRACT AND MAKE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$46,428.00 TO THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND EMS FOR 2012 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize supervisor to renew contract and make annual payment of \$46,428.00 to the Town of Guilderland EMS for 2012 Advanced Life Support services, as per budget.

RESOLUTION # 31 - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$6,000.00 TO THE ALTAMONT LIBRARY FOR 2012 SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Barber, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize payment of \$6,000.00 to the Altamont Library for 2012 services, as per budget.

RESOLUTION # 32 - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$1,500.00 TO THE BERNE LIBRARY FOR 2012 SERVICES

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

RESOLVED to authorize payment of \$1,500.00 to the Berne Library for 2012 services, as per budget.

Linda Carmen opposes this resolution; she would like the town to adjust the budgeting for the Altamont and Berne Libraries, and give Berne equal to Altamont. Supervisor Hammond suggested that the board revisit this issue for budget time for 2013. Councilman Decker remembers when the town board wanted to give more money to the Berne Library and they refused the increase.

RESOLUTION # 33 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO DISTRIBUTE \$2,440.00 SNOWMOBILE GRANT FUNDS TO FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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

RESOLVED to authorize the supervisor to distribute \$2,440.00 grant funds to Frontier Sno Riders.

RESOLUTION # 34 - AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO MAKE TRANSFER OF \$50,000 FROM HIGHWAY FUND TO HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Hammond to make transfer of \$50,000 from Highway Fund to Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

Supervisor Hammond reported to the board that All Real Property Taxes for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Lighting District, Berne Fire District have been collected and deposited and distributed to the Fire Districts.

RESOLUTION # 35 - APPROVE TRAILER PARK PERMIT APPLICATION RENEWALS FOR GREEN ACRES AND KNOXVILLE PARK

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

RESOLVED that Green Acres and Knoxville Park returned the Application Renewal along with payment and the Department of Health Inspection.

Mr. Saddlemire would like the town board to consider him as a candidate for the vacant position on the Town Board. Supervisor Hammond stated, that an appointment was already made.

Mr. Price reported he has obtained a list of from Albany County Board of Elections, with the names and addresses of residents with in the town. He would like to discuss with Dennis Decker; the town's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, how the town can notify residents in case of an emergency. Mr. Decker has discussed this matter with Dana Sherman, which he may have a similar list. Mr. Price thinks that getting a grant and have a list compiled of all residents,

would be beneficial in the case of an emergency.

Linda Carmen asked the board if the Town is going to have a kitchen? Or cots, for people to sleep on; is there a place in the town hall to take a shower? When Hurricane Irene hit, she said, she was without power for five days. Mr. Hammond responded that in the downstairs community room, there is room for a small kitchenette; the town does not have cots, he believes that the fire house does, as well as a shower, but she would have to ask someone in the fire department.

Linda Carmen also asked if various members of the town board sit on the Youth Council or other boards to report back to the town board? Yes, Dennis Barber is the Ex-Officio to the Youth Council and Dennis Decker is the Ex-Officio to the Conservation Advisory Council.

The CDTA bus travels to the hilltowns on Wednesdays; CDTA is possibly discussing cuts to the routes. Kevin Crosier (Supervisor for Town of Berne) would consider sharing services on the van with the Town of Knox, in which both towns would share the expenses. Supervisor Hammond said that would be a big expense the town would have to consider. On February 21st a meeting will be held at the Guilderland Public Library regarding the proposed changes.

On Wednesday, February 15th a speaker from Greenville will be discussing Shared Services in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that he hasn't been able to research a laptop.

RESOLUTION # 36- HONORING EMMA STEVENS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

RESOLVED to honor and congratulate Emma Stevens on her 100th Birthday!

RESOLUTION # 37 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 (Councilwoman Pokorny abstained from voting; as she was not on the board)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 2012 Meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 38 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of January 2012 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 39 - 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 #2 of the General Fund, covering claims #27-40 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #12-26 for the year 2012 and on General Abstract #14 of the General Fund, covering claims #412-413 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #408-411 & 414, for the year 2011.

Discussion regarding the Town of Berne and their participation with a company that is recycling light bulbs; Highway Superintendent Salisbury stated that will probably be the next thing at the Transfer Station. Discussed that someone is taking the hard drives out of the electronic bin and taking them after hours.

RESOLUTION # 40 - END MEETING AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED to enter into executive session to discuss Union contract negotiations.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Decker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
February 21, 2012

Kimberly D. Swain