

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
June 10, 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.

Jane McLean, Vice President of the Knox Historical Society, presented the board with a list of the upcoming events being held by the Knox Historical Society – including the Metal Detector Program on June 21st, Installation Ceremony of the Pillbox Historical Marker on July 13th, and the Quilt Show on August 3rd. The Knox Historical Society has also re-issued the 1972 Knox Sesquicentennial booklet, available for a donation of \$10.00. Jane presented the Town Board, on behalf of the Knox Historical Society, with a “Town Hall Copy” of the booklet to be available for residents to look through.

Supervisor Hammond made a suggestion that the Historical Society look into taking photos and/or video of the collections, room by room, in the museum for reference and insurance purposes.

Supervisor Hammond opened the floor for public comment:

Anna Wolfe presented the Town Board with several suggestions to the Comprehensive Plan including the formation of a committee of volunteers to interpret the data from the surveys; hiring Nan Stolzenburg at \$100.00/hour to collect and interpret the data initially; encouraging people to use the online survey so summarization of the data will be easier, informing residents that additional copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall, and asked that the Comprehensive Plan be discussed at each meeting.

Albany County Sherriff Deputy Tracy Mance announced that the Albany County Sherriff’s office has started a monthly community newsletter that is available on their website at:
<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/CountySheriff.aspx>

Supervisor Hammond announced the resignation of Jay Baumstein from the Zoning Board of Appeals and asked the board to approve the advertising of the open position.

RESOLUTION #64-2014 – AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF OPEN POSITION FOR KNOX ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

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

RESOLVED to authorize the advertising of open position for Knox Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Hammond purposed that the Town of Knox increase the local Veteran Exemptions to “Level K,” which is the same exemption level set by the Town of Berne. This increase would represent a \$4.98 per household increase for Knox residents and will take effect in 2015; reflective in the January 2016 taxes.

RESOLUTION #65-2014 – AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE OF VETERAN EXEMPTIONS FROM CURRENT “LEVEL C” TO “LEVEL K”

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1 (*Councilman Decker abstained because he is a veteran who could benefit from this exemption in the future.*)

RESOLVED to authorize the increase of Veteran Exemptions from current “Level C” to “Level K”

Supervisor Hammond reported on the damage to the Transfer Station from the May 22nd tornado including the St. Pauly clothing donation shed which was thrown back down the bank. They were very responsive and quick to come and fix it. The transfer station roof has some shingle damage and AmSure insurance has been contacted to come and investigate the damage and to see if a claim should be put in for it. There is a \$1,000 deductible for any claim put in.

Supervisor Hammond reported that he met with the Girl Scouts about their involvement in the “Tot-lot” project in order to receive their merit badge by the end of the summer. The Board approved the purchase of a cedar sandbox with cover (approximate cost: \$150 - \$200) to be assembled by the Girl Scouts when the area is ready to go. Excavation will begin soon.

Travis Stevens addressed the Town Board suggesting to move all of the playground equipment closer to the pavilion, using the unused tennis court as the new location.

Councilman Decker responded that this was discussed in the past and the cost was very expensive. The discussion has been left with the Knox Youth Council for suggestions.

Supervisor Hammond recommended the appointment of Nathan Giordano to become chairman of the Conservation Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION #66-2014 – APPOINT NATHAN GIORDANO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE KNOX CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED to appoint Nathan Giordano as Chairman of the Knox Conservation Advisory Council.

Supervisor Hammond discussed the need to look into purchasing a new main photocopier for the Town Hall. The current machine is out of contract with no service plan and is not working very well. Hammond would like to look into either purchasing or leasing a new machine. There are several upcoming printing projects that will require a working machine including the employee handbook, youth program flyers, and zoning ordinance booklets.

RESOLUTION #67-2014 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO RESEARCH AND PURCHASE PHOTOCOPIER FOR TOWN HALL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Hammond to research and purchase a photocopier for Town Hall not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Board members discussed the decision to have the Knox Historical Museum painted, instead of vinyl siding, to be stay more historically accurate. New bids for just painting will need to be submitted for review by the Town Board. Councilman Viscio mentioned advertising for this in *The Enterprise*.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury presented the 284 Agreement to the board members. He stated that the chip seals just aren't working anymore however paving will really work. Some road are going on 10+ years and are still in great shape. Tabor Road is in really bad shape so focus will be there first.

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Knox, Albany County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town board. Pursuant to the provisions of section 284 of the highway law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$60,000 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 36.45 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and board walks or the renewals thereof.

2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:

The following roads will have base work done for 2014

Becker

Street (upper)
Drumm
Wilty

Total amount of work will not exceed \$100,000

The following roads will be Moto Paved 1 ½” deep.

Tabor Rd from Pleasant Valley to Town line. A distance of 4,032’
Zimmer Rd from Pleasant Valley to gas line. A distance of 1,172’
Zimmer Rd. from Crounce Rd to a distance of 1700’ towards 156.

Total feet of: 6,904.00 Feet of 1.31 miles

Total amount not to exceed \$100,000

Total spent \$200,000

Budget:

2014 CHIPS \$81,468.50

2014 Budget \$165,000

Total: \$246,468.50

RESOLUTION #68-2014 – ACCEPT 284 AGREEMENT FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALISBURY FOR ROAD REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLVED to accept the 284 Agreement from the Highway Superintendent.

Councilwoman Pokorny reported that 922 Comprehensive Plan Surveys were mailed out on June 2nd and as of June 10th 19 online surveys had been completed and approximately 30 paper surveys had been submitted.

Supervisor Hammond announced that Albany County Veteran Service Officer, James Ader will be at the Town Hall on July 2nd from 9am – 11am to meet with any Veterans interested in discussing Veteran related issues. An ad will be placed in *the Altamont Enterprise* to let residents know about these scheduled mobile office hours.

RESOLUTION # 69-2014 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #006 of the General Fund, covering claims #141-157 & 168-173 in the amount of \$51,413.65 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #158-167 & 174-176 in the amount of \$53,879.67 for the year 2014.

RESOLUTION # 70-2014 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, 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 May 2014 be approved.

RESOLUTION # 71-2014 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 2014 meeting be approved.

Enter into executive session at 8:33pm.

RESOLUTION #72-2014 – ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED to enter into executive session regarding legal matters and highway personnel matters.

Return to general session at 9:45pm

RESOLUTION #73-2014 – RETURN INTO GENERAL SESSION AT 9:45PM

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

RESOLVED to return to general session.

RESOLUTION #74-2014 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE FULL-TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE AT RATE OF \$14.54/HR. TO REPLACE RETIRED EMPLOYEE DEAN SCHANZ.

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

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent to hire full-time temporary employee at rate of \$14.54/hr. to replace retired employee Dean Schanz.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 17, 2014

Tara Murphy