

**TOWN OF KNOX
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2007**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilman Best
Councilman Decker
Councilwoman Gage
Councilman Viscio

ALSO: Deputy Town Clerk Nagengast
Town Attorney Dorfman
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

ABSENT: Town Clerk Swain

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #75 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 12, 2007, town board meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION #76 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

RESOLVED that the reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the month of June be approved.

RESOLUTION #77 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the bills be paid, as amended, on General Abstract #7 covering claims #212 through #227, and Highway Abstract #7 covering claims # 228 through #245 (Abstract #27 and #28, claims #237 and #238 covered payrolls), plus the additional bill for Cobleskill in the amount of \$62.18.

Mr. Hammond announced that a state grant in the amount of \$4,000, which is to be used toward the town hall renovation project, was received. Mr. Hammond obtained the grant through Assemblyman McEneny's office. Mr. Hammond mentioned that he would submit a request for a larger grant through Assemblyman McEneny office again when available.

Mr. Hammond reported that the town can now update the public access channel through Time Warner Cable.

Bob Price reported the first half of the year's data results for the town's wind tower project. The data was prepared by Kathy Moore, a meteorologist in Berne.

Mr. Price asked the Board if there was any feedback on the proposed communication lease documentation. Mr. Dorfman said he will review and provide comment.

Mr. Price also mentioned that the Planning Board is posting their monthly meeting agenda on the town's website, and as a result, it has generated public interest and increased attendance at their meetings. The meeting where the proposed communications tower was discussed had increased public attendance and most residents came to the meeting in support of the tower for safety reasons.

Cheryl Frantzen reported on maintenance issues at the town museum. The outside paint is peeling and other structural repairs are needed. Mr. Hammond indicated that he would discuss the repairs with Louis Saddlemire, the town's park maintenance person, and will ask Mr. Saddlemire to make the repairs.

Mrs. Frantzen also mentioned that the Conservation Advisory Committee discussed updating the town's visual resources inventory. The committee thought about hosting a four season photo contest that would capture scenic areas in the town that might not be visible from roadways. The board was receptive to the idea and Mr. Dorfman said he would research the matter to determine if it was doable.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury gave an update on highway road projects within the town. Work on Whipple Rd., Helderberg Rd., Adams Rd., Malachi Court, and Suto Rd. was completed. The work on Line Rd. began and Church Rd. and White Rd. will be completed next.

Superintendent Salisbury also reported that he met with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assess and measure damage in the town due to April flooding. Mr. Salisbury expects to hear back from FEMA on their findings and the amount of reimbursement for damages in a few

weeks. While here, FEMA looked at Quay Rd. specifically in hopes of determining an action to mitigate future flooding issues. They will be performing a hydraulic report to help determine a fix.

Councilman Decker reported that the summer youth committee program began last week. Mr. Decker asked the board to fund \$400 for the bus transportation of program attendees to the U.S.S. Slater in the Port of Albany.

RESOLUTION #78 – PROVIDE \$400 TO THE KNOX YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORTATION

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

RESOLVED that \$400 be provided to the Knox Youth Committee to cover the bus transportation to the U.S.S. Slater in Albany during the town's summer youth program.

Attorney Dorfman asked the board to enter in executive session.

RESOLUTION #79 –ENTER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:12 PM

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

RESOLVED that the town board end general session and enter into executive session at 8:12 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Best, seconded by Councilman Decker, the regular meeting of the town board was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
August 7, 2007

Mary Ellen Nagengast
Deputy Town Clerk