

July 12, 2011

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Gage
Councilman Stevens
Councilman Viscio

ALSO: Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury
Town Attorney Dorfman

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nagengast

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #82 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 2011 meeting were approved.

RESOLUTION #83 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED that the reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of June 2011 were approved.

Supervisor Hammond read the legal notice pertaining to the Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding full cut off lighting on new construction.

RESOLUTION #85 – CLOSE REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:40PM

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to close regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing.

Mr. Ackroyd asked if a full cut off lighting fixture is replaced with another fixture, that is not full cut off, would there be a fine?

Mr. Price responded, yes, if the light fixture is replaced after the certificate of occupancy is obtained with anything other than a full cut off lighting fixture.

Questions arose to the lighting of the American Flag, would that be excluded from this law?

Amy Pokorny agrees with the full cut off lighting.

John Elberfeld agrees with the law too.

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Dan Sherman suggested that the board check with the state codes before making this a law in town. Some homes come pre-manufactured with lights on the exterior.

RESOLUTION #86-CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:07PM AND RETURN TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

RESOLVED to close public hearing and return to the regular board meeting.

The board suggests Town Attorney Dorfman research the state codes, as to Dan Sherman's suggestion.

RESOLUTION #87-CLOSE DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT MONTH'S MEETING REGARDING FULL CUT OFF LIGHTING

On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED to discuss at the August Town Board Meeting.

John Elberfeld, a representative from the Helderberg Hilltowns Association (HHA) spoke with the board regarding their activities in the hilltowns. The HHA consists of neighbors from Knox, Berne, Rensselaerville and Westerlo working to help preserve and promote local farms, businesses and organizations. He would like the help of the board members to let others know about the HHA and placement of signs in the area.

A few boards on the porch of the Saddlemire Homestead are in rough condition. Mike Hammond and Louie Saddlemire met and discussed last week.

Amy Pokorny reported that the Dudley Observatory has scheduled programs at the Octagon Barn. July 9th, at 8pm is Using Star Maps, August 27th at 8pm is Deep Sky Objects, September 24th, at 7pm is How to use A/Your Telescope and October 15th, at 7pm is Observing & the Harvest Moon.

Supervisor Hammond asked Amy Pokorny if a representative from the Dudley Observatory would come and discuss their agenda with the board.

Supervisor Hammond read Lisa Chase's letter of resignation to the board.

Town Attorney Dorfman developed a contract with Extreme Tile & Contracting, Don Hempstead and met with him this evening to discuss the contract. Projected start date of the community room is September 12th, and would be complete in 30days. Insurance is in place, and he requested a portion of money to start the project. (Dorfman will have to check on this). The specifications do not specify which materials are to be used, the board would like submittals of the doors and locks.

Supervisor Hammond reported that the AED has been delivered. He would like to meet with Councilman Stevens and select a location for the AED.

RESOLUTION #88-APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$1,646.00 TO FOREMOST EQUIPMENT

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FOR THE AED

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of \$1,646.00 to Foremost Equipment.

July 18th and 19th, Highway Superintendent Salisbury and the Highway Employees will be attending a Defensive Driving class. Salisbury to hand deliver the check.

RESOLUTION #89-AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO CUT CHECK TO ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to cut check for Defensive Driving class.

RESOLUTION #84 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Stevens, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the bills be paid on General Abstract #007, covering claims #199-218 and Highway Abstract #007, covering claims #192-198 for the year 2011.

Supervisor Hammond has been in contact with Dormitory Authority, as to when the Town will get the final approval for the grant money, he has been told, that it is under review. \$125,000.00 will be for the roof and paving the parking lot behind the town hall.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that the Salvation Army has emptied the box. He has reported having problems with the company that removes the freon from the refrigerators. He is researching other companies and will report back next month.

Supervisor Hammond reported that he was in contact with "Stop-n-Go", a company that sells used port a john's. Some are in good condition and cost around \$200.00. If the town purchased it, the town would own the port a john, and this company would maintain it. Supervisor Hammond and Highway Superintendent Salisbury to look at the port a johns.

RESOLUTION #90-ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50PM

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

RESOLVED to enter into executive session.

RESOLUTION #91-CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING

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

RESOLVED to close executive session and return to regular board meeting.

No decisions were made in the executive session.

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On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 25, 2011

Kimberly D. Swain