

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2008**

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

ALSO: Town Attorney Dorfman
Town Clerk Swain
Highway Superintendent Salisbury

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m.with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION # 92 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Nagengast, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED that the minutes of the July meeting be approved.

RESOLUTION # 93 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, 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 July be approved.

RESOLUTION # 94 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Nagengast, the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #008 of the General Fund, covering claims #258-279 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #239-257 for the year 2008.

Charlie Sacco discussed the proposals for the geotechnical services and topographical / partial boundary survey for the town hall project.

RESOLUTION # 95 – AUTHORIZE CHARLIE SACCO TO CONTACT TWO FIRMS FOR THE GEOTECHINAL SERVICES AND TOPOGRAPHICAL / PARTIAL BOUNDARY SURVEY

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was ADOPTEDAYES 5 NAYS 0
RESOLVED to authorize Charlie Sacco to contact two firms for the geotechnical services and topographical / partial boundary survey and to submit bill after work is complete.

Sarah Gordon presented the board with a presentation on a Farm Land Protection Grant. Sarah discussed the economic, ecological and social benefits that agriculture has on our community. The Farm Land Protection Grant is up to \$25,000.00 cost share funding availability. The commitment on the Town of Knox would be to pass a resolution, hire a consultant, cash contribution (max. = \$1,667.00), and to adopt the Farmland Preservation Plan. The board advised Sarah Gordon to discuss this with the Planning Board

and the Conservation Advisory Council.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the judges would like to apply for a grant for \$30,000.00 for office furniture, filing cabinets, metal detectors, sign boards, benches, photocopier and safe.

RESOLUTION # 96 – AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

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

RESOLVED to authorize town supervisor to approve Justice Court Assistance Program application, for Grant Funding for up to \$30,000.00 from the New York State Unified Court System.

Supervisor Hammond spoke with Susan Lombardi regarding a NYSERDA grant for the town hall renovation project.

RESOLUTION # 97 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEEK GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYSERDA ENERGY SAVINGS FOR THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Hammond to seek grant application for NYSERDA energy savings for the town hall renovation project.

Enterprise Consulting Solutions (ECS) – engineering firm completed negative declaration form.

Planning Board will be discussing with Verizon the possible location of a cellular tower on the Kryzak property, Route 156 and Pleasant Valley Road.

Residence equalization rate has been set to 53%, 3.77 in Knox, 6.41 in Westerlo and 7.14 in Berne.

Civil Service Department has announced that the titles of four positions need to be changed. In the January Organizational Meeting, resolution #3 to be modified for the following positions:

John Norray – Animal Control Officer PT

Catherine Traina – Minutes Recorder

Carol Barber – Minutes Recorder

Ed Nicholson – Data Collector

RESOLUTION # 98 – TO MODIFY RESOLUTION #3 PASSED IN THE JANUARY 2008 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO AMEND TITLES

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

RESOLVED to modify resolution #3 passed in the January 2008 Organizational meeting to amend the four titles, John Norray – Animal Control Officer PT, Catherine Traina and Carol Barber – Minutes Recorder and Ed Nicholson – Data Collector.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury received a proposal from NYS DOT regarding the roadwork scheduled for Route 146, and DOT would like to detour traffic to Lewis Road. Salisbury has concerns with the detour on Lewis Road, weight limit, sign distance and the road is not wide enough in areas for

two large trucks to pass at the same time. The estimated time to complete the roadwork on Route 146 is one and half to two weeks the road will be closed. Salisbury would like to see the detour routed to Bell Road.

Salisbury registered with Cornell for two classes, sign regulation and ditching and drainage. The cost of each class is \$40.00.

RESOLUTION #99 – AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALISBURY TO PURCHASE BOX CONTAINER FOR THE TRANSFER STATION NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00

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

RESOLVED to authorize Highway Superintendent Salisbury to purchase box container for the Transfer Station not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury spoke with John Prastio, regarding the wall at the Transfer Station. Discussed the start date for the repairs at the Transfer Station for the week of October 1, 2008. Salisbury reported that Quay Road washed out after the last rain storm. Salisbury publicly thanked the highway department workers for going above and beyond.

Enter into executive session at 9:34p.m.

With no decisions made, end executive session at 9:45p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Decker, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
August 22, 2008

Kimberly D. Swain