

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

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Hammond  
Councilwoman Pokorny  
Councilman Decker  
Councilman Viscio  
Councilman Barber

**ALSO:** Town Clerk Swain  
Town Attorney Dorfman

**ABSENT:** Highway Superintendent Salisbury

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

Representatives from the Berne Library, Altamont Library and the Upper Hudson Library System addressed the board regarding service contracts between libraries and local municipalities. The Altamont and Berne Library receives no federal funding, 2% comes from the state and 98% is from the local governments. Currently, the Town of Knox budgets \$6,000 to the Altamont Library, which has 1,588 patrons, 225 are Knox residents. \$1,500 is budgeted to the Berne Library, which has 1,079 patrons, 174 are Knox residents. Would like the board to consider the libraries at budget time.

Pam Fenoff contacted Bob Price regarding the Recording Secretary position for the Planning Board. Her resume was forwarded to board members for review; she is highly qualified for the position.

**RESOLUTION #77 – APPOINT PAM FENOFF AS RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE PLANNING BOARD**

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

RESOLVED to appoint Pam Fenoff as Recording Secretary for the Planning Board.

Supervisor Hammond announced that the fourth renewal for the Bond Anticipation Note is due on September 8<sup>th</sup>. \$80,000 has been budgeted; \$138,812 left to use on the building to finish; two projects have not been completed, the downstairs community room and the phone system in the town hall. Holding \$38,000 to complete both of those projects.

**RESOLUTION #78 – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HAMMOND TO ACT UPON THE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE**

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Decker, the following

resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Knox is hereby authorized to:

1. Pay the principal sum of \$180,000.00 and interest in the amount of \$14,111.73 to Key Bank pursuant to the Bond Anticipatory Note executed by the Town of Knox on September 7, 2011.
2. Execute a one year extension of the Bond Anticipatory Note on the remaining principal amount owned to Key Bank after payment of the principal amount of \$180,000.00 at an annual interest rate not to exceed 3 per cent per annum. Said amount owed after said payment is \$799,981.00.
3. Authorize the Town Attorney to execute an opinion of Counsel directed to Key Bank setting forth the compliance by the Town of Knox of all statutory requirements for the renewal of said Bond Anticipation Note.
4. Renew a certain Bond Anticipation Note with Key Bank in the amount of \$799,981.00 at an interest rate not to exceed 3 per cent for a period of one year commencing September 7, 2012.

Supervisor Hammond reported that the equalization rate for the Town of Knox is 60%; it was at 58%.

The Town of Knox has received two FEMA checks; \$117,641.00 and \$25,510.00 from Hurricane Irene, in August 2011.

Sales Tax in the amount of \$210,327, which is up slightly from last year.

Louis Saddlemire received the annual visit from the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Two suggestions were made; that the Dog Warden have a badge of some sort, hauling animals in winter in an open truck, (Lou has purchased a cap for the back of his truck) and recommends that the town have a secondary contract with another animal shelter. Supervisor Hammond visited Howe Cave Animal Shelter, which is a cheaper contacted rate. Hammond to review and report back.

Madeline Bradt thanked the board for the support on CDTA bus for seniors.

Pam Fenoff would like to know what the procedures are for the use of the Community Room. Last fall Town Clerk Swain drafted a policies and procedures for the use of that room, which the board and town attorney reviewed, but no decisions were made. Access to the building would be an issue if a resident or a group wanted to reserve the room on a day or evening when the Town Hall isn't open. Discussion of a key and a refundable deposit if the room and key were returned in the condition they were given. Board approved her to schedule the use of the room. No other decisions were made on the policies and procedures.

Bob Price suggested that the application for the community room and schedule should be posted on the website.

Bob Price reported the on going issue with the property on Knox Cave Road. The owner has started to demolish the old trailer, but it is still there after several weeks. He also presented the board with pictures of the logging project on Craven Road.

Commence discussion to prohibit hydrofracking in the Town of Knox. Councilwoman Pokorny circulated a draft resolution regarding fracking. The board agreed that research is needed regarding this topic before decisions or laws can be made. Town Attorney Dorfman needs to familiarize with the language used in the draft resolution, and will prepare a moratorium. Continue to discuss next month.

Deborah Busch reported that a bus trip is available to the Southern Tier next month regarding the hydrofracking; the trip is being paid for by Shell. She will e-mail the details to Supervisor Hammond.

Councilman Viscio reported on the swimming programs for town residents. He has spoke with Chris Fallon, director of Thatcher Park. Possible program with Thompson's Lake. Looking into arrangements with another state park and local libraries that issue permits to residents. Councilman Barber to discuss some things with the Youth Committee.

**RESOLUTION #79 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 2012 meeting were approved.

**RESOLUTION #80 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED that the reports of the Town Clerk and Supervisor for the Month of July 2012 were approved.

**RESOLUTION #81 - PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

RESOLVED that the bills be paid on General Abstract #008, covering claims #217-240 and Highway Abstract #008, covering claims #200-216 for the year 2012.

On motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilwoman Pokorny, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
August 27, 2012

Kimberly D. Swain

