

**Town of Knox
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2012**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Barber

ALSO: Highway Superintendent Salisbury
Town Clerk Swain
Town Attorney Dorfman

ABSENT: Councilman Decker

The meeting was called to order at 7:32p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #82 - AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Knox is hereby authorized to publish a Notice of Public Hearing relative to the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2012, entitled the Town of Knox Hydraulic Fracturing and/or Hydrofracking Moratorium Law pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on September 11, 2012, Local Law No. 1 of 2012, entitled the Town of Knox Hydraulic Fracturing and/or Hydrofracking Moratorium Law, was presented to the Town Board of the Town of Knox, New York. Local Law No. 1 of 2012 provides for a one year moratorium on the filing, review and approval for permits and associated matters with any application filed with the Town of Knox with respect to Hydraulic Fracturing and/or Hydrofracking.

THEREFORE, pursuant to statute, the Town Board of the Town of Knox, will hold a public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2012 in the Town Hall, Knox, New York, on October 9, 2012, at 7:30p.m. at which time all persons interested will be heard.

The 2013 Budget Workshop dates have been set for September 17th and October 8th, 2012 at 7:00p.m.. Town Clerk to advertise legal notice in the Altamont Enterprise for the 2013 budget workshops.

John Zieske and Jenn LoBalbo both troop leaders for the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Used the facility last year and would like the board's permission to use the rooms again this year and meetings will be held on Tuesdays. Board agreed that it is ok to use the rooms, Town Clerk to contact them and schedule the dates of the meetings.

Charlotte Fuss reported to the board regarding the Senior Center. Judy Coyne from the Department of Aging is offering catered meals once a month to seniors. Department of Aging issued vouchers for seniors in Guilderland, Delmar and New Scotland to use at local farmer's market, she will be looking into this for next year. Senior Center in Berne will be hosting a Free Flu Clinic to seniors 60 and older or

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citizens with disabilities. Bring insurance card or pay \$25.00. The Town of Berne is also looking to hire a second person to drive the senior van.

Supervisor Hammond received letter from Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. for HUD Section Eight program. A public hearing is no longer required, just sign and return the form. Councilman Viscio would like to have a copy of the statistics and recommends having a representative come to the meeting. Supervisor Hammond will contact them to schedule a date.

Continued discussion regarding the “policies and procedures” for the Community Room. Some issues that need further discussion are the issuing of keys and insurance. Town Clerk to use discretion with reliable organizations and if town clerk is uncertain, that organization(s) need to get permission from the board. Town Attorney Dorfman will go over the policies and procedures with town clerk.

Received letter from Albany County regarding the request to lower speed limit on Ketcham Road. They determined that 55mph was too high, but 30mph was too low. The request was then sent to the Department of Transportation.

Highway Superintendent reported that street signs are a big issue; at least a half a dozen signs are missing, about 6 to 8 signs a month. Each sign is about \$35 to \$40.

Supervisor Hammond reported that he has spoken with Mike West, attorney for Schoharie County regarding Howes Caves Animal Shelter. No kill facility, animals are held until adopted. Mr. West will speak with the board that runs the shelter and see if the board will adopt the Town of Knox. Waiting to hear back from him.

RESOLUTION #83 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of August 2012 be approved.

RESOLUTION #84 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #009 of the General Fund, covering claims #250-264 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #241-249 & 265 for the year 2012.

RESOLUTION #85 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the August meeting be approved.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported that the furnace in garage needs to be replaced. He will price out and get quotes for new overhead unit. The 2008 Chevy Truck should be replaced in 2013; almost 80,000 miles on truck; having some major issues with the truck; stay with diesel and purchase either three quarter ton or a one ton; he would like to pursue now, one truck on state contract, which is a Ford and

he'd like to keep fleet the same and purchase a Chevy. Backhoe will also be up next year for replacement, none on state contract. Supervisor Hammond stated that money is in the budget for the truck and would be wise to start now.

Mr. Vincent Virano addressed the board regarding his property on Singer Road. Town Attorney Dorfman recommends Mr. Virano pass along any documents to the Zoning Administrator and present to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Town Attorney Dorfman will advise Mr. Virano whether or not the Zoning Administrator has moved on these issues.

Enter into executive session at 8:49pm.

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
September 19, 2012

Kimberly D. Swain