

**Town of Knox  
Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Hammond  
Councilwoman Gage  
Councilman Stevens  
Councilwoman Nagengast  
Councilman Viscio

**ALSO:** Town Attorney Dorfman  
Highway Superintendent Salisbury  
Town Clerk Swain

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

**RESOLUTION # 102 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 2010 Meeting be approved, with revisions.

**RESOLUTION # 103 - APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

On motion of Councilman Viscio, seconded by Councilman Stevens, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the Reports of the Supervisor and Town Clerk for the Month of September 2010  
be approved.

**RESOLUTION # 104 - PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Councilwoman Gage, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following resolution was  
ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the Bills be paid on General Abstract #10 of the General Fund, covering claims  
#308-327 and of the Highway Fund, covering claims #299-307 for the year 2010.

James Mastrianni from Joseph E. Mastrianni and Sons, presented the board with an update of the Section 8 HUD Housing Program. Mr. Mastrianni stated that after 30 years of being located in Schenectady, the company has moved to Saratoga. This program receives an estimated amount of \$101,210.00 annually from federal funding. The maximum participants for this program in Knox are 17. As of October 12, 2010, 12 families are receiving assistance, 9 of which are elderly or disabled. During 2009, there were a total of 42 inspections, 25 housing units passed while 17 failed inspection. Four (4) lead based paint inspections failed, while 3 passed. The average number of years in the program for all families is six, for the elderly or disabled is 6.9 years, all other families are an average of 3 years. Mr. Mastrianni will be writing a letter to Supervisor Hammond soon, regarding the possibility of consolidation. He asked the board, if the town would be willing to consolidate with the Town of Guilderland. Councilman Viscio stated that the town would prefer to offer assistance to Knox residents. Councilwoman Nagengast asked if the Towns of Berne, Westerlo or Rensselaerville participate in this program? In which they do not. Mr. Mastrianni would have more details and answers in the letter to the supervisor in a few weeks.

**RESOLUTION #105 - ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2011 AS PRESENTED**

On motion of Councilwoman Nagengast, seconded by Councilman Viscio, the following  
resolution was ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0  
RESOLVED that the Town Board adopt the preliminary budget for 2011 as presented.

**RESOLUTION #106 - 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 Stevens, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the following resolution was ADOPTEDAYES 5 NAYS 0

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

Charlie Sacco reported that the General Contractor is about ninety percent done with his punch list. The heating contractor is not finished, and all remaining money will be held until these are complete.

The board will be holding an Open House on the newly renovated town hall on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Town Clerk to advertise in the Altamont Enterprise. Supervisor Hammond to contact the renovation committee and invite them to the Open House. Russ Pokorny volunteered the Knox Town Band to play at Open House.

Supervisor Hammond announced he received a letter from the Operating Engineers Local Union regarding a proposal to the town for next years union contract. Hammond reported in years past, two board members would meet with the union and report back to the town board. Councilman Viscio would appreciate entire board, hearing the presentation. Supervisor Hammond will contact the union and discuss alternative dates to meet either on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the board's special meeting or at the November meeting.

Bob Price commented on the swipe cards for the new entrances, and how to unlock or lock the doors from the inside. Mr. Price also commented on the rooms with motion sensors for the lights, be extended for a longer period of time. The copier room light only stays on for a minute. Mr. Price reported that at least three members of the Planning Board will be attending a seminar, and would like to submit \$15.00 for reimbursement. He attended a seminar regarding Climate Changes on the Hudson River, which he would also like to submit a voucher for reimbursement of his mileage. Mr. Price requested that the Planning Board Minute Recorder, Lisa Chase attend the Basic Planning Board Overview class at the Town of Colonie. The Board agreed.

Russ and Amy Pokorny inquired on the status of the Planning Board's work on the draft ordinance regarding regulations for commercial wind turbines. Supervisor Hammond reported that Mr. Price has provided draft copies for the town board members to review. Mr. Pokorny asked if the town board's agenda is posted on the website? Supervisor Hammond responded that the board does not set an agenda, he sends board members a supervisor's schedule.

Councilwoman Nagengast reported that the Little League would like to purchase a permanent batting cage structure on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line, enclosed with chainlink fence. There would be no cost to the town. The Little League has already purchased a batting machine. Supervisor Hammond suggest she speak with Louis Saddlemire regarding the batting cage structure. Councilwoman Nagengast reported on the upcoming Archery Shoot, Youth committee contacting Rick Coons on the dates, possibly October 24<sup>th</sup> or November 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Nagengast announced a Ski Program at the Maple Ski Ridge. Group rates will be available to adults and children, it's a six week program, lessons and open skiing until 9:00pm. She will have more information regarding this program at the next board meeting.

Councilwoman Gage would like to thank everyone who came to the Fall Festival. She reported that two vendors took in nearly \$300.00 each, which was unexpected. There were about twenty vendors for the event.

Highway Superintendent Salisbury reported the installation of the guardrails on Old Stage Road will take place next week. Since the highway department has fixed the water issue on Lewis Road, with the last

storm, Altamont Spray Welding didn't have much water, Salisbury reported. Zeh Road has a drainage issue that he will be addressing.

As of January 2011, the town clerk will be fully responsible for the Dog Licensing System. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has eliminated this program from the state level and county level, which now all municipal clerks are responsible for. All funds will now remain in the towns. Town Clerk Swain addressed the board regarding the purchase of dog license tags. Per 100 tags ordered the cost is \$27.00, plus a one time set up fee of \$12.00. Board agreed with placing an order, the town has no other choice.

Supervisor Hammond discussed the Peddler's Ordinance. He has received phone calls regarding people going door to door.

Amy Pokorny thanked the board for the flowers sent for her sister's funeral.

On motion of Councilman Stevens, seconded by Councilwoman Gage, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
October 19, 2010

Kimberly D. Swain