

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING  
August 3, 2015  
7:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Rich Cochran, Thomas Goble, Carl Salser, Michael Leahy, Linda Runyan, and William "Bill" Henry III

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Agnello, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, EADS Engineer Marty English, Knox Borough Police Chief Jason Bowen, Maintenance Supervisor Jeffrey "Woody" McCleary, Knox Borough Solicitor John Marshall, Clarion News Reporter Samantha Beal, Knox Residents – Don Hahn and Sandy Winger, Knox Business Owners – Lee Stewart and Rob Krauss, Greg Maynard and Jim Kachonik of Global Heavy, and David Smail of Dasco Company.

KNOX BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Jack Bish, Jr.

MINUTES of the July 6, 2015 regular council meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Rich Cochran and seconded by Linda Runyan. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Lee Stewart, Knox Bakery owner, stated she is upset with an employee from an area business that parks all day in front of her business. Therefore her customers, some that are handicapped, must park way down the street. She has talked to the business owners and they apparently chose to ignore her. She is asking Council if there are any solutions they can offer to free up the parking space or spaces in front of her business. Jack Bish asked Carl Salser, Chairman of the Street Committee, to discuss this parking problem with his committee and see if they may have an answer to this problem.

Sandy Winger stated that there are several new homeowners on Woodland Heights with small children now and she would like to have a "children playing" sign posted up there. Carl Salser was asked to check on placing a sign on Woodland with Maintenance and the Street Committee.

Rob Krauss, Knox Video owner, was here to reinforce the parking issue that Lee Stewart spoke about. He has noticed on several occasions the worker parking right in front of the Bakery and in front of his business for the whole day. He suggested maybe some 10 minute parking meters would assist in keep the all-day parking at bay in certain spaces.

Don Hahn thanked Maintenance and Council for the repairs to the storm drain off Woodland Drive on his property. He asked if there were any plans to extend the other pipes on his property to avoid any additional erosion. Council told him that they were not aware of any problems and had no plans for any additional drainage work to be done at this time.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William "Bill" Henry Chairman – Bill reported that the Knox Area Volunteer Ambulance was holding a hoagie sale fundraiser. He had no report on the fire company.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman - No report

BUDGET/FINANCE: Tom Goble Chairman – Tom Goble made a motion to approve the June 2015 treasurer's report and Carl Salser seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – Linda Runyan had no report from the Knox Revitalization Committee or the Farmers Market.

The Horsethief Committee flyer was available to review. Linda Runyan spoke about the events and some changes that have been made. Bingo had been moved to SMILES building (old bank). There will be no art show this year but crafters will be set up at 512 Main if you wish to stop in.

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A permit to close Main Street during the Celebration has been applied for with PennDOT and hopefully will be approved soon.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – The library received 4 quotes for a new furnace and air conditioner. Blauser Electric was awarded the project.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – Council reviewed the maintenance report

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman - Council reviewed the Police report for July. They had 10 calls for the month.

Chief Bowen has police coverage scheduled for the Horsethief Celebration. Several other departments will be helping out.

Chief Bowen stated that the stop signs are going ok so far. He did stop several motorists and warned them to stop at the new signs. Mayor Frank stated his concern over the lack of pedestrian crosswalks.

SEWAGE: Rich Cochran Chairman – There were no sewer flows.

Council was presented with an updated Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. John stated he made the changes that Sara Seidle, Beaver Township's Solicitor, requested and feels the agreement is ok to sign. Rich Cochran made the motion to sign the new agreement and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

Marty English discussed with Council the contracts bid proposals opened on July 30, 2015. He said that after review of the bids, EADS Group's recommendation to the Borough is that Global Heavy is not a responsible bidder due to their lack of experience with construction of sewage treatment plants. The 2 projects listed in their qualifications were mining related which from their references were done in an acceptable manner. They feel that the lowest responsible bidder after review is Pipeline Systems Inc. with many sewage plant construction projects and acceptable references. They would recommend to the Borough that they award Contract 1- General to Pipeline Systems.

At this time Greg Maynard and Jim Kachonick of Global Heavy asked if they could speak. They discussed with Council their employees' experience in sewage treatment projects and that they have an AAA bond. They promised they will complete the project on time and on budget. Their company currently has over 2 million dollars in assets. They stated their case on being \$157,000.00 lower than next bid and given the chance they will hire local union workers. After much discussion, Tom Goble made the motion to award Contract 1-General to Global Heavy from Morgantown, WV at a cost of \$5,185,000.00. Mike Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Marty recommend the Borough award Contract 2-Electrical to the lowest bidder which was Wagner Electric out of Portersville, PA at a cost of \$353,000.00. Carl Salser made the motion to award Wagner Electric the Contract 2 -Electrical and Rich Cochran seconded. All were in favor. MC

Marty made the recommendation for the Borough to award Contract 33Mechanical to Dasco Plumbing out of Shippensburg, PA at a cost of \$211,345.00. Tom Goble made the motion to award Dasco the Contac 3 -Mechanical and Rich Cochran seconded. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble made a motion to send Henry Burkhart a certified letter detailing what needs to be done to correct the sewer line into the house he is trying to sell and Carl Salser seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC Marty English was asked to compose the letter and Sharon will mail it certified.

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Also Council discussed with Marty, the honking big generator that is in the plans for the new treatment plant. Marty will get back to Council to research using a natural gas generator instead of diesel.

**STREET:** Carl Salser Chairman – Carl Salser made the motion to give free parking in Knox during the celebration and Rich Cochran seconded. All were in favor. MC

Council discussed the meeting with Columbia Gas about their work in Knox. Columbia Gas sent over their gas line replacement for 2016. They also asked for a copy of the street cut ordinance that Council is implementing.

Carl Salser gave Council a copy of two quotes for new traffic and street signs – Econo Signs price was \$1,401.85. Tom Goble made a motion for the additional sign – Childer purchased a cost of no more than an additional \$200.00 and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor.

**WATER:** Rich Cochran Chairman – No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Agnello's report discussed the removal of the traffic signal and the new concerns for the pedestrians having to negotiate getting across the intersections. He also talked about Columbia Gas on their restoration work. He felt somewhat frustrated at the outcome of this meeting and updates the street cut ordinance to protect the Borough's streets in the future.

The Mayor's Business of the Month is Mac's Bar & Grill. The bar was named Mac's since the early 1940s. Mac's came from the McMeans family name. The McMeans family built and opened the bar until 1940 and his wife Thelma (Peters) took over as the owners of the bar. Ewing was a US Army Veteran who served in WWII and later became the president of the American Legion in Knox. Thelma ran the business well to serve our country.

Ewing and Thelma McMeans ran the business successfully for many years. The list of owners after the McMeans family were Gould, Bill Kline, Ed Dunlap & Tom Ginkel, Dale & Judy Brocius, Bill Phillips, Randy Benetti, Gary Emily Switzer, Eric Baylor and now Chuck Kugler.

In general, Mac's has always been that great place in Knox where a lot of us had some fantastic times. The mayor salutes the tradition of excellence there. Thanks to Chuck Kugler for being another one of the great ones to have here in Knox PA.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tom Goble made the motion to approve Sharon Heeter to attend the Clarion County Township Officials 95th Annual Convention at the Knox Fire Hall on September 17th at a cost of \$30.

Carl Salser made the motion to permit Sharon Heeter to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference at a Resort on October 16-18, 2015 and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

Mayor Frank Agnello will be attending the Back to School meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Rich Cochran made the motion to pay the bills as presented including the additional \$1,162.50 to dig & repair water lines in July. This made the total bills to be paid \$28,286.98 and Rich Cochran seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rich Cochran made the motion to adjourn and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor.

  
Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer