

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2015
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Rich Cochran, Thomas Goble, Carl Salser, and Linda Runyan

MEMBERS ABSENT: William "Bill" Henry III and Michael Leahy

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, and Clarion News Reporter Scott Seely

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

MINUTES of the April 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: No visitors.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William "Bill" Henry Chairman – No report.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman - No report

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

Tom reviewed with Council the final amortization on the sewer line replacement PennVest loan.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman

The Farmers Market will begin May 8th. If anyone would like to be a vendor the cost is \$20.00/year.

There were no reports from the Knox Horsethief Committee or the Knox Area Neighborhood Watch.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – Tom reported that the Library has decided to put a shingle roof on instead of a metal one.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman

The monthly police report was reviewed. There were 13 calls made in April.

Police committee met on April 23, 2016 at 6 pm. Mayor Frank Agnello, Chief Bowen, Michael Leahy, and Carl Salser attended. The following was discussed: The new patrolman, Codie Webster will start on Monday, April 27, 2015. Also the previously discussed carport or shelters for the police cars and an inside camera/audio system for the police office. Frank Agnello and Bill Henry will check into the price of a similar system

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Chief Bowen brought up that RMS (Record Management System) will no longer give Knox Police Department support. This system is what is used to file their necessary reports. Clarion County paid for this support longer doing so. The cost of this support now falls back onto the local departments. Chief Bowen stated \$633.60 per year for two systems. Carl Salser made the motion to purchase RMS technical support and seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

SEWAGE: Rich Cochran Chairman – There were no sewer flows to review,

Council was given the quarterly report to review.

The Beaver Township Sewer Authority and the Clarion County Economic Development Committee has BTSA taking over the sewer line continues past Swartfager Welding. They are awaiting consent from forward with this transaction.

The Chapter 94 report was available for Council to review.

John Marshall approved the PennVest grant funding offer for the Knox Borough treatment plant. Upon recommendation, Rich Cochran made the motion to accept the offer of \$7,891,000. and Tom Goble seconded in favor. MC

Marty asked Council to permit Sharon Heeter to be an agent for the Borough to sign off on transaction website now that all transactions are done with e signatures. Carl Salser made the motion to permit Sharon Heeter as agent for the Borough and Rich Cochran seconded. All were in favor. MC

Jack asked for a timeline for the construction of the sewer treatment plant. Marty stated that the project

- should be ready for bidding in June
- open bids in July
- award contracts at August meeting
- close and start construction in September
- begin operation September 2016
- Final restoration will run into the spring of 2017

STREET: Carl Salser Chairman – The street committee met on April 20, 2015 at 6:30 pm with Linda and Carl Salser attending

They discussed the benefits to ‘Clean up Day’ and weather permitting the street sweeper would begin

Bill Henry recommended that we should get bids early for any paving projects and that we try to make as possible to reduce the number of ‘add-ons’ we have.

Carl stated the committee discussed a request presented by Mayor Agnello on two occasions concerning installation of a stop sign or yield sign on Clover Avenue near the entrance of Woodland Heights. The that the installation of a stop sign by Bill Eisenhuth’s property would create a dangerous situation for traffic on Clover Avenue, especially in the winter. Likewise, the installation of a stop sign coming up the hill Street could prove to be a problem for traction in the winter season. If Council agrees that the installation necessary, Bill Henry suggested a sign that would work quite well. (One showing the road ride a way to extending to left also). Council agreed that no sign was needed at this time.

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The Committee would like to install a high visibility crosswalk sign on East State above the intersection. Carl Salser made the motion to give Maintenance the authority to place this sign pending Penn DOT's approval to replace some of the faded signs on the school streets. Linda Runyan seconded this motion. All were in favor. Carl reviewed with Council the final overtime and snit-skid report for the winter of 2014 -2015. Total cost was \$4,686.99 and total comp hours used was 346.25.

PennDOT sent a letter stating the anticipated NTP ("Notice to Proceed") with the traffic signal removal.

WATER: Rich Cochran Chairman – Woody informed Council that we are still losing water.

Water flushing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Frank reported on the Knox Area Volunteer Ambulance Company in 1978. The Company began operation in 1978 out of the garage of Russ & Carol Cataldo. Russ began working with the company and responded to emergency calls with Bill. Then Commissioner Fred McIlhattan proposed the idea to start a volunteer ambulance service for the area. With Russ, his wife Carol, and many good volunteers, the service began. Fred McIlhattan got the grants for the first ambulance.

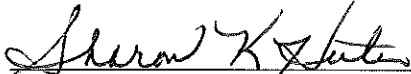
Today KAVAC answers 500 calls per year. The present day yearly budget is around \$285,000. The ambulance has 11 paid / 2 volunteers on staff. Donna Schreffler is the Director of Operations today. She started in 1985. Bill Henry is the President of the Ambulance Board, Nancy Reed is the Vice President, and Frank Cataldo is the Treasurer.

The KAVAC relies on monies donated for part of their budget and in June, they will be sending out their annual renewals. This fantastic company provides vital services to our area and we are blessed to have them in our area.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack discussed the possibilities of purchasing a new maintenance truck with Council. The cost is around \$65,000. Our 2002 truck is now 14 years old. He would also like to look at the cost for a new truck in 2002. He asked the members to think about these purchases and he would like to discuss them at a later date.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Rich Cochran made the motion to pay the bills as presented and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

ADJOURNMENT: Rich Cochran made the motion to adjourn and Carl Salser seconded. All were in favor.



Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer