

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: William "Bill" Henry

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Agnello, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, EADS Engineer Marty English, Knox Borough Police Chief Jason Bowen, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff "Woody" McCleary, Knox Borough Solicitor John Marshall, and Dave Smail with DASCO Plumbing

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

MINUTES of the November 2, 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 – Rich talked about the new doors that were put on the Fire Hall and that the fire company had held elections and most officers were the same as last year. The fire company has sent out their annual fund raising letter. They noted in the letter to thank Knox Borough, Ashland, Beaver and Salem townships for their generous support.

Michael Leahy commented on the good job of remodeling done to the exterior of the fire hall building.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – Michael talked about the video cameras that were being installed around the building for security.

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

Tom Goble told Council about the \$311,000.00 plus funds that will be eventually put back into the regular Sewer Fund after the transferred funds from the grant are received.

Tom Goble made the motion to adopt the 2016 Budgets as advertised and Rich Cochran seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman

Knox Borough's Holiday Kickoff was successful with Santa treating over 70 children.

The Horsethief Committee books have been audited. Linda Runyan will provide copies of the audit to Council in January.

The Farmer's Market Committee held a Christmas Craft Show on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Knox Fire Hall.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – No report.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – Council reviewed the Maintenance logs.

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POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – Council reviewed the Police report.

Chief Bowen asked to purchase 4 new tires for the 2004 Crown Vic from Chris' Tire at cost of \$420.00. Carl Salser made the motion to approve the purchase of the tires and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

Chief Bowen told the Council about the Coloring Contest the Police Department was having and asked if the Council members would judge the contest for them. They will be awarding a \$25.00 Pizza Shop gift certificate each age group.

SEWAGE: Rich Cochran Chairman –

Council reviewed October and November sewer flows.

Still there was no update on the Amendment to the Beaver Township Industrial Park Water and Sewer Agreement between the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation, Beaver Township Sewer Authority, and Knox Borough at this time. John Marshall will check to see where the agreement is. John will also check on the agreement for Knox Borough to take over the line from Knox Borough to Swartfager Welding.

Rich Cochran made the motion to pay Global Heavy's Contract 2015-1 request for \$191,385.00 and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

Rich Cochran made the motion to pay Wagner Electric's Contract 2015-2 request for \$720.00 and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

Rich Cochran made the motion to pay DASCO's Contract 2015-3 request for \$5,097.60 and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

Marty English made Council aware of the additional cost involved with changing out the diesel generator at the new plant with a natural gas generator. The cost would be approximately an additional \$339,392.68. After some discussion Tom Goble made the motion to upgrade to the natural gas generator and Linda Runyan seconded. All were in favor. MC

At this time, Jack Bish "thanked" Rich Cochran for all his years of service on the Council and the work he has help achieve on the Sewer Committee. Rich Cochran will be leaving his Council seat at the end of this year. All gave Rich a round of applause.

STREET: Carl Salser Chairman –Carl reported that the traffic signal removal was complete and everything seems to be working all right.

Carl Salser told Council that Knox Borough had picked two paving projects that need to be done in 2016 and applied for the Clarion County Liquid Fuels Grant. One of the Commissioners had called and asked which project Knox thought needed done the most and after Sharon consulted with Woody they picked the North Main Street Project. Commissioner Wayne Brocious told Sharon they would meet and decide on the grant recipients on December 8, 2015.

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WATER: Rich Cochran Chairman – Rich Cochran announced that Lucas Klein passed his water operator certification tests. Rich made the motion to send in the fee of \$290.00 with Lucas's application to complete the certification. Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Rich Cochran made a motion to grant Lucas Klein his \$1,000.00 bonus for completing the certification process and Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Agnello's business of the month is Larry Lewis Barber Shop. There has been a barber shop at 427 Main Street location since the 1800's in fact we found a picture of Knox in 1876 and the shop was there then.

Larry Lewis grew up out on the Fern Road and attended both the Shipperville & Ashland grade schools, graduating from Keystone High School in 1968. Larry began working at Hess's Golf course when he was 12, knocking down a whopping 50 cents an hour that went on to financing his first car, a 1961 Ford Falcon. Larry continued to work at the golf course after high school and in the fall of 1968 he began barber school up in Erie on Parade Street. The "ERIE BARBER SCHOOL" required 9 months of "in school" training and then 15 more months of "apprenticeship" on the job training required to get the state license.

After completing the 9 months portion at school, Larry approached local Knox barber Glenn Hiwiller to see if he could do the required 15 months of apprenticeship in Glenn's shop. Glenn Hiwiller began cutting hair at the shop in 1924 and was approaching retirement. Larry tells me, Glenn wasn't too keen on the idea. He remembers both Welton Austin & Blaine Elder were in the shop on this historic day, but Larry found later out it was a Keystone High school teacher who was instrumental in changing Glenn's mind on this apprenticeship idea. Florence Crisman played cards often together with Glenn & Louise in a group setting. It was Florence who (during one of these card games) talked Glenn into giving Larry the apprenticeship deal. Larry will tell you he owes it all to Florence Crisman.

Larry served out his apprenticeship with Glenn and they both cut hair together until the day Glenn retired. It was a "twin chair" shop back then, Glenn had worked with Ted McNutt (and other barbers) over those earlier years with that second chair.

The first official haircut Larry ever gave in Knox Pa was to Ira Dunkle. Larry gave 7 haircuts on that first day at \$1.50 each. Over the past 46 years in the shop, Larry has cut hair for five generations of both the "Vickers" family and the "Apel" family.

When Larry changed over the shop name to "Lewis Barber Shop" in 1974, there were 2 other barber shops in Knox. Tom Kurtzhals had his shop down on the other end (same side) of Main Street, and Bob Corbett had a shop right across the street from Larry's. Both are long gone today. Over those many years Larry tells me it did get a little slow during the "longhair" days of the 70's & 80's. Flat Top cuts came back into the fold and "designer" cuts became popular.

It's always a great experience getting a cut at the Lewis Barber Shop. Larry has his "Wall of Fame" in there displaying some of the many Keystone students who have excelled over the years.

Knox says "THANKS" to Larry Lewis for being another one of the great Knox merchants we are blessed to have in our town.

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NEW BUSINESS: Tom Goble made the motion to approve and advertise the 2016 meeting calendar ; Cochran seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

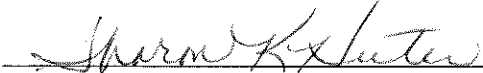
Rich Cochran made the motion to give "Free Parking" in downtown Knox during the Holiday Season January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Linda Runyan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble will attend the Clarion County Tax Committee reorganization meeting on 12/9/2015 in the Large Group Instruction Room at 6 pm.

Council thanked Rich Cochran for his 12 years of service on the Knox Borough Council.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Rich Cochran made the motion to pay the bills as presented and Linda Runyan 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