

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2016
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Tom Goble, Michael Leahy, Carl Salser, Linda Runyan, William "Bill" Henry III, and Harold "Bud" Price.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor L. Frank Agnello

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, Officer Cody Webster, Maintenance Supervisor Jeffrey Woody" McCleary, EADS Engineer Marty English, Solicitors John Marshall and Dan Ferringer, Doug Hanna, Sheldon Gruber, Greg Kriebel, and Scott Waitlevertch with Columbia Gas and Dalton and Dan Jones with Boy Scouts

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

MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting on February 1, 2016 were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Linda Runyan and seconded by Tom Goble. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Dalton Jones and his father, Dan Jones came to the Council to talk about Dalton's Eagle Scout Project. He would like to restore the basketball court at the Community Park. The court needs resurfacing and new hoops. Council thought it would be great to have it restored but cautioned Dalton of the cost and the fund raising that it would require. He was told that Knox Borough had no funding in this year's budget for recreation but gave him their approval if he chooses to go forward.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William "Bill" Henry Chairman – Bill reported that the ambulance is holding a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser in April.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

BUDGET/FINANCE: Tom Goble Chairman – Tom Goble made a motion to approve January 2016 treasurer's report and Carl Salser seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC.

Tom Goble discussed the Sewer Plant Project financial spreadsheet that was presented

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

Linda Runyan presented each Council Member with a copy of the Knox Horsethief Committee Audit for 2015 which was completed by Jack Bish. The audit shows a balance of \$19,163.49 at the end of 2015.

Linda gave a report on the plans for the 2016 Horsethief Celebration. The celebration will be held on August 13th and 14th and continue on the 17th through the 20th. Their next meeting is March 17th at 6:30 pm at 512 Main. There is much to be done so new volunteers are always welcomed.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – No report.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – Tom Goble made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2016 Fixing the Penalties and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

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Several Columbia Gas Employees had questions and concerns about the Street Cut Ordinance 2-2016. Bill Henry the Chairman of the Ordinance Committee answered each question they had about the ordinance. (See Attachment for Columbia Gas's email of questions and Bill's responses.)

After much discussion, Tom Goble made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2016 and Bill Henry seconded. All were in favor.
MC

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – Council reviewed the maintenance monthly report.

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman - The monthly police report was reviewed. There were 9 complaints in the month of February.

On February 11th, the Police Committee held a meeting with Mayor Agnello, Chief Bowen, Carl Salser, and Linda Runyan attending. They discussed all the repairs that have been needed to the 2004 police car in the last few months. The car has 71,317 miles on it and since November the borough has spent \$1,396.54 on repairs. Carl suggested that Council permit Chief Bowen to check on pricing for a new car in the near future.

Carl Salser stated that the Police Department has doing a great job by making several drug arrests in the last few weeks.

Linda Weilacher, the school crossing guard at Center and Petrolia Streets, has asked Carl Salser and Council to consider having Maintenance paint a crosswalk from the East side of Petrolia Street to the West side of Petrolia just before Center Avenue. She has several children that walk the East side of the street now that need to cross there. Carl Salser made the motion to paint a crosswalk on Petrolia where needed and Bud Price seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

SEWAGE: Tom Goble Chairman – There were no sewer flows to review.

Marty English told Council that construction is keeping on schedule. The next contractor's meeting is March 17th at the Borough Building.

Michael Leahy made the motion to approve the pay request from Global Heavy for \$674,460.00 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Linda Runyan made the motion to approve the pay request from Wagner Electric for \$6,075.00 and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

There was no pay request from DASCO to approve.

Pennsylvania DEP has granted Knox Borough 20 taps to use in 2016.

Knox United Methodist Church sent in a request for permission to tap into the Knox public water system for their proposed project. Tom Goble made the motion to permit the Church to tap into the Knox system and Bud Price seconded. Jack Bish, Jr., Michael Leahy, Linda Runyan, Carl Salser, Bud Price, and Tom Goble voted in favor of motion with Bill Henry abstaining. MC

Carl Salser made the motion to permit the Knox Methodist Church to tap into the Knox sewer system using a magnetic flow meter and being a Beaver Township Sewer Authority customer and Tom Goble seconded. Jack Bish, Jr., Michael Leahy, Linda Runyan, Carl Salser, Bud Price, and Tom Goble voted in favor of motion with Bill Henry abstaining. MC

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STREETS: Carl Salser Chairman – There was no new information on the Kahle’s property storm drain or the North Main Street water line replacement/paving project yet.

The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment was received on March 1, 2016 in the amount of \$37,957.36.

Carl reviewed with Council the cost of anti-skid this winter compared to the past few years. The cost was \$1,448.74 this winter. The winter of 2014 was four times as much. This is a welcome savings for the budget.

WATER: Bud Price Chairman – No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: For February 2016, the business spotlight in on 417 Main Street where you will find the legendary PIZZA SHOP. The business has been a major part of the Knox Main Street makeup for many years. Universally loved by all, “The Pizza Shop” has a fantastic tradition of providing great fare in a friendly atmosphere at a righteous price.

You can’t talk about “The Pizza Shop” in Knox Pa without talking about (owner) Julie McConnell; she’s well known and loved by all in the community. Julie Crone McConnell graduated from Keystone High school in 1980 and went on to attend Penn State Dubois where she received her Associate Degree in 1982. Even during these years at school, Julie worked at “The Pizza Shop” on weekends and during summer breaks. It’s been a lifetime legacy for Julie at the Pizza Shop and she loves doing what she does.

BUSINESS HISTORY.....”The Pizza Shop” began business at this 417 Main Street location under the name of “Toby’s Pizza” in 1977. The original startup owners and operators of the business were James H. and Patricia McConnell along with Jack & Sammikay Giering. The business operated under this ownership team for a couple of years, and then the McConnell family became sole owners around 1980. It was around this time they changed the name from “Toby’s Pizza” to “The Pizza Shop”.

Jim & Pat’s son James R. McConnell and Julie Crone McConnell took over operations of “The Pizza Shop” in 1984 and in September of 1987 they purchased the business from James H. and Patricia McConnell. Julie then became the sole owner of the business in June 2015.

BUILDING HISTORY.....”The Pizza Shop” operated in the original 417 Main Street building up until 1995 when expansion was needed to accommodate the business. Local building contractors Ron Switzer & Steve Fosdick erected a new building beside the old one, and incorporated the two buildings together. This doubled the seating capacity up to 75 and provided a larger working area for their operations.

Julie & Jim have 4 children they are very proud of: James (28) – Kari (25) – Kyle (18) and Jenny (15) have all worked at the restaurant over the years. Julie’s sister Barb Switzer has worked at the restaurant since 1982. Joan Gorham is another longtime employee who has worked at the restaurant since 1987. It’s a lot about family and friends at “The Pizza Shop” in Knox. The Pizza Shop is another one of the outstanding merchants in Knox and we are lucky to have this fine business on our Main Street.

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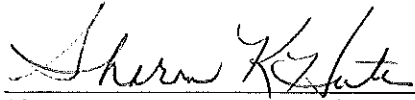
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NEW BUSINESS: Council was made aware that Boy Scout Troop 56 has dissolved and no longer will occupy Scout Hall on Petrolia Street. The Knox Lions have funded the hall in the past. Council asked if someone could contact Kerry Stover, former scout leader, about a key for the building.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Goble made the motion to adjourn and Linda Runyan seconded. All were in favor.



Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer