

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2015
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Cochran

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Agnello, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, EADS Engineer Marty English, Knox Borough Police Officer Codie Webster, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff "Woody" McCleary,, Knox Borough Solicitor John Marshall, Clarion News Reporter Rodney Sherman, Major Brand Tire Owner Joel Kerle, and Clarion County Commissioner Greg Faller

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

MINUTES of the September 8, 2015 regular council meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Bill Henry and seconded by Carl Salser. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: No visitors

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

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – Michael brought to Council's attention that the roof on the front of the Borough building was in need of repair. He stated that we have a proposal from Myers Construction in the amount of \$2,236.00. Michael moved to have the roof repaired by Myers Construction and Bill Henry seconded. All were in favor. MC.

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

Tom Goble made the motion to give the Borough employees a 2 % increase in 2016 as agreed to in the General and Highway Aid budgets that have been completed to date. Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Tom told Council that a new ledger and bank account will be established for the Sewer Plant Project.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman

Knox Borough Revitalization Committee is trying to schedule a public meeting on the Methamphetamine drug problem. The last Linda heard the meeting may be held at the SMI building in early November.

The Horsethief Committee has held their last meeting for the year and their books are ready to be audited.

Farmer's Market is over for the year.

Linda Runyan made a motion to hold "Trick or Treat" in the borough from 6pm to 6pm on October 31, 2015 and Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Guest arrived so President Bish asked them if they would like to speak now. Commissioner Greg Faller presented Knox with a current tax map of the Borough including the property owner's name dated February 4, 2015.

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Greg Faller also gave the contact information for the Director of Mapping and GIS for the County. Cherin Abdelsamie is the Director and will be the person to go to if an address for a property in the County is needed. He gave Sharon the new forms Cherin will use for address and mapping.

Greg Faller told Council about the over \$120,000.00 County Liquid Fuels monies that the County grants to Boroughs and Townships within the County each year. He stated that Knox has not asked for any for several years. If it is something we may be able to use, we should get with Jim Schepis from PennDot and he will help us apply for the grant.

Greg Faller discussed Land Banking with Council. Land Banking deals with blighted properties. Most municipalities have such properties but no way to correct them. The County would like to look into Land Banking and see if all the municipalities may be interested in joining an authority to find a way to make Land Banking work for this problem. An authority would be able to go after grants to help with blighted properties. Greg would like to have the Borough send a letter to the County if interested in joining such an authority.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – Library is now re-opened. New roof, AC, boiler, and construction are complete. Board is pleased with results.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – Bill review ordinance 1-2015 setting 2016's property tax millage. He made the motion to set and advertise the tax at 10 mills and Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC.

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

At this time Council asked for an executive session. Upon returning to the meeting, Solicitor John Marshall informed the public that Council will take action on the content of the session. Bill Henry made the motion to terminate Steve Barkefelt effective immediately and Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Michael Leahy made a motion to advertise as soon as possible to hire a new maintenance employee and Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – No meeting was held this month. Police Officer Codie Webster presented Council with a purchase request for the department's ammunition totaling \$1,465.93. Carl Salser made the motion to permit the Department to purchase the ammunition and Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

SEWAGE: Rich Cochran Chairman – Council reviewed August's and September's sewer flows.

Carl Salser made a motion to approve 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 that was presented by Solicitor John Marshall. Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

The PennVest Grant for the Sewer Plant Project closed on September 24, 2015.

Marty gave an update on the progress of the project at the sewer plant.

The natural gas provider, UGI has invoiced the borough for \$6,810.67 to cover cost to relocate and upgrade the service for the new plant.

Marty and Woody told Council about a storm drain problem off of Huston Avenue onto Terry Kahle's property. They plan to investigate a way to re-route the drain to the creek on the property or onto Route 338.

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STREET: Carl Salser Chairman – Carl stated that Huston Avenue was one street that needs attention one project that the Borough could apply for help through the County Liquid Fuels Grant.

WATER: Rich Cochran Chairman

Maintenance will be flushing water lines on October 14th.

Meters will be read in October.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Agnello's report discussed several complaints from residents on the h streets. Many residents believe we need to draft up an ordinance to address this issue. He reminded Knox Borough Councilors can legislate borough law into place.

The business of the month is Lutz's Custom Creations at 412 Main Street, Knox, PA. Lutz's is a fi that has been on our main street since March of 2014. Lynn Lutz is the owner/operator of this salon t haircut, color, and salon services. They are open Monday thru Saturday from 10 1m till 6 pm. Their dbdazed @windstream.net and phone number is 797-2769. Thanks to Lynn Lutz for being another o merchants Knox is lucky to have doing business in our town.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack told Council about the Knox Borough website being updated. Jeff with Clar over and showed Jack and Sharon how to build and update the website. Jack would like the Council l and let him know if they have any ideas for the site. The site is knoxborough.com.

Tom Goble made a motion to change the locks and keys for all Borough buildings and Linda Runyan favor. MC

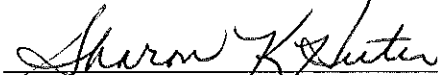
Woody stated that 2 of the Borough trucks need tires before winter. He called and got tires quotes for are as follows:

Major Brand Tire	260 Highpoint Road, Knox, PA	\$2,400.00
Kerle Tire Company	1283 Mays Road, Clarion, PA	\$2,687.35
Chris' Tire Service	16 Maple Drive, Shippenville, PA	\$2,844.00
Good Tire	PO Box J, Knox, PA	\$3,157.92
Good Tire		\$2,716.68
Good Tire		\$2,860.68

Carl Salser made the motion to purchase the tires from Major Brand Tires at a cost of \$2,400.00. Linc motion. All were in favor. MC

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Carl Salser made the motion to pay the bills as presented and Tom Goble sec favor. MC

ADJOURNMENT: Carl Salser made the motion to adjourn and Tom Goble seconded. All were in fav



Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer