

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2015
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Rich Cochran, Thomas Goble, Carl Salser, Michael Leahy, & William Henry III

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Runyan

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Frank Agnello, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, EADS Engineer Marty English, Knox Borough Police Chief Jason Bowen, Maintenance Employee Steve Barkefelt, Clarion News Reporter Rodney Sherman, and Clarion County Commissioner Candidate Ed Heasley

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

MINUTES of the August 3, 2015 regular council meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Rich Cochran and seconded by Carl Salser. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Ed Heasley thanked the Council members for their time serving their community and for being part of the Council.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William “Bill” Henry Chairman – Bill reported that the Knox Fire Company will be holding the Clarion County Township Convention and their annual gun raffle this month.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – Michael reviewed the Maintenance Report with Council.

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

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – Jack talked about holding a town hall meeting about Sewer Plant sometime in October.

The Horsethief Committee sent Council a “Thank you” for their support during the celebration.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – The library’s roof and AC will be done soon

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman - Council reviewed the Police report for August. Carl commended the police department on conducting investigations that have led to arrests involving illegal drugs. Carl feels they work so very well together.

The police committee discussed hosting a Town Meeting for area residents to discuss the dangers concerning meth production and usage. Chief and Linda are currently working to arrange a speaker, a date, and a location for this presentation.

Chief Bowen asked Council what he is to do about properties that he has cited for not mowing the grass. Ordinance states that Maintenance would mow the property and Knox Borough would seek restitution. With Maintenance being short staff right now, he would like approval to seek an outside source to do the mowing. He has cited one property; they have paid the fine and still have not mowed.

Tom Goble made a motion to have John Marshall look at the grass ordinance and make the monetary fine to be no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$300.00 and that the fine can be changed by a resolution in the future. Rich Cochran seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

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The Police Department had 16 calls for the month.

SEWAGE: Rich Cochran Chairman – Council reviewed July’s sewer flows.

The amendment to Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement has been signed by Beaver Township Sewer Authority and Knox Borough and submitted to PennVest as part of the grant closing.

All bonds have been received from Global Heavy, Wagner Electric and DASCO.

The PennVest closing is scheduled for September 24th.

Rich Cochran made the motion to give the contract their notice to proceed after the grant closing on September 24th and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

Council was given the quarterly report to DEP to review.

Marty talked about the gas generator which was discussed at the last meeting. Since construction was under the budgeted cost, Marty talked to Dave Henning at PennVest and Mike Zimmerman at DEP and they gave Marty their blessing to proceed with costing a gas generator. If Council wishes he will have the contractor submit a change order to make the generator change. Marty placed around \$125,000.00 into the PennVest budget for this change. Council agreed they would like to upgrade to a natural gas generator.

PennVest stated we could order equipment needed at new plant. Plans are for a tractor to load sludge and mower for yard work are being added to budget at approximately \$90,000.00.

Richard Cochran made a motion to make Steve Barkefelt the intern supervisor while Woody is off work and Carl Salser seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

STREET: Carl Salser Chairman – The street committee held a meeting on August 27th at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building. Linda Runyan, Bill Henry, Carl Salser, and Chief Bowen were in attendance. The Committee discussed possible solutions to the parking situation in front of the Bakery.

The committee held a discussion on possible solutions to the parking situation in front of the Knox Bakery. Chief Bowen indicated that he would speak with Lee at the Bakery and if she would agree to testify he would file the appropriate charges covered by the Borough Ordinances.

Also a discussion was held concerning a new bus stop on Woodland Heights. The school agreed to a stop on Woodland but stipulated that there may be some cases of inclement weather that the bus would not be able to travel to this stop. Pastor Green, a resident on Woodland Heights, asked if Knox would maintain the roads on Woodland Heights in a timely manner so to close any concern for the winter months. Maintenance stated that the road leading from South Main to Woodland Heights is already a priority and they treat it heavily with ashes as quickly as possible still the Borough receives calls regarding cars sliding onto South Main from Clover Avenue, often times within minutes of the initial covering.

WATER: Rich Cochran Chairman – Steve Barkefelt told Council he has passed his water certification test and will be a certified operator after he has been here to 2 years which is in October.

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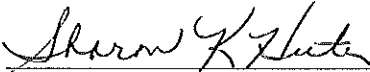
MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Agnello's report discussed FoodStock 2015. He proclaimed September month again in Knox Borough. This is in support of the Clarion Area Chamber and their annual food various food banks in Clarion County. They will be putting bags out in early September and gathering later. They are requesting nonperishable items only.

The Mayor's Business of the Month is Knox Video Discount Market. The market is owned by Rob K Janet. They have a huge selection of videos, basic grocery items, lottery tickets, and cigarettes. They order hot and cold food business. Many of the local plant workers stop in for lunch each day. For 14 family has been running the business there and the Mayor says "Thanks" to Rob and Janet for being a merchant in Knox, PA.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business to report.

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

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



Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer