

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING  
August 1, 2016  
7:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor L. Frank Agnello, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, Chief Jason Bowen, Maintenance Supervisor Jeffrey “Woody” McCleary, EADS Engineer Marty English, Clarion News Reporter Brett Whitling, Borough Resident Don Hahn.

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

MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting on July 5, 2016 were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Bud Price and seconded by Tom Goble, All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Don Hahn, a Knox Lions Club Member, stated that the Lions were going to disconnect the utilities at the Boy Scout Hall on Petrolia Street. He asked if the Borough wanted to just transfer them so there would not be any additional fees charged. Bill Henry told Council that reconnect fees were cheap unless off for years.

Don told Council that he was told that two Lion members paid for the building but at the time, the Lions organization could not own property so it was put into the Borough’s name. He stated that if the Borough choses to sell the building, one of these two individuals would be very upset.

Not sure of who paid for the building, Council decided to table any decision on what to do with the building until some research could be done. Don Hahn said that he would see that the utilities remained on and paid for two months until Council can decide what to do with the building.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William “Bill” Henry Chairman – Ambulance is holding a raffle for 5 Steeler tickets through August 6th. The tickets were donated and chances are \$1.00 each.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

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

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – Linda reviewed the schedule with Council. The Committee is awaiting PennDOT approval for street closings. Linda Runyan made a motion to give free parking the week of the Horsethief Celebration and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – No report.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – The police report shows that there were 17 calls in July. The Police Committee will be meeting Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss coverage for the Horsethief Celebration.

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Chief Bowen asked for permission to purchase DUI blood kits for approximately #198.00. Theirs will expire soon. Carl Salser made the motion to purchase DUI blood kits and Bill Henry seconded. All were in favor. MC

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

Marty stated that the new treatment should be operational by the end of August and completed in May of 2017. The deadline with DEP for startup is September 15th.

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Global Heavy for \$476,724.25 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Wagner Electric for \$25,632.00 and Linda Runyan seconded. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from DASC0 Plumbing, Inc. for \$37,015.56 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Council was presented with a request to purchase additional equipment needed at the new treatment plant at a cost of approximately \$10,931.38 to be purchased with the PennVest grant monies (attachment). Tom Goble made the motion to purchase the additional equipment and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

Several council members stated they would like a tour of the new plant. Marty stated that he would give them a tour on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and they set the time at 1pm.

Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a new Ford truck with PennVest grant monies. Sharon Heeter and Marty English had checked with Dave Henning at PennVest and he stated it would be allowed if the truck was used solely for wastewater treatment plant business. Woody asked Seigworth Road Supply to give Council prices on two trucks- Ford F350 and Ford F450. Current price on the F350 truck with plow and spreader is \$43,566.70 and the price for the F450 with plow and spreader is \$70,654.39. After some discussion on whether the monies may be needed elsewhere till the plant was complete, Tom Goble made a motion to table the purchase a truck until September. Linda Runyan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

There has been no response from the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation on the changes Knox requested in the Agreement and Bill of Sale for the sewer line servicing Swartfager Welding.

Council reviewed the second quarter report sent to DEP.

STREETS: Carl Salser Chairman – Marty English with EADS Group presented Council with the bids for the North Main Street water line replacement and paving project:

Mealy Excavating & Construction	\$186,322.13
Terra Works	\$193,391.00
Eagle Contracting	\$213,540.00

Carl Salser made the motion to award Mealy Excavating and Construction the North Main Street Project at a cost of \$186,322.13 and Bud Price seconded. Jack Bish, Linda Runyan, Michael Leahy, Carl Salser, and Bud Price were in favor. Bill Henry abstained. MC

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Carl explained the street closings for the Horsethief Celebration – Main Street will be closed on Wednesday at noon, 4 pm on Thursday and Friday and 6 am on Saturday.

Carl also talked to Council about the research sent by John Marshall's office on prohibiting the use of brake retarders by local authorities. The research shows criteria that must be satisfied for approval to prohibit the use of brake retarders in the borough. Michael Leahy would like pursue with obtaining what is needed.

Mayor Frank Agnello made Council aware of the handicap parking spot curb cut out in front of Reed's Restaurant and Dr. Myers's is on the driver's side of the spot and several residents have asked why the cut is not on the passenger's side. The cut out was made by Reed's Restaurant when they replaced their sidewalk. The state has a curb ramp at the end of the street and for Knox to cut out the curb we would have to get PennDOT's approval and do the cut out according to their specs if they would even allow it. Frank asked Council to look it over during Horsethief and see what they all think about any change.

Mayor Frank Agnello stated that he has received good feedback on closing the crosswalk on Main Street by the SMILES Park. His concern is that the crosswalk has not been physically removed. Carl Salser reassured him that Maintenance is trying to find a way to remove it without having to get PennDOT involved. Painting over it wears off quickly and milling it off is the best way but PennDOT would have to be made aware of it. Hopefully it will be taken care of soon.

WATER: Bud Price Chairman – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Frank's report talked about the upcoming Horsethief Celebration. He also praised the Knox Civic Club about the fantastic job of maintaining the Park and all the upgrades they recently did there.

Mayor Frank said that the Warmbrod Family said "Thank you" for shutting down the street for their estate auction.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Goble would like a "Thank you" sent to Keystone SMILES and Deible's Landscaping for the flower pots placed throughout town.

Tom Goble made the motion to send Sharon Heeter to the Clarion County Association of Township Convention at the Knox Fire Hall on September 15<sup>th</sup> and Bud Price seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Council was made aware of the Clarion County Resolution No. 4 of 2016 initiating a temporary ban on outdoor burning in Clarion County as of July 26 and will remain in effect for 30 days.

The Farmers National Bank will be sponsoring a Horsethief Mixer to kick off the 2016 Celebration on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5 pm until 7 pm. Three council members plan to attend. Sharon Heeter will RSVP for them.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Carl Salser made the motion to pay the bills and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

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

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Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer