

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 2016
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Carl Salser, Tom Goble, Michael Leahy, and Harold “Bud” Price.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Runyan, William “Bill” Henry III, and Mayor L. Frank Agnello

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Heeter, Chief Jason Bowen, Maintenance Supervisor Jeffrey “Woody” McCleary, EADS Engineer Marty English, Clarion News Reporter Brett Whitling, Borough Solicitor Dan Ferringer, and Beaver Township Resident Joyce Eakin.

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

MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting on June 6, 2016 were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Bud Price and seconded by Carl Salser. Bud Price, Carl Salser, Michael Leahy, and Jack Bish were in favor. Tom Goble abstained for he was not in attendance at last meeting. MC

VISITORS: Joyce Eakin asked Council if there was a noise ordinance in the Borough that may help with a situation she has encountered with a truck driver who parks his truck at Eden. The driver leaves the truck running due to a refrigerator unit in the truck and the noise is very disturbing. She has asked Eden management to help and they did ask the driver to park in another location. This has helped but it is still very annoying. Chief Bowen stated he would check out the ordinance and see what he can do to help.

Joyce also asked about prohibiting jake braking into the Borough. Council stated they would check into it but know they may not be able to help since it is a state highway.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William “Bill” Henry Chairman – No report.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

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

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – No report

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – No report.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – Carl stated the committee would be holding a meeting in early August to discuss plans for the Horsethief Celebration.

SEWAGE: Tom Goble Chairman – Sewer flows were reviewed for May/June.

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Global Heavy for \$674,975.20 and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

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Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from DASCO Plumbing, Inc. and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

Marty gave Council a change order from DASCO for additional work needed on dampers and sleeves in the amount of \$7,730.00. Tom Goble made the motion to approve the change order and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Dan Ferringer discussed with Council the Agreement and Bill of Sale for the sewer line servicing Swartfager Welding from the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation. After some discussion, Council was concerned about all the right of ways, the condition of the pipe, and with item #10 which describes fees sent for billing. Carl Salser made a motion to table a vote on the agreement until our solicitors have had a chance to discuss these concerns with the Clarion County Economic Development and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

STREETS: Carl Salser Chairman – Marty English with EADS Group stated that the plans for the North Main Street water line replacement and paving project are ready to go to bid. There was some discussion on which type of pipe to use for the water line. Council decided to use 8 inch PVC pipe. Michael Leahy made the motion to advertise the plans and to award the project at the August 1st meeting and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC.

WATER: Bud Price Chairman – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Frank's report stated that the vast majority of Knox Borough residents take great pride in lawn care and it makes our borough look fantastic. People tell him all the time how good things look in Knox. People are out walking around Knox these days in major numbers.

Mayor Frank also wanted to clarify the procedure to get the police to respond to an incident here in Knox Borough. When you need police to respond to any reportable incident, please always dial 911 as you would with any other emergency call (fire, ambulance) etc. The good folks at 911 (OES) know when Knox Borough Police are on duty, and they also know who to send when Knox Borough Police are not on duty. They (911) also document all calls and will get you response way faster than calling our borough office. When people call the borough office and leave a message on the answering machine, the call is in jeopardy of sitting there in the answering machine while our police are out on patrol. Frank discussed these procedures with Ron Wolbert and Kristin over at Clarion County OES (911) and they agree 100% with this protocol.

NEW BUSSINESS: Tom Goble made a motion to sponsor Wreaths Across America again this year with a \$150.00 donation for 10 wreaths. Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Michael Leahy brought to the Council's attention his concern about the crosswalk in front of the Keystone SMILES Park on Main Street. He was coming through town and two children emerged in the crosswalk and he did not see them at first due to a car that was parked in the spot in front of the walk. He suggested that the parking space be removed so there would not be a blind spot there. After some discussion, it was said that the crosswalk was not recognized by PennDOT as an authorized crosswalk. Carl Salser made the statement that removing the crosswalk was the best solution and the other Council members unanimously agreed. Council agreed that Keystone SMILES should be informed of the change.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Bud Price made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Michael Leahy seconded. All were in favor. MC

Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer