

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Bish, Jr., Carl Salser, Tom Goble, Harold “Bud” Price, Linda Runyan, Michael Leahy, and 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, Solicitors Dan Ferringer and John Marshall, Clarion News Reporter Brett Whitling, Knox Borough Residents Jeff Rivers and Bridget Irwin, and Knox United Methodist Church contractors with CBF Contracting – Rodney Flick, Ryan Flick and Thomas Shawley

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

MINUTES of the regular council meeting on October 3, 2016 were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Tom Goble and seconded by Linda Runyan. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Rod Flick stated that would be extending the water main from Shawn Bell’s property to the church property. The line will be on the Knox Borough’s and Beaver Township’s right of ways for a short distance until it enters the Church property.

The sewer connection is a concern for the Church. He understood that in September he was told that the Church would have to install a metering system on the line before sending sewage into the Borough. His concerns are not only the costly meter but the functionality of the system due to the low usage. He was concerned that the low use could cause blockages.

Rod stated that he talked to Beaver Township Sewer Authority a month or so ago and they stated they would forego the meter at this time but it would have to be installed at a later date when more customers were added.

After some discussion on the meter situation and under the advice of Knox Borough Council John Marshall, Council chose to table any decision until they had further time to discuss the situation.

Jeff Rivers is looking to purchasing the Burkhart house on Heeter Road. He came to Council to inquire about the sewer situation on the property. He heard that there is a problem with the sewer lateral and would like to know what would need done to correct it. Knox Borough’s Solicitor John Marshall told him that his understanding of the situation is that the lateral is incorrectly hooked to another lateral and will need to be corrected. Mr. Marshall also told Jeff Rivers that the Beaver Township Sewer Authority now has control over what needs to be done to correct this problem.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William “Bill” Henry Chairman – Bill reported that the new ambulance should be here in December.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

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

Tom Goble made the motion to advertise the 2017 budgets and Linda Runyan seconded. All were in favor. MC

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Tom Goble reported about an issue at the Swartfager Welding plant. Swartfager called reporting a strong stench of sewer gas that has been noticed inside and outside of their plant since Beaver Township Sewer Authority recently began sending sewage into the Knox treatment plant. Woody and Marty checked out the problem and determined that an 8” trap should keep the smell out. Woody stated that between Knox Maintenance and Swartfager Welding employees they were able to install the trap and complete the project quickly.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – Linda reported the next Horsethief Committee meeting will be January 19th at 6 pm. At that time the books for the committee would be ready for their annual audit.

The annual Once Upon A Christmas event and Knox Light Up Night will begin on November 18th. Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to arrive at 6 pm at the Keystone SMILES Park on Main Street with treats for the children.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – Tom reported that the County Library Systems held a successful fundraiser at the Clarion American Legion on November 4th.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – Bill Henry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3- 2016 Fixing the 2017 Real Estate tax at 10 mills and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC.

PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – The police report shows that there were 10 calls in October.

Carl Salser made the motion to purchase ammunition for the police department at a quoted cost of \$1,352.94. Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

Chief Bowen thanked all the groups (the Knox Volunteer Fire Company and the Knox Masons) who donated their time to help keep the children safe during the “Trick or Treat” hours.

SEWAGE: Tom Goble Chairman – Council reviewed a copy of the third quarter report sent to DEP.

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Global Heavy for \$104,710.90 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

There was no pay request from Wagner Electric.

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from DASCO Plumbing, Inc. for \$45,132.97 and Carl Salser seconded. All were in favor. MC

There were three change orders to discuss: Drying beds with roofs, septage system, and a 450 Ford truck.

There are two options for the drying beds – Roofs on all of the new beds at a cost of \$253,886.66 and roofs for ½ the beds at a cost of \$181,556.26. The septage receiving station will cost \$152,448.59. The cost for a new Ford truck is \$70,780.94. The totals for these options are \$477,226.19 for all the beds to be roofed and \$404,895.79 for ½ the beds to be roofed. The remaining budget of the Grant is approximately \$437,000.00 so anything over that amount will have to be paid from the sewer fund.

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After some discussion, Michael Leahy made the motion to roof all the drying beds, add the septage receiving station and purchase the Ford truck. Linda Runyan seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

STREETS: Carl Salser Chairman – Carl Salser made the motion to approve the pay request to Mealy Excavating for \$71,883.00 and Tom Goble seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

There was no update on the Clarion County Liquid Fuels Grant. The Commissioners will award them in December.

Carl also reported that PennDOT has patched Route 208 in front of Rhea Lumber

WATER: Bud Price Chairman – Council discussed a 10% water rate increase which would make the minimum \$18.70. Council would also like to add to the ordinance the clause approving future increases being made by resolutions. Bud Price made the motion to prepare the ordinance to include the water rate increase and future increases by resolution and Tom Goble seconded. All were in favor. MC

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Frank Angelo's report talked about the Knox Post Office Memorial Dedication Service to Specialist Ross McGinnis on Monday, October 24, 2016. The ceremony was a fantastic event. He thanked all those who helped to put the event together.

Mayor Frank reported on how well the North Main Street project was going and that it should be completed by November 11th.

H also stated that the budgets that Council put together did not require a tax increase and Knox will hold the tax rate at 10 mills.

Mayor Frank concluded by reminding everyone to get out and vote on November 8th.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack Bish presented Council with a quote on generators for the water plant and well sites. Jack asked that Council review them and consider purchasing them in 2017. Wagner Electric quoted the generators installed: \$68,372.00 for the water treatment plant and well site #3, \$40,394.00 for well site #7 and \$35,000.00 for well site #8.

PAMENT OF BILLS: Tom Goble made the motion to pay the bills and Carl Salser seconded. All were in favor. MC

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

Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer