

KNOX BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
September 6, 2016
7:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Runyan

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, and Borough Resident Mike Wise

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

MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting on August 1, 2016 were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Bud Price and seconded by Carl Salser. All were in favor. MC

VISITORS: Mike Wise asked Council about removing approximately 28 trees between the Knox Union Cemetery and the softball field. He would be willing to help remove them with the Borough’s consent. Council questioned whose property were they on and what responsibility the Borough would have should there be an accident of any kind. Council asked Mike to table the project until these questions can be answered.

AMBULANCE/FIRE – William “Bill” Henry Chairman – Bill reported that the ambulance made approximately \$900. He also told of the Gun Raffle that the fire company was having this month.

Visitor Tiki Kahle arrived so President Bish asked her if she wished to speak at this time. Tiki told about the dedication ceremony being held at the Knox Post Office on Monday, October 24th at 6 pm where they will officially rename the Knox Post Office to the Specialist Ross A McGinnis Memorial Post Office in honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Ross A. McGinnis, our hometown hero.

She asked that some streets be closed for the event which will be held outside should weather permit. The Knox Fire Company will open the social room should it rain.

Tiki told how several political officials will be attending the event and she would appreciate any assistance that the Council could provide to make this event memorable.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

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

Tom reminded Council that the September 19th work session would be the beginning of the 2017 budget plan.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Linda Runyan Chairman – No report.

LIBRARY: Tom Goble Chairman – No report.

ORDINANCE: Bill Henry Chairman – No report.

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PERSONNEL: Michael Leahy Chairman – No report.

POLICE: Carl Salser Chairman – The police report shows that there were 23 calls in August.

Carl stated that the Department would like to have backups placed on their computers. Council agreed to have backups installed.

SEWAGE: Tom Goble Chairman – Marty stated that if the plant was not totally operational as of September 15th Global Heavy can be charged up \$1,000 /per day for liquidated damages. He did not recommend that we do this but did want Council to be aware they can.

Marty told Council the next contractor's meeting is September 22nd at 2 pm should anyone wish to attend.

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Global Heavy for \$92,273.50 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from Wagner Electric for \$56,271.38 and Bud Price seconded. All were in favor. MC

Tom Goble made the motion to approve the pay request from DASCOS Plumbing, Inc. for \$30,564.94 and Carl Salser seconded. All were in favor. MC

Council was given a list of a few items to consider purchasing with remaining Grant monies. Council chose to table any decision until closer to end of project. Also Council would like to ask PennVEST if we would purchase a new truck could we pay for 40% of it out of the Grant money. Typically Council pays for all vehicle cost from each account with 40% from sewer and water and the remaining 20% from the general fund. Sharon and Marty will check with Dave Henning at PennVEST.

Marty presented Council with a change order for Wagner Electric for \$7,745.05 to install the electrical equipment for chlorine building outside of the chlorine room, relocate the chart recorder from the fine screen building to office building, and change the exposed exterior conduit to a PVC coated conduit to preserve the integrity of that conduit. Tom Goble made the motion to approve change order 2015-2-1 and Michael Leahy seconded the motion. All were in favor. MC

The Clarion County Economic Development Corporation will not spend any additional time or money on the sewer line serving Swartfager Welding in Beaver Township so if Knox is not willing to accept the original agreement as drafted they will continue to hold ownership of the line. Tom Goble made the motion to accept the original agreement with the CCEDC for ownership to the sewer line to Swartfager Welding and Michael Leahy seconded the motion. Jack Bish, Tom Goble, Carl Salser, Bud Price, and Michael Leahy were in favor with Bill Henry abstaining. MC

STREETS: Carl Salser Chairman – Mealy Excavating was given the notice to proceed on or after September 2, 2016 and completed by November 21, 2016.

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Mayor Frank Agnello brought it to the attention of the Street Committee that he has had several complaints about the brush and high grass on the property of the corner of South Main and Clover Avenue being a hazard to drivers. They cannot see around the grass to see if anything is coming. Frank stated he would be the complaint so Chief could file a citation on the grass ordinance on this property.

Frank also stated he is getting complaints about the road condition in front of Rhea Lumber. This road is a state highway and PennDOT should be notified about the problem. Carl Salser stated that he and Sharon would call PennDOT and make them aware of the condition of Route 208 from Dennison to Petrolia Streets.

While on Streets, Michael Leahy said he checked into prohibiting Jake brake use in the borough. He said the grade was not enough to prohibit them therefore he felt it was a dead issue.

WATER: Bud Price Chairman – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Frank Agnello reminded Council that September is Foodstock month in Knox Borough. Keystone SMILES will distribute the collection bags on September 20th and collect them the following Tuesday, September 27th.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Goble made the motion to permit Sharon Heeter to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference in Gettysburg, PA on October 14-16. Carl Salser seconded the motion. MC

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Tom Goble made the motion to pay the bills and Michael Leahy 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

Sharon K. Heeter, Secretary/Treasurer