

## Knox Town Board Minutes Reorganizational Meeting

January 1, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Supervisor Pokorny, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following elected officials were sworn in by Town Justice Timothy Francis:

Russell Pokorny-Town Supervisor
Traci Schanz – Town Clerk
June Springer – Town Councilwoman
Dennis Cyr – Town Councilman
Elizabeth Walk – Tax Collector
Bonni Donati – Town Justice
Matthew Schanz – Highway Superintendent

Anthony Miller was appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent and sworn in by the Clerk.

## Present on this date:

- Supervisor Pokorny
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Highway Superintendent Schanz

The Supervisor began the meeting with a re-cap of last year's projects, some of which will continue into 2024 and accomplishments, including the Transfer Station, Street Road erosion project, Pucker Street Fair, the solar array and completing the Certificate of Need for emergency services. There are new projects coming up, including repair to the basketball courts, a bridge in the park, a mural on the highway garage and other projects that may arise. He thanked the Board for working cooperatively and supportively.

**RESOLUTION 001-2024** - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the consent agenda with items a-h as presented.

This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the consent agenda with items a-h as presented

## **Consent Agenda**

- a. Establish the Altamont Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, in the Town of Knox, as the official newspaper of the Town of Knox and that notices by law be published therein.
- b. Establish that the Pioneer Bank and the Bank of Greene County be designated as depositories of all Town funds.
- c. Empower the Town Supervisor to invest funds in designated depositories in the form of interest-bearing accounts as authorized by General Municipal Law section 11 and Education Law section 1604 and 1723-A and reserve funds as authorized by General Municipal Law section 86-F, Local Finance Law section 165.00 and Education Law section 36.52.
- d. Establish that regular meetings of the Town Board be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and that the meetings shall be held at the Knox Town Hall.
- e. Empower the Town Supervisor in accordance with Section 1262 of the Tax Law as amended from time to time, and such other requirements as may be imposed by the Albany County Legislature, to implement the resolution adopted on April 25, 1970, by the Town Board, in relation to the Town's election to receive its distributive share of the proceeds of the additional sales tax during fiscal year 2024.
- f. Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to purchase equipment, materials and tools for Highway Department use not to exceed \$5,000.00 without Town Board approval.
- g. Establish the mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.655 per mile.
- h. Authorize Supervisor to pay monthly expenses associated with Employee Health Insurance, NYS retirement, Justice Court Funds, and National Grid Lighting District, Health Insurances, Postage fees, Library fees, ALS and ALS services and Fire district fees.

**RESOLUTION 002-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to accept all appointments to town positions as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to accept all appointments to town positions as presented.

## Appointments to Town Positions:

Open Position	Salaried	apt	Planning Board Secretary
Saddlemire, Lou	Salaried	apt	Historian
Bates, Catherine H	Hourly	apt	Bookkeeper
Cyr, Dennis P	None	apt	Deputy Town supervisor
Liddle, Deborah L	Hourly	apt	Court clerk
Loucks, Richard C	Salaried	apt	Assistant Building inspector
Lambertsen, Laurie	Salaried	apt	Assessor
McGivern, John	Salaried	apt	Court bailiff
Saddlemire, Ken	Salaried	apt	<b>Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</b>
Saddlemire, Ken	None	apt	Climate smart community's coordinator
Salisbury, Nicole E	Salaried	apt	Dog Control Officer
Schanz, Traci J	Salaried	apt	Registrar of vital statistics
Open Position	Hourly	apt	Deputy Town Clerk
Sherman, Daniel A	Salaried	apt	Building inspector
Snyder, Tiffiny L	Salaried	apt	Zoning Board Secretary
Hempstead, Dayle	Hourly	apt	Deputy Tax Collector
Gibbs, Alyce	Salaried	apt	Senior services coordinator
Pulito, Glenn	Salaried	apt	Youth services coordinator
Liddle, Deborah L	None	apt	Deputy registrar of vital statistics

**RESOLUTION 003-2024** A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to approve the 2024 salary and frequency of payments as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the 2023 salary and frequency of payments as presented.

Employee Name	s/h	emp	Job	Pay Rate	ar	nual / hourl	Pe	rcent	pe	ercent	an	nual / hourl	qua	rterly	X for		2024		2023
A		stat		Schedule	as	of 2023	ind	rease	an	nount	as	of 2024	202	4	annual				
Snyder, Tiffiny L	Salaried	apt	Zoning Board Secretary	quarterly	\$	1,248.00	\$	0.09	\$	49.92	\$	1,360.32			1	\$	1,360.32	\$	1,248.00
Lou Saddlemire	Salaried	apt	Historian	quarterly	\$	755.04	\$	0.09	\$	30.20	\$	822.99			1	\$	822.99	\$	755.04
Bates, Catherine H	Hourly	apt	Book keeper	hourly	\$	23.86	\$	0.09	\$	0.95	\$	26.01			350	\$	9,102.59	\$	8,351.00
Liddle, Deborah L	Hourly	apt	Court clerk	quarterly	\$	17.79	\$	0.09	\$	0.71	\$	19.39			350	\$	6,786.89	\$	6,226.50
Loucks, Richard C	Salaried	apt	Assistant Building inspector	quarterly	\$	4,259.84	\$	0.09	\$	170.39	\$	4,643.23			1	\$	4,643.23	\$	4,259.84
Laurie Lambertsen	Salaried	apt	Assessor	quarterly	\$	13,112.32	\$	0.09	\$	524.49	\$	14,292.43			1	\$	14,292.43	\$	13,112.32
Mcgivern, John	Salaried	apt	Court bailiff	quarterly	\$	3,120.00	\$	0.09	\$	124.80	\$	3,400.80			1	\$	3,400.80	\$	3,120.00
Saddlemire, Ken 2nd	Salaried	apt	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	quarterly	\$	230.88	\$	0.09	\$	9.24	\$	251.66	\$	62.91	1	\$	251.66	\$	230.88
Salisbury, Nicole E	Salaried	apt	Dog Contol Officer	quarterly	\$	6,954.48	\$	0.09	\$	278.18	\$	7,580.38			1	\$	7,580.38	\$	6,954.48
Schanz, Traci J 2nd	Salaried	apt	Registrar of vital statistics	quarterly	\$	1,682.72	\$	0.09	\$	67.31	\$	1,834.16	\$	458.54	1	\$	1,834.16	\$	1,682.72
appoint	hourly	apt	Deputy Town Clerk	quarterly	\$	13.80	\$	0.09	\$	0.55	\$	15.04				\$	-	\$	-
Sherman, Daniel A	Salaried	apt	Building inspector	quarterly	\$	9,902.88	\$	0.09	\$	396.12	\$	10,794.14			1	\$	10,794.14	\$	9,902.88
Open	Salaried	apt	Planning Board Secretary	quarterly	\$	1,248.00	\$	0.09	\$	49.92	\$	1,360.32			1	\$	1,360.32	\$	1,248.00
Dayle Hempstead	hourly	apt	Deputy Tax Collector	quarterly	\$	13.80	\$	0.09	\$	0.55	\$	15.04			200	\$	3,008.40	\$	2,760.00
Alyce Gibbs	Salaried	apt	Senior services coordinator	quarterly	\$	520.00	\$	0.09	\$	20.80	\$	566.80			1	\$	566.80	\$	520.00
Glenn Pulito	Salaried	apt	Youth services coordinator	quarterly	\$	520.00	\$	0.09	\$	20.80	\$	566.80			1	\$	566.80	\$	520.00
Cyr, Dennis P	Salaried	elec	Town Council	quarterly	\$	3,978.00	\$	0.04	\$	159.12	\$	4,137.12			1	\$	4,137.12	\$	3,978.00
Donati, Bonnie J	Salaried	elec	Judge	quarterly	\$	10,545.60	\$	0.04	\$	421.82	\$	10,967.42			1	\$	10,967.42	\$	10,545.60
Francis, Timothy P	Salaried	elec	Judge	quarterly	\$	10,545.60	\$	0.04	\$	421.82	\$	10,967.42			1	\$	10,967.42	\$	10,545.60
Pritchard, Karl L	Salaried	elec	Town Council	quarterly	\$	3,978.00	\$	0.04	\$	159.12	\$	4,137.12			1	\$	4,137.12	\$	3,978.00
Russell W Pokorny	Salaried	elec	Town Supervisor	quarterly	\$	17,413.76	\$	0.04	\$	696.55	\$	18,110.31			1	\$	18,110.31	\$	17,413.76
Saddlemire, Ken	Salaried	elec	Town Council	quarterly	\$	3,978.00	\$	0.04	\$	159.12	\$	4,137.12			1	\$	4,137.12	\$	3,978.00
Schanz, Matthew D 2nd	Salaried	elec	Highway Administrator	quarterly	\$	5,200.00	\$	0.09	\$	208.00	\$	5,668.00	\$	1,417.00	1	\$	5,668.00	\$	5,200.00
Schanz, Matthew D	Salaried	elec	Highway Superintendent	bi-weekly	\$	63,275.76	\$	0.09	\$	2,531.03	\$	68,970.58			1	\$	68,970.58	\$	63,275.76
Schanz, Traci J	Salaried	elec	Town Clerk	quarterly	\$	13,774.51	\$	0.04	\$	550.98	\$	14,325.49			1	\$	14,325.49	\$	13,774.51
Springer, June M	Salaried	elec	Town Council	quarterly	\$	3,978.00	\$	0.04	\$	159.12	\$	4,137.12			1	\$	4,137.12	\$	3,978.00
Walk, Elizabeth	Salaried	elec	Tax Collector	quarterly	\$	5,200.00	\$	0.04	\$	208.00	\$	5,408.00			1	\$	5,408.00	\$	5,200.00
Mattice, James M	Hourly	hwy	Laborer	hourly	\$	19.30	\$	0.09	\$	0.77	\$	21.04			2400	\$	50,488.80	\$	46,320.00
Baird, Kevin	Hourly	hwy	Laborer	hourly	\$	19.30	\$	0.09	\$	0.77	\$	21.04			2400	\$	50,488.80	\$	46,320.00
Crary, Charles A	Hourly	hwy	Equipment oerator II	hourly	\$	24.44	\$	0.09	\$	0.98	\$	26.64			2400	\$	63,935.04	\$	58,656.00
Delligan, Kevin M	Hourly	hwy	Equipment oerator II	hourly	\$	22.86	\$	0.09	\$	0.91	\$	24.92			2400	\$	59,801.76	\$	54,864.00
Miller, Anthony	Hourly	hwy	Equipment oerator II	hourly	\$	22.36	\$	0.09	\$	0.89	\$	24.37			2400	\$	58,493.76	\$	53,664.00
Jason Geel	Hourly	hwy	Equipment operator II	hourly	\$	22.36	\$	0.09	\$	0.89	\$	24.37			2400	\$	58,493.76	\$	53,664.00
open	Hourly	hwy	Equipment operator I (CDL)	hourly	\$	21.10	\$	0.09	\$	0.84	\$	23.00			2400	\$ .	55,197.60	\$	50,640.00
Miller, Anthony	Hourly	hwy	Deputy superintendent of highways	hourly	\$	0.62	\$	0.09	\$	0.02	\$	0.68			2400	\$	1,621.92	\$	1,488.00
Fox, Brian	Hourly	park	Park Maintenance Backup	hourly	\$	15.56	\$	0.09	\$	0.62	\$	16.96			500	\$	8,480.20	\$	7,780.00
Weiler Jr., Raymond	Hourly	park	Town and Park Maintenance	hourly	\$	21.40	\$	0.09	\$	0.86	\$	23.33			2400	\$	55,982.40	\$	51,360.00
Cerutti, Gina M	Hourly	ts	Transfer Station Attendant	hourly	\$	16.60	\$	0.09	\$	0.66	\$	18.09			500	\$	9,047.00	\$	8,300.00
Open	Hourly	ts	Recycling and Trash Hauling	hourly	\$	21.10	\$	0.09	\$	0.84	\$	23.00			2400	\$	55,197.60	\$	50,640.00
White, Donald	Hourly	ts	Transfer Station Attendant	hourly	\$	15.56	\$	0.09	\$	0.62	\$	16.96			500	\$	8,480.20	\$	7,780.00
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**RESOLUTION 004-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to Instruct the Town Supervisor to submit to the Town Clerk within 60 days after close of the 2023 fiscal year a copy of the Annual Financial Report submitted to the State Comptroller, pursuant to Section 30 of the General Municipal Law, and the Town Clerk shall thereafter cause a summary of said report to be published within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, in proper form, in the Official Town Newspaper; said report to be in lieu of the report required by Section 29(10) of New York State Town Law. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to Instruct the Town Supervisor to submit to the Town Clerk within 60 days after close of the 2023 fiscal year a copy of the Annual Financial Report submitted to the State Comptroller, pursuant to Section 30 of the General Municipal Law, and the Town Clerk shall thereafter cause a summary of said report to be published within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, in proper form, in the Official Town Newspaper; said report to be in lieu of the report required by Section 29(10) of New York State Town Law.

**RESOLUTION 005-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to restate the appointments to the Zoning board of Appeals as presented.

Sue Mason December 31, 2027 Kristian Snyder December 31, 2026 Rose Prichard December 31, 2025 Ernest Cupernall December 31, 2024 This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Zoning board of Appeals as presented.

**RESOLUTION 006-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint Lee Empie to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2027. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Lee Empie to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2027.

**RESOLUTION 007-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to appoint Kristian Snyder as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2026. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Kristian Snyder as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION 008-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint Councilman Cyr as the Ex- Officio to the ZBA. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Councilman Cyr as the Ex-Officio to the ZBA.

**RESOLUTION 009-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Pritchard to restate the appointments to the Planning Board as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Debra Nelson December 31, 2029

Todd LaGrange December 31, 2028 Zachary Martineau December 31, 2027 Edward Ackroyd December 31, 2026 Open December 31, 2025 Gary Bunzey December 31, 2024 Open December 31, 2030

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Planning Board as presented.

**RESOLUTION 010-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Elizabeth Ketchum as a member of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2030. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Elizabeth Ketchum as a member of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2030.

**RESOLUTION 011-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Dierdra Keating as an alternate member of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2024. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Dierdra Keating as an alternate member of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding a new candidate for Planning Board Chair. Edward Ackroyd is a member of the Planning Board and would like to be considered for the Chair position. Pros and Cons of appointing Ed as chair were discussed, and Mr. Ackroyd spoke to the Board regarding why he would like to be chair, what his intensions are with a solar project on the land where he lives, his concerns over the recent changes in meeting schedules and how he would like to lead the Board while checking into large facilities for solar battery storage and planning for other solar projects that may arise.

**RESOLUTION 012-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Edward Ackroyd as the Chair of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2026. This motion carried unanimously, 4:1, with Supervisor Pokorny voting NAY.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Edward Ackroyd as the Chair of the Planning Board with a term ending December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION 013-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Councilwoman Springer as the Ex- Officio to the Planning Board. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councilwoman Springer as the Ex-Officio to the Planning Board.

**RESOLUTION 014-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Supervisor Pokorny to continue to retain Bond Schoeneck & King LLP and Monaco Cooper Lamme & Carr, PLLC with the persons of Michelle Storm and Laura Gulfo as legal representation for legal services for the Town of Knox. This motion carried unanimously with 4 YAY votes and Councilwoman Springer ABSTAINING.

**RESOLVED:** to continue to retain Bond Schoeneck & King LLP and Monaco Cooper Lamme & Carr, PLLC with the persons of Michelle Storm and Laura Gulfo as legal representation for legal services for the Town of Knox.

**RESOLUTION 015-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to restate the appointments to the Conservation Advisory Council as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Nelson Kent December 31, 2024 Dave Nelson December 31, 2024

DESCULED :

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Conservation Advisory Council as presented.

**RESOLUTION 016-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilwoman Springer to appoint members to the Conservation Advisory Council as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Eric Marcazck December 31, 2025

Amy Pokorny December 31, 2025

Brigette McAuliffe December 31, 2025

**RESOLVED:** to appoint members to the Conservation Advisory Council.

**RESOLUTION 017-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Eric Marczack as the chair of the Conservation Advisory Council as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to appoint Eric Marczack as the chair of the Conservation Advisory Council as presented.

**RESOLUTION 018-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Pritchard to restate the appointments to the Broadband Committee as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Beth van Bladel

Tom Wolfe

Kyle O'Connor

Laura Murphy

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Broadband Committee as presented.

**RESOLUTION 020-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to appoint Clark Conklin, Dierdra Keating, and June Springer to the Board of Ethics Review for 2024. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Clark Conklin, Dierdra Keating, and June Springer to the Board of Ethics Review for 2024.

**RESOLUTION 021-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to restate the appointments to the Board of Assessment Review as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Evan Johnson September 30, 2027

Justin Zimmer September 30, 2026

Timothy Frederick September 30, 2025

Gerald Irwin September 30, 2024

Vacant September 30, 2023

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Board of Assessment Review as presented.

**RESOLUTION 022-2024** – A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint new member Brett Pulliam with a term ending September 30, 2028, to the Board of Assessment Review. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint new members as stated to the Board of Assessment Review

**RESOLUTION 023-2024** - A motion was made by supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Timothy Frederick as Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review of with a term ending on December 31, 2025. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Timothy Frederick to the Board of Assessment Review and as Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review with a term ending on December 31, 2025.

**RESOLUTION 024-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Supervisor Pokorny to restate the appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Terhune December 31, 2027

Jay Francis December 31, 2026

Evan Taylor December 31, 2025

Brian Wilson December 31, 2024

Vacant December 31, 2028

Elizabeth Ketcham, Ex-officio, Knox Planning Board

Kenneth Saddlemire, Ex-officio, Knox Town Board

**RESOLVED:** to restate the appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee as presented.

Due to lack of attendance to the AAC meetings, it was decided that Elizabeth Ketcham would be removed at the Ex-officio to the CAC.

**RESOLUTION 025-2024** – A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to remove Elizabeth Ketcham as Ex-Officio to the CAC. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to remove Elizabeth Ketcham as Ex-Officio to the CAC.

**RESOLUTION 026-2024** – A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint member Gary Kleppel to the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a term ending September 30, 2028. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint member Gary Kleppel to the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a term ending September 30, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 027-2024** - A motion was made by Supervisor Pokorny seconded by Councilman Saddlemire to appoint Gary Kleppel as Chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a term ending on December 31, 2024. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Gary Kleppel as the Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a term ending on December 31, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 028-2024** - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilwoman Springer adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Ochanz

Traci Schanz

Knox Town Clerk