

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 628 Route 94, Columbia, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Cuntala.

Deputy Mayor Cuntala led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Cuntala read the following statement: "This meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: P: 1975, Chapter 231, noting that notice of all regularly scheduled meetings has been published in the Star Gazette and/or the Express Times as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk's office."

Roll Call

Present: Deputy Mayor Cuntala, Committeeman McNinch, and Committeeman Van Horn

Also present was Township Engineer Ted Rodman.

Absent: Committeewoman Shipps and Mayor Starrs

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

2018-85 Resolution Approving Consent Agenda

WHEREAS, Resolutions 2018-86, 2018-87, 2018-88, 2018-89, 2018-90 are considered routine, non-controversial and require no individual discussion; and,

WHEREAS, if discussion is required on a consent agenda item, it is removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton that approval is granted for adoption of the consent agenda items.

Motion was made by Committeeman Van Horn, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala--yes, McNinch--yes, Shipps--absent, Van Horn--yes, Starrs--absent to Consent Agenda Resolution 2018-85

The following Resolutions will be on a Consent Agenda with no discussion

2018-86 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (RDSD INC. t/a Dalton's Columbia Inn

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:

RDS D Inc. t/a Dalton's Columbia Inn 2113-33-006-008

2018-87 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (Lahoud Enterprise, LLC t/a Elias)

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:

Lahoud Enterprise, LLC t/a Elias . 2113-33-002-005

2018-88 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (L'Auberg De France t/a Buckwood Bistro)

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:

L' Auberg De France t/a Buckwood Bistro 2113-33-001-002

2018-89 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (Shree Nathght Corp. t/a Smitty's Liquor Store)

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:

2018-90 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (Minton's Log Cabin Inc)

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:
Minton's Log Cabin Inn. 2113-33-008-005

2018-91 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 (Hunter's Lodge)

WHEREAS, the following renewal application has been completed, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Township of Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local government NJABC laws and regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approves the following NJABC liquor license renewal:
Hunter's Lodge Motel, LLC. . 2113-33-005-007

RESOLUTIONS

2018-92- Resolution in Support of Fireworks Display by the Knowlton Lions Club July 14, 2018

WHEREAS, a fireworks display will be held in Knowlton Township by the Knowlton Lions Club on July 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, they will be arranging for the fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires a resolution of support from the Township Governing Body in order to arrange for an inspection and approval of the fireworks display.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that this resolution serves as a resolution of support for conducting fireworks in Knowlton Township by the Knowlton Lions Club on July 14, 2018.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved with an all-in-favor to Resolution 2018-92.

Acting Clerk Shippis informed the committee that there was request from a Knowlton Lions Club member to not have any postings regarding the fireworks on the Township website. Acting Clerk Shippis read what was posted on the website and discussion that the posting does not say where and when the event will take place the committee agreed to leave the posting as is.

2018-93- Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, New Jersey, that all claims attached are hereby approved as reasonable and proper claims against the Township of Knowlton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that approval for payment is hereby given to the Chief Financial Officer to pay said claims, subject to the availability of funds.

Motion was made by Committeeman Van Horn, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote Cuntala--yes, McNinch—yes, Shippis—absent, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent for Resolution 2018-93.

Committeeman McNinch asked about movie night that the Knowlton Recreation holds and how many people actually come to the event. Deputy Mayor Cuntala agreed to look into how many actually come to the event. Committeeman McNinch also inquired about the purchasing of the benches made by the Knowlton Recreation Dept. and if they provided Township CFO Christine Rolef with a Requisition Form. Deputy Mayor Cuntala explained that Recreation Supervisor Dennis Lembeck was unaware that he needed to fill the form out but it was provided to him after the purchase and he is aware now. Deputy Mayor Cuntala agreed to also speak with DPW Supervisor Brian Peck.

2018-94- Award of Contract for Road Resurfacing (Kill/Station Road)

WHEREAS, The Township of Knowlton is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System and wishes to utilize the contract for Road Resurfacing for Resurfacing of Kill / Station Road; and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc., Wharton, NJ has been awarded Contract #6 for Road Resurfacing through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the township of Knowlton is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Striping, Rockaway, NJ has been awarded Contract #36 for Traffic Striping through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the township of Knowlton is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that road resurfacing services for Kill / Station Road, is awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 625 Mt. Hope Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885, in the amount not to exceed \$164,025.40; and Denville Line Striping, Rockaway, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$9,990.00.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote Cuntala-- yes, McNinch--yes, Shipps--absent, Van Horn--yes, Starrs—absent for Resolution 2018-93.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Still have not heard back from NJDOT regarding the problem statement on Route 80 entrance from Simpson Rd.

Polkville Rd. there will be a preconstruction meeting for paving. No date has been set yet.

Speed limit signs for Koeck Rd. were approved by NJDOT. The original approval put up 10 signs, 5 facing south bound, 5 facing north bound. Most of these signs are probably gone. DPW Supervisor Brian Peck will replace the missing signs.

Township Engineer Ted Rodman said a driveway permit has been issued to the Nature Conservancy to use Bruglar Road for the Columbia Dam project.

OLD BUSINESS

Renewal of Peddlers Permit-tabled until later meeting

Township owned Tax Lien Foreclosure

Committeeman McNinch asked if Committeewoman Shipps forwarded the list of 8 properties to any of the committee members as discussed at the previous meeting. Deputy Mayor Cuntala said that she had not and will follow up with Committeewoman Shipps.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Trimming in Knowlton

Acting Clerk Shipps informed the committee that JCP&L will be using Nelson Tree Service for tree trimming the first week of July. Acting Clerk Shipps also addressed the ash tree in front of 622 Route 94. Nelson Tree Service asked if they could take that tree down because of ash borer, which is a bug that has infested New Jersey and causes ash trees to die. The tree service will take the tree down and cut it up but it's the township's responsibility to get rid of it. Committee agreed that the tree should be taking down.

CORRESPONDENCE

Koeck Road--discussed during Department Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2018 Executive Session Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved with an all-in-favor for the June 11, 2018 Executive Session Minutes.

June 11, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch, and approved with an all-in-favor for the June 11, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Jeff Milesky mentioned to the committee that environmental reports are not be reported to the township. An example that he gave was the truck fire on Portland Bridge. Acting Clerk Shipps said that she will call the Warren County Environmental Department to see if there was a report filed and if there are any other reports that were forwarded to the township.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Committeeman McNinch, and carried to adjourn tonight's Township meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Shipps
Acting Municipal Clerk