

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 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 Mayor Starrs.

Mayor Starrs led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Starrs 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: Mayor Starrs, Deputy Mayor Cuntala, Committeeman McNinch, Committeewoman Shipps (arrived at 7:11 pm), and Committeeman Van Horn.

Also present were Township Engineer Ted Rodman, DPW Supervisor Brian Peck and Attorney Tara St. Angelo from Gebhardt & Kiefer

PRESENTATION: "Engineering Alternative Analysis-Water Supply Strategies" Report from H2M Engineers

Mayor Starrs presented a PowerPoint presentation that she prepared regarding the report from H2M Engineers. Part of the presentation showed charts of two wells that are being tested one in Columbia and one at the municipal building. There are big spikes after snowstorms.

Mayor Starrs explained that 5 solutions were examined in the study. Three are mandatory, which means every resident within a certain area would have to sign up for the system, two are not. Mandatory option includes hooking up to Portland, Pa, water supply at a cost of \$9.1 million. All residents in the designated area would need to participate, the water would need to be retreated to meet NJ water standards, which are stricter than PA's. Another solution is hooking up to a community well with cost estimate of \$8.5 million. Mayor Starrs explained the advantages and disadvantages of these options. Two options that are not mandatory were private well deepening (\$17.3 million) and point of entry Reverse Osmosis Systems for the entire house (\$8,000 to \$10,000 per house). Mayor Starrs explained the advantages and disadvantages of these options. Mayor Starrs also explained that there are no grants for the non-mandatory options. A grant of up to 45% is available, but only for solutions where the Township is the borrower and maintains the community-wide system. Mayor Starrs summarized the actions Knowlton Township has taken so far regarding salt issues in Columbia.

Discussion with DPW Supervisor Brian Peck regarding using grit with salt. Mr. Peck explained that the same amount of salt will be used, even if it is mixed with grit. Mr. Peck explained that he ordered salt with magnesium that he uses in Columbia. Discussion about using less salt in Columbia.

Resident Sharon Valentine said that the DRJTBC still over salts. Mitchell Pfeiffer mentioned that the storm drain in front of his house needs to be fixed. Township Engineer Ted Rodman will reach out to the Warren County Engineer. Vince Gaeta asked if curbing was a recommendation.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeewoman Shippis and approved by an all-in-favor to have the DPW use less salt for road treatment in Columbia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Pam Rusweiller asked if the report was done by NJDEP or H2M and thanked Mayor Starrs for her hard work.

Resident Donna Diorio also thanked Mayor Starrs for her hard work but is hoping that the township can come up with something because the salt issue was first brought up 16 years ago.

Department Report

Fire & Rescue- Bob Peterson came to the meeting to discuss F&R's water tanker, which is coming up on 20 years and needs to be repaired because it is not working. Discussing regarding the cost of the repair which is \$10,000-\$15,000. The tanker is going to need to be refurbished as well.

Mr. Peterson also mentioned that the agreement with Hardwick Township is ending soon.

Committeewoman Shippis will reach out to Hardwick.

Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Polkville Rd. getting the last bills in for the shoulders to submit. The Township received all the points required to meet 2018 Storm water education requirements.

ORDINANCE

Public Hearing/ Adoption

2018-10- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Article 35.1 the Code of the Township of Knowlton to Prohibit the Cultivation, Processing, or Dispensing of Marijuana with the Township

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) delegates to municipalities the power to zone and regulate development and that statute is amended from time to time by the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, various bills have been introduced by the New Jersey Legislature regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana and / or revisions to the State's medical marijuana program, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*) prohibits, except for certain research purposes, the possession, distribution, and manufacture of marijuana and classifies marijuana as a Schedule I Drug, which is defined as a drug or other substance that has a high potential for abuse, that has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton has determined that the legalization of recreational marijuana may have a long- term impact on the residents of Knowlton Township as well as concerns for the safety, security, and general nuisances that arise as a result of the use of drugs and substances

that affect the citizens of Knowlton Township, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton has determined that it is in the best interest of its residents to prohibit recreational marijuana cultivation, production, and testing facilities, as well as recreational marijuana retail stores within the Townships borders, until such time as the New Jersey Legislature adopts legislation addressing recreational marijuana cultivation, process, and sale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chapter 11 “Land Development” of the Code of the Township of Knowlton shall be amended and supplemented to add Article 35.1 entitled “Prohibited Uses”:

SECTION 1.

11-283.1. PROHIBITION of RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES

A. Definitions

“Cannabis” or “Marijuana” shall refer to all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa Linnaeus*, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin.

“CUMMA” shall mean the Compassionate Use of Medical Marijuana Act (N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et seq.)

“Medical Marijuana Facility” means any facility that cultivates, possesses, manufactures, distributes, processes, stores, tests, labels, packages, transports, delivers, sells or otherwise provides cannabis or cannabis products in any manner to patients or primary care-givers in accordance with CUMMA and licensed by the State or other government entity that regulates the licensing of a cannabis business.

“Recreational Marijuana Facility” means any facility that cultivates, possesses, manufactures, distributes, processes, stores, tests, labels, packages, transports, delivers or sells cannabis and cannabis products for non-medical or recreational purposes, including any ancillary or related paraphernalia that is not permitted pursuant to CUMMA.

B. Medical Marijuana Facilities.

- a. **General Use Permission and Restrictions.** The operation of Medical Marijuana Facilities, which include retail medical marijuana stores, retail medical marijuana cultivation facilities, retail medical marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail medical marijuana testing facilities are permitted within the C-2 Zone of the Township of Knowlton, subject to all applicable land use regulations set forth in Chapter 11 of the Code of the Township of Knowlton and all restrictions set forth in

CUMMA or other applicable state legislation affecting the operation of Medical Marijuana Facilities. The operation of Medical Marijuana Facilities shall be prohibited in all other zones of the Township of Knowlton.

- b. **Security.** All Medical Marijuana Facilities shall comply with the security requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.7 *at seq.* and any amendments thereto. At a minimum, each Medical Marijuana Facility shall:
- i. Install, maintain in good working order and operate a safety and security alarm system that will provide suitable protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week against theft and diversion and that provides, at a minimum:
(1) Immediate automatic or electronic notification to alert State or local police agencies to an unauthorized breach of security at the alternative treatment center; and (2) A backup system that activates immediately and automatically upon a loss of electrical support and that immediately issues either automatically or electronic notification to State or local police agencies of the loss of electrical support;
 - ii. Implement appropriate security and safety measures to deter and prevent the unauthorized entrance into areas containing marijuana and the theft of marijuana and marijuana products;
 - iii. Implement security measures that protect the premises, registered qualifying patients, registered primary caregivers and principal officers, directors, board members and employees of Medical Marijuana Facility;
 - iv. Establish a protocol for testing and maintenance of the security alarm system;
 - v. Conduct maintenance inspections and tests of the security alarm system at the Medical Marijuana Facility at intervals not to exceed 30 days from the previous inspection and test and promptly implement all necessary repairs to ensure the proper operation of the alarm system;
 - vi. In the event of a failure of the security alarm system due to a loss of electrical support or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight hours: (1) Notify the New Jersey Department of Health pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:64-9.8; and (2) Provide alternative security measures approved by the New Jersey Department of Health or close the Medical Marijuana Facility impacted by the failure or malfunction until the security alarm system is restored to full operation;
 - vii. Keep access from outside the premises to a minimum and ensure that access is well controlled;
 - viii. Keep the outside areas of the premises and its perimeter well lighted. Exterior lighting must be sufficient to deter nuisance and criminal activity and facilitate surveillance; but must not disturb surrounding businesses or neighbors;

- ix. Provide law enforcement and neighbors within 100 feet of the Medical Marijuana Facility with the name and phone number of a staff person to notify during and after operating hours to whom they can report problems with the establishment;
 - x. Equip interior and exterior premises with electronic monitoring, video cameras and panic buttons. A video surveillance system shall be installed and operated to clearly monitor all critical control activities of the Medical Marijuana Facility and shall be in working order and operating at all times. The Medical Marijuana Facility shall provide two monitors for remote viewing via telephone lines in State offices. This system shall be approved by the New Jersey Medical Marijuana Program prior to permit issuance. The original tapes or digital pictures produced by this system shall be stored in a safe place with a 30-day archive;
 - xi. Limit entry into areas where marijuana and marijuana products are held to authorized personnel;
 - xii. Consistently and systematically prevent loitering, that is, the presence of persons who are not on-duty personnel of the Medical Marijuana Facility and who are not Medical Marijuana Facility registrants engaging in authorized dispensary activity; and
 - xiii. Provide onsite parking.
- c. **Transportation.** All transportation of marijuana and marijuana products shall be done securely and in compliance with N.J.A.C. 8:64-10.11. Specifically:
- i. Transportation of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products shall be done only in accordance with a delivery plan submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Department of Health.
 - ii. A Medical Marijuana Facility shall staff each transport vehicle with a delivery team consisting of at least two registered employees. At least one delivery team member shall remain with the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains medicinal marijuana or medical marijuana products. Each delivery team member shall have access to a secure form of communication with the Medical Marijuana Facility, such as a cellular telephone, at all times that the vehicle contains medicinal marijuana and /or medical marijuana products. Each delivery team member shall possess his or her employee identification card at all times and shall produce it to Department of Health staff or law enforcement officials upon demand.
 - iii. Each transport vehicle shall be equipped with a secure lockbox or locking cargo area, which shall be used for the sanitary and secure transport of medicinal marijuana and medical marijuana products.
 - iv. Each Medical Marijuana Facility shall maintain current commercial automobile liability insurance on each vehicle used for transport of medicinal marijuana in the amount of one million dollars per incident.

- v. Each Medical Marijuana Facility shall ensure that vehicles used to transport medicinal marijuana and / or medical marijuana products bear no markings that would either identify or indicate that the vehicle is used to transport medicinal marijuana.
- vi. Each Medical Marijuana Facility shall ensure that transports are completed in a timely and efficient manner. A transport vehicle shall proceed from the departure point where the medicinal marijuana is loaded directly to the destination point where the medicinal marijuana is unloaded without intervening stops or delays.
- vii. Each Medical Marijuana Facility shall maintain a record of each transport of medicinal marijuana in a transport logbook. For each transport, the logbook shall record: (1) The date and time that the transport began and ended; (2) The names of the employees comprising the delivery team; (3) The weight of the medicinal marijuana transported; (4) The lot number of the medicinal marijuana, the name of the strain and whether it is high, medium or low potency; and (5) The signatures of the employees comprising the delivery team.

d. **Signage and Exterior Displays.** Signage and exterior displays on a Medical Marijuana Facility shall comply with all regulations and restrictions set forth in Chapter 11 of the Code of the Township of Knowlton (as applicable to the C-2 Zone) and N.J.A.C. 8:64-12.1 et seq. Specifically:

- i. Exterior signage shall be restricted to black text on a white
- ii. Exterior signage shall not be illuminated at any time.
- iii. Medical Marijuana Facilities shall not display on the exterior of the facility advertisements for medicinal marijuana or a brand name except for purposes of identifying the building by the permitted name.
- iv. Marijuana and paraphernalia shall not be displayed or clearly visible to a person from the exterior of a Medical Marijuana Facility.

C. **Recreational Marijuana General Use Restrictions:** The operation of Recreational Marijuana Facilities, which include retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities; and the operation of retail marijuana social clubs are prohibited within the Township of Knowlton and, therefore, all activities related to the abovementioned retail uses such as, but not limited to cultivation, possession, extraction, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, transporting, delivering, dispensing, transferring and distributing are expressly prohibited within the Township of Knowlton.

- D. **Medical Use of Marijuana:** This Ordinance shall not be construed to limit any privileges or rights of any properly licensed Medical Marijuana Facility, qualifying patient, primary caregiver, registered or otherwise, pursuant to CUMMA.
- C. **Enforcement:** Violations of this ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance and may be enforced by the Township Zoning Officer in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 127 of the Township Code or any other applicable law. However, any person who violates or neglects to comply with any provision of this ordinance or notice issued pursuant thereto shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 for each day of the violation. Notwithstanding the above, this ordinance does not authorize a criminal prosecution, arrest, or penalty inconsistent with or prohibited by state law.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. A copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded, after introduction, to the Knowlton Township Planning Board for a Master Plan consistency review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64.

SECTION 5. The within ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner provided by law and, in particular, the procedure delineated in the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq. and upon filing with the Warren County Planning Board.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to open the public hearing.

Resident Mark Klouda asked if the committee is against liquor bars. What is the difference between alcohol and marijuana?

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—no, Starrs—yes to Ordinance 2018-10.

Public Hearing/ Adoption

2018-11 - Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Knowlton To Accept the Donation of Certain Flood-Prone Properties for Open Space Purposes

WHEREAS, the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (“FMA”) provides funding to local communities for projects and planning that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) and the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (“FEMA”)

WHEREAS, Warren County was awarded a FMA Grant for projects including the acquisition and demolition of certain residential structures in Knowlton Township (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, the properties proposed for acquisition and demolition are as follows:

- Block 48, Lot 5 (33 Route 46, Knowlton, New Jersey) owned by Mark A. Klouda and Cheryl A. Klouda;
- Block 48, Lot 7 (37 Route 46, Knowlton, New Jersey) owned by John E. Kopaciewicz and Amber L. Kopaciewicz;
- Block 48, Lot 9 (41 Route 46, Columbia, New Jersey 07832) owned by Neil G. Cafiero and David S. Valazquez;

(collectively, the “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, the Township authorized its participation in the FMA Grant opportunity and agreed to acquire by donation the Properties pursuant to an Agreement of Donation with the County of Warren (which is attached hereto);

WHEREAS, the owners of the Properties have offered to donate the Properties to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the public interest to accept the donation of the Properties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Knowlton hereby ACCEPTS the donation of real property known and designated as Block 48, Lots 5, 7, and 9, to be used for public open space purposes pursuant to the terms and conditions with the Agreement of Donation attached hereto. The acceptance of such donation shall be conditioned upon the homeowners’ receipt of all grant monies and completion of any remediation of environmental contamination.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all such documents and instruments necessary to effectuate the aforesaid donation, and record any instruments appropriate for recording this transaction.

SECTION 3. All ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon final publication as provided for by law.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to open the public hearing.

Resident Mark Klouda & Cheryl Klouda explained problems that they are having with just getting soil samples and remediation done and are being told that closing could be pushed back even more. Mayor Starrs explained that there is a meeting scheduled with FEMA and Warren County Emergency Management tomorrow to get questions answered.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to open the public hearing.

Attorney Tara St. Angelo suggested revising the Ordinance to say “ The acceptance of such donation shall be conditioned upon the homeowners’ receipt of all grant monies and completion of any remediation of environmental contamination”

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Ordinance 2018-11 with the recommendation made by Attorney St. Angelo.

RESOLUTIONS

2018-151- Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Letter Allowing AT&T to Perform Modification Work on a Cell Tower Pursuant to a Least Agreement— Tabled

2018-152- Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Raffle License to Happiness Is Camping to Conduct a Tricky Tray on November 8, 2019

WHEREAS, Happiness Is Camping has applied for a raffle license to conduct a raffle on November 8, 2019 at the Brook Hollow Winery consisting of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission application #18-14; and

WHEREAS, the proper fees have been filed with the application, and the findings and determinations by the Municipal Clerk have determined that this organization is qualified to conduct raffles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, New Jersey, that approval is hereby given for the issuance of raffle license #18-14 to Happiness Is Camping.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Mayor Starrs and approved by an all-in-favor to Resolution 2018-152.

2018-153- Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Raffle License to Happiness Is Camping to Conduct a 50/50 on November 8, 2019

WHEREAS, Happiness Is Camping has applied for a raffle license to conduct a raffle on November 8, 2019 at the Brook Hollow Winery consisting of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission application #18-15; and

WHEREAS, the proper fees have been filed with the application, and the findings and determinations by the Municipal Clerk have determined that this organization is qualified to conduct raffles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County New Jersey, that approval is hereby given for the issuance of raffle license #18-15 to Happiness Is Camping.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Mayor Starrs and approved by an all-in-favor for Resolution 2018-153.

2018-154- Resolution Authorizing Solicitor to Foreclose 2 Additional Properties for Delinquent Taxes in the Township of Knowlton

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2018, the Township Committee of Knowlton authorized municipal foreclosure on 10 properties via Resolution 2018-104; and

WHEREAS, the tax sale certificates for two of those 10 properties, Block 27, Lot 11 and Block 48, Lot 30.01, were subsequently redeemed and therefore the properties are no longer eligible for municipal foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of identifying two additional properties for municipal foreclosure in order to remove non-performing properties from the tax rolls and to achieve the discounted price offered by Keith Bonchi, Esq., for processing a total of 10 properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Knowlton, that Keith Bonchi, Esquire, is hereby authorized to foreclose on the two properties below for In Rem Foreclosure:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY ADDRESS</u>	<u>PROPERTY NAME</u>
Block 41	Lot 8.04	166 Vail Rd	Bonnie Strunk
Block 15	Lot 11	22 Columbia Street	Elwood Bibko

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2018-154.

2018-155- 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 made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2018-155.

OLD BUSINESS

Sand/ Salt Mixture for Road Treatment Columbia—Discussed during Presentation

622 Route 94—Motion was Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by a roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—abstain, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to request proposals from Realtors to sell 622 Route 94.

Gallagher Lot—Discussion regarding if the township should take ownership of the Gallagher Lot. Township has concerns of environmental issues and safety hazards. Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to have the clerk send a letter to the Attorney of the Gallagher Estate that they decline the offer to take over the lots.

Update Abandoned Building Registry—Mayor Starrs stated that to date the township has collected \$5,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

GRC Complaint against NJDOT

Mayor Starrs updated the committee regarding an OPRA request that she sent to NJDOT for records relating to rockfall on Route 80. After 6 delays and 4 months, Mayor Starrs received the OPRA request. There were 17 pages that were completely redacted. Mayor Starrs asked if there is anything the township can do regarding the pages that were redacted. Attorney St. Angelo asked if there was and index on why there were redaction and recommended talking to our local legislators before making a complaint.

Mayor Starrs said that there is a meeting on January 25th that Congressman Gottheimer arranged with Hardwick, Knowlton and NJDOT. She asked the Committee if they'd be willing to accept a compromise that would involve leaving a fence but doing away with the concrete "pyramid." The Committee consensus was no, the DOT had failed to show the need for any of it and the \$64 million would be better spent preventing the fatalities and motor vehicle accidents that occur there regularly.

Funding for Hemlock Road Repairs

DPW Supervisor prepared an estimate in order to prepare and pave Hemlock Road which would be approximately \$184,000.00. The township can come up with \$100,000.00 but will need to bond for the remainder. Committee agreed to have a bond ordinance prepared for an upcoming meeting.

Changes to Nixle

Nixle will no longer be offering free services through our Fire & Rescue. Mayor Starrs looked into other options. Code Red will cost \$2250 annually. Nixle will cost \$2600. The County's emergency

notification system cannot be used by Knowlton unless for absolute emergencies. Mayor Starrs has approached Hardwick about a shared service, which will cut the cost. Alex Webber from the Fire & Rescue asked if the Township would consider changing the name from Knowlton Fire & Rescue. Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to have a shared service with Hardwick Township for Nixle. If Hardwick township should say no, the Township Committee will revisit their options at the next meeting.

Resignation of COAH director Theresa Tamburro

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to accept the resignation of COAH director Theresa Tamburro with regret.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Committeewoman Shippo mentioned that Knowlton Recreation would like to have a Christmas tree Lighting Ceremony.

CORRESPONDENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 13, 2018 Public Session Meeting Minutes — Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeewoman Shippo and approved with an all-in-favor for the November 13, 2018 Public Session Meeting Minutes. Mayor Starrs abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Donna Dioro asked if there is construction going on at Starlite Hill Rd with trees coming down the school bus driver sometimes can not turn around. DPW Supervisor Brian Peck said it was him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, Second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to go into Executive Session at 9:30pm.

Resolution 2018-156 Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognized exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the N.J.S.A. 40:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Knowlton

Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic (s) as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:4-12:

- A. Contract Negotiations
- B. Litigation Update

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee hereby declare that their discussion of the subject (s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by an all-in-favor to return to Public Session at 10:32pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to adjourn tonight's Township meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Shipps
Acting Municipal Clerk