

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Public Session Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022**

The meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee was held on this date at the Knowlton Municipal Building, 628 Route 94, Columbia, New Jersey and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Shipps.

Deputy Shipps led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Shipps read the following statements “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 *New Jersey Herald* and/or Express Times as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk’s office.”

Roll Call: Cuntala—yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Paul Dulaff-466 Route 94- inquired if 2 Mt. Pleasant Rd property will be going up for auction again. He is interested since he is an adjoining property owner. Deputy Mayor Shipps stated that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Resident Nancy O’Neill – 9 Roy Ace St. is requesting a sign similar for Delaware Beach that is at Columbia Beach. Attorney Parikh asked if the ordinance for Delaware Beach is similar to the one of Columbia Beach? Committeeman Van Horn stated that both beaches were treated the same. Attorney Parikh will look into the ordinance and if they are similar a sign could be placed at the Delaware Beach.

Resident Tara Mezzanotte- updated the committee on the Route 80- mitigation rock wall. John Donahue talked about the Rockwall mitigation on his station. Commissioner Director Sarnoski expressed his support for “Fix the S Curves” as well as Commissioner Lori Ciesla at the County Commissioners’ meeting. Ms. Mezzanotte stated that they are going to Northampton County Committee and there should be a “Fix the S Curve” resolution passed at their meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Shipps, second by Cuntala and carried to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. 2022-26 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session

A. Personnel

Motion made by Shipps, second by Cuntala and carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Committeewoman Cuntala spoke on-Dennis Lembeck Recreation Directors behalf regarding a need for a lawn mower. It was agreed to have Mr. Lembeck attend the next meeting.

April 9, 2022 the committee agreed to have the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Lembeck also wanted to raise the fee for the rental for the Knowlton Tunnel Pavilion which will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Committeeman Van Horn commented on the tree removal along the walking path and if the trees need to be removed. It was discussed that the removal of trees is in grant agreement that the Township just received.

RESOLUTIONS:

2022-27 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Interlocal Agreement between Knowlton Township & Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County.

Motion made by Cuntala, second by Shipps and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent for Resolution 2022-27.

2022-28 Payment of Vouchers

Motion made by Cuntala, second by Van Horn and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent for resolution 2022-28.

Old Business

Permission for Altice/Optimum to install Internet on 5 Knowlton roads

Discussion took place regarding the negativity that the committee received from residents for not granting permission for Altice/ Optimum to install internet on 5 Knowlton Roads.

Committeeman Mazza expressed his reasoning for saying no at the last meeting. He wanted to make sure that the residents and the township are protected and without having a signed contract from Altice/ Optimum that can not be guaranteed.

Discussion took place on why the Altice/ Optimum contract has not been signed yet. Attorney Parikh did state that there is a hold harmless agreement in the resolution. Committee agreed to move forward with the resolution.

Motion made by Van Horn, second by Cuntala and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala –yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent to revisit the motion made on 2022-23 Authorizing the Limited Use of Public Right-of -Ways By Altice Communications.

Motion made by Shipps, second by Cuntala and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala –yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent to approve Resolution 2022-23.

Return to in-person meetings- Tabled till the next meeting.

Reverse-Osmosis Systems Update- Tabled till the next meeting.

New Business

2 Mount Pleasant Road- discussed during public comment

Signage at Delaware Beach-discussed during public comment

CORRESPONDENCE

Memos from Deputy Clerk Apgar

Discussion took place regarding updating the security system.

Motion made by Van Horn, second by Cuntala and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Mazza—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—absent to approve paying the additional \$700 to update the security system.

Clean up date will be May 9th – May 14th

Home Depot Credit Card has been closed due to inactivity for the past 4 years. Committee discussed to not reopen the card.

MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes -tabled to next meeting

October 28, 2022 Public Session Meeting Minutes-tabled to next meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Van Horn, second by Shipps and carried to go into Executive Session at 9:15 pm
2022-29 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session**

Attorney Advice

Motion made by Shipps, second by Van Horn and carried to close Executive Session at 9:30 pm.

Committeeman Mazza asked if the committee received his email regarding the wooden placard which they did and agreed to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Shipps, second by Van Horn and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm