

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
April 27, 2017**

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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Starrs.

Mayor Starrs led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor read the following statement in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":
"In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of publication with the Star Gazette and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Knowlton Municipal Building."

Roll Call

Present: Deputy Mayor Cuntala, Committeeman Farber, Committeewoman Shippis, Committeeman Van Horn and Mayor Starrs

Also present was Township Engineer Ted Rodman and Township Attorney Richard Cushing by conference phone until approximately 9:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion to go into Closed Session: Mayor Starrs, Seconded by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried at 7:04.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Potential litigation

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

Mayor Starrs explained that zoning issues regarding Auble Road will not be discussed. The Township Committee has been asked not discuss any merits of the case; they will be addressed at the Board of Adjustment hearing. Mayor Starrs also explained the Township Committee is not permitted to comment on any issues regarding Personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Nancy O'Neill commented regarding Delaware Truck Stops. Truck parking is not permitted on the adjacent property. There is also a problem with four wheelers and dirt bikes accessing the same property and creating a noise disturbance. Attorney Cushing responded that the zoning officer should reissue a corrected summons. Regarding the dirt bikes, the Committee agreed to have Attorney Cushing resend a letter to the property owner and have No Trespassing signs put on Township property that is right next to the Delaware Truck Stop.

Resident Bob McNinch suggested an Ordinance should be passed to encourage owners with properties where there are nuisance complaints to put up No Trespassing signs. Mr. McNinch also asked about Township debt. Mayor Starrs will send him the exact figures.

Resident Frank DeGroot asked where the enforcement lies with the Township. Mayor Starrs if there is a problem with an employee the Township Committee would follow up on it. Attorney Cushing explained to Mr. DeGroot the procedures that a zoning officer follows.

Resident Donna Diorio asked why nothing was done in 2005 when the salt issue was presented to the committee. Committeeman Van Horn responded that they did not know it was a real problem and how much salt was being put on the roads from the state, county, and Truck Stops of America. Committeeman Farber feels that the committee should appeal the insurance company's decision not to cover salt claims.

Resident Sharon Valentine said she and her husband came to meetings back in 2005; they had a Reverse Osmosis system put in and no one did anything.

Resident Jeanne DeGroot addressed phone calls and emails not being returned from the Zoning officer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joe Rossi- Code/ Zoning Officer

Mr. Rossi said the summons for Mr. Cavit has been fixed and he will go back to court to speak with the prosecutor and Judge.

Auble Rd.- violations regarding the buffer and fence are both being heard in front of the Board of Adjustment. Complaints regarding Commercial vehicles will be addressed but he needs to see the violation himself. Mr. Rossi addressed that he receives many phone calls and emails regarding the same issue on Auble Rd. and stated he will not reply to the residents. Committee members began to address this. Mr. Cushing advised the conversation should continue in executive session.

Harold Finch expressed his feelings regarding how this matter was handled with the committee and attorney at the April 10th meeting.

Mr. Bartos, resident of Auble Road, commented that clarification is needed.

Ted Rodman-Township Engineer

Cemetery Rd. waiting on an easement agreement from Service Electric.

Because attempts for a shared service for a salt shed with Blairstown and the DOT have been unsuccessful so far, Mayor Starrs made a motion for Engineer Ted Rodman to proceed for the planning of a new salt shed at the same location, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and carried to approve.

Committeeman Van Horn spoke with Freeholder Ed Smith regarding the salt issue. Mr. Smith also called Mayor Starrs and suggested that right now the county has jurisdiction of parts of Decatur and Green St and would like the township to take over permanent jurisdiction for these roads. In exchange the county would give a cash payment. Mayor Starrs believes that the county's offer is too low given the age of the roads and the unknown condition of the drainage under the roads. Committeeman Van Horn said the county would have to bring the roads up to spec before taking over jurisdiction. Discussion still would need to take place between the township and the county before taking the offer.

Mr. Rodman will pass out a memo to the committee members regarding Strom Water Regulations that came out for next year.

Recreation

Committeewoman Shipps asked on behalf of Dennis Lembeck if recreation can have Geoff Littlehale for additional two hours to cut the grass on the fields.

ORDINANCE

First Reading/Introduction

2017-01 Calendar Year 2017 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Knowlton in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Township hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 49,399.37 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Knowlton Township hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is

not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Knowlton, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Knowlton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 57,632.59, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Knowlton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduction: April 27, 2017

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala--yes, Farber--yes, Shipps--yes, Van Horn--yes, Starrs--yes to introduce Ordinance 2017-01.

First Reading/Introduction

2017-02 Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation of \$50,000 for Acquisition of a DPW Truck with Plow for and by the Township of Knowlton in the County of Warren, New Jersey and authorizing the Issuance of \$47,500 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Part of the Appropriation

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Knowlton, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$50,000, such sum includes the sum of \$2,500 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provisions in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the

issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for the acquisition of dpw truck with plow.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$47,500.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$50,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Committee of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 5 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$47,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$47,500.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduction April 27, 2017

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala--yes, Farber--yes, Shipps--yes, Van Horn--yes, Starrs--yes to introduce Ordinance 2017-02. Committeeman Van Horn asked if there will be additional drains but on Cook Rd. Deputy Mayor will look into that.

First Reading/Introduction

2017-03 Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation of \$50,000 for Improvements of Various Roads for and by the Township of Knowlton in the County of Warren, New Jersey and authorizing the Issuance of \$47,500 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Part of the Appropriation

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Knowlton, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$50,000, such sum includes the sum of \$2,500 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provisions in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for improvements to various roads within the Township of Knowlton, including, as applicable, all work, materials, equipment and appurtenances necessary therefor and incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans therefor on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$47,500.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$50,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Committee of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(d) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(e) The period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(f) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$47,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(g) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by

application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$47,500.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduction: April 27, 2017

Motion by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to introduce Ordinance 2017-03

RESOLUTIONS

2017-60 2017 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton is holding a meeting on April 27, 2017, for the purpose of introducing the 2017 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Knowlton hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2017 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 27, 2017.

2017 KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$	385,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue		626,102.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		319,000.00

Local Property Taxes	<u>1,028,930.49</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>2,359,032.49</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 595,170.00
Other Expenses	963,850.00
Capital Improvements	55,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	104,697.00
Deferred Charges	191,992.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>448,323.49</u>
Total 2015 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>2,359,032.49</u>
2017 Municipal Tax Rate	0.398

2017 KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 23,000.00
Total Rents	<u>222,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>245,000.00</u>
Total Operations	\$ <u>245,000.00</u>
Total 2017 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>245,000.00</u>

Date Introduced April 27, 2017

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to introduce Resolution 2017-60.

2017-61 Resolution Supporting the Petition Entitled “Petition for Improved High Speed Internet in Knowlton and Other Rural Communities in Warren County, New Jersey”

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)’s 2016 Broadband Progress Report documents a significant disparity in Internet access with more than 39 percent of Americans living in rural areas lacking access to advanced telecommunications capability, compared to 4 percent of Americans living in urban areas¹; and

WHEREAS, the FCC states that underperforming broadband service disproportionately impacts the ability of small businesses operating in rural areas to successfully compete in the modern economy¹; and

WHEREAS, studies show that children with higher quality Internet access in the home have advantages such as improved access to opportunities and superior computer skills, prerequisites for success in the modern workforce²; and

WHEREAS, populations without the advantages of high speed Internet show correlations with lower income, lower rates of higher education, weaker civic participation, and poorer access to information; and

WHEREAS, Knowlton businesses and residents should have all the advantages of Internet access available in more urban areas;

WHEREAS, there are residential areas of Knowlton Township currently without Internet access; and

WHEREAS, estimated costs to residents to install Internet access in these pockets can be in the thousands of dollars and is beyond the reach of many families; and

WHEREAS, residents with local Internet access complain that it is subject to unreliable connectivity and poor speed; and

WHEREAS, rural areas such as Knowlton suffer from a lack of competition in high speed Internet providers; and

WHEREAS, Internet providers may provide upgrades to high density, urban areas first, perpetuating the unequitable distribution of services; and

WHEREAS, one Internet provider, CenturyLink, with service areas in Warren County bought another telecommunications company late last year; and

WHEREAS, this merger must be approved by the Board of Public Utilities to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned petition requests that the BPU make concessions for affordable, faster, more reliable, and expanded Internet access to rural areas of Warren County a required condition of approval for CenturyLink's 2017 merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Knowlton hereby gives its support to the petition entitled "Petition for Improved High Speed Internet in Knowlton and Other Rural Communities in Warren County, New Jersey" and encourages residents to sign it.

April 27, 2016

¹ Wheeler, Tom, Jessica Rosenworcel, and Mignon Clyburn. "2016 Broadband Progress Report." Federal Communications Commission. United States Government, 29 Jan. 2016. Web. 24 Apr. 2017. <<https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/broadband-progress-reports/2016-broadband-progress-report>>.

² Rideout, Victoria J., and Vikki S. Katz. Opportunity for All? Technology and Learning in Lower-income Families. DigitalEquityfor Learning.org. Rutgers University, Winter 2016. Web. 24 Apr. 2017. <http://digitalequityforlearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/jgcc_opportunityforall.pdf>.

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Committeewoman Shipps, and carried to approve by an all in favor vote on Resolution 2017-61.

2017-62 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign and Execute Agreement with Travel Centers of America

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee authorizes the mayor and clerk to sign and execute the attached agreement between the Travel Centers of America and the Township of Knowlton.

Motion was made by Committeeman Farber, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—abstain, Starrs—yes for Resolution 2017-62.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Mayor Starrs, and approved by an all in favor vote for the Salt Proposal letter that Mayor Starrs wrote to be mailed to residents regarding the reverse osmosis filters with any changes from Attorney Cushing.

2017-63 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.

April 27, 2017

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Mayor Starrs, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2017-63.

OLD BUSINESS

Columbia Salt--Discussed during department reports. Committeeman Van Horn briefly discussed getting federal grants to help.

Salt Proposal letter--Discussed during Resolution 2017-62

COAH Fairness Hearing and Judgment of Compliance

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Committeeman Farber, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to approve the additional expenditure of \$2,000 for Joe Layton to attend fairness hearing and judgment of compliance hearing. Mayor Starrs checked in on the COAH Clinton St. renovations. Owner of the property of Clinton St. is working on the project.

Cat Claim

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mayor Starrs and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—abstain, Van Horn—no, Starrs—yes to pay half the medical bills contingent on checking first if the insurance company can pay the whole bill through med pay.

Community Day

Committeewoman Shipps continues to work on Community Day and gather donations for the event. Recreation will give \$500.00. Paperwork will be submitted to St. Lukes for possible donation.

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote Cuntala—yes, Farber—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to have Committeewoman Shipps put together a committee for Community Day to be held on September 9, 2017, with a budget from the township not to exceed \$4,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Quotes for Tunnel Field—Motion made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala--yes, Farber--yes, Shipps--yes, Van Horn--yes, Starrs--yes, to accept the low quote to David Cunningham Trucking for \$3,850 to replace the stairs at Tunnel Field.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOA Resignation—Committee received email resignation from George Trongone. Mayor Starrs made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Shipps, and carried to approve with an All in Favor vote to appoint Nancy O’Neill to the Board of Adjustment.

Fire & Rescue Townwide Yard Sale—Committee agreed to post flyer on website

NJLM Legislative Alert— Letter in Committee packets

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 10, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes— tabled till next meeting

April 10, 2017 Public Meeting Minutes—tabled till next meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Sharon Peck asked who the Animal Control Officer reports to. Mayor Starrs stated the Township Committee, but different committee members handle different departments.

Resident Pam Rusweiller commented that she is not happy that the salt shed is not being moved and is working on finding grants.

Harold Finch recommended using agriculturally based products instead of salt on roads.

Resident Bill Clifford commented that he is sure drainage is part of the salt problem.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and carried to adjourn tonight’s Township meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shipps
Acting Municipal Clerk