

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
May 25, 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 7:03 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 Shipp (arrived at 7:10), Committeeman Van Horn and Mayor Starrs
Also present was Township Engineer Ted Rodman, DPW Supervisor Brain Peck, Township Auditor John Mooney and CFO Christine Rolef

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion to go into Closed Session: Mayor Starrs, Seconded by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried at 7:05 to go into Executive Session.

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. Potential litigation
 - B. Litigation

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of Closed Session at 7:29 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

Public Comment

Resident **Sharon** Valentine asked if there was anything that could be done regarding the trucks that go down Decatur St. Engineer Ted Rodman would look into an ordinance. Mayor Starrs will write a request to the Hope State Barracks asking for police enforcement.

Committeewoman Shipp provided an update to residents regarding the Construction light on 46 near Ramseyburg. There is a message board right after Luigi's on 46 advising of the construction light and to plan alternate routes. State Police have been asked to be present at the Memorial Day Picnic at the Ramseyburg Barn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineer Ted Rodman

Trying to a deed search on Brad Day

DPW Supervisor Brian Peck

Received new snow plow truck, minor issues with it have been taken care of. Mr. Peck received a quote of \$28,000.00 to fix the hoist and the body for the 1990 International truck. DPW going to see if they can use parts. Road side mowing should start in about a week or two.

ORDINANCE

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.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to go in to public hearing.

With no public comment, motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of public hearing.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by Roll call vote:

Cuntala-- yes Farber-- yes Shipp-- yes Van Horn-- yes Starrs--yes to adopt Ordinance 2017-01

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.

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 4:

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 5:

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 6:

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 7:

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 8:

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 9:

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

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to go in to public hearing

With no public comment motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of public hearing.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeewoman Shipps and approved by Roll call vote Cuntala-- yes Farber-- yes Shipps-- yes Van Horn-- yes Starrs--yes to adopt Ordinance 2017-02

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.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to go in to public hearing.

With no public comment, motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of public hearing.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Mayor Starrs and approved by Roll call vote:
Cuntala-- yes Farber-- yes Shipp-- yes Van Horn-- yes Starrs--yes to adopt Ordinance 2017-03

RESOLUTIONS

2017-66 2017 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton is holding a meeting on May 25, 2017, for the purpose of adopting 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 on April 27, 2017 and adopted on May 25, 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>

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to go in to public hearing

With no public comment motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to come out of public hearing.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and approved by Roll call vote

Cuntala-- yes Farber-- yes Shipp-- yes Van Horn-- yes Starrs--yes to adopt Resolution 2017-66

2017-67 Disposal of Municipal Asset - tabled

2017-68 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions: and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2016 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant and with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A: 5-6and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52: 27BB-34 authorized the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution , certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit report entitled “ Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the annual Audit entitled “ Comments and Recommendations” , as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the member of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit”

R.S.52:27BB-52: A local office or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refused to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and , upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, hereby state that it has complied with N.J.A.C 5:30 6-5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion was made by Committeeman Farber, second by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and approved by roll call vote Cuntala--yes, Farber--yes, Shipps-- yes, Van Horn--yes, Starrs--yes, resolution 2017-68

2017-69 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 Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Mayor Starrs and approved by roll call vote Cuntala -- yes , Farber-- yes , Shipps-- yes , Van Horn--yes , Starrs-- yes, resolution 2017-69

Motion was 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 for Mayor Starrs to draft a letter of clarification to employees regarding non-reimbursement for meals when at a conference.

Township Auditor John Mooney said Township finances were solid and reported to the Committee regarding no increase in taxes this year, fund balance, and options for debt plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Rt. 80 Rockfall meeting

Mayor Starrs announced a meeting being held on June 14th at Knowlton Elementary School from 6-8 about DOT plans to install a fence along Route 80 through the Delaware Water Gap.

Columbia Salt

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and carried to approve the newest Release and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Mayor Starrs and Committeeman Van Horn met with NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin in trying to get grants for the salt issue in Columbia. A feasibility study would be needed in order to determine how much money would be needed for a grant. He is also stated that if a primary contaminant was found in the groundwater that could be a backdoor way in getting a grant. NJDEP offered their engineers for a feasibility study and offered to run a chemical panel on two water samples.

Salt shed

Engineer Ted Rodman went over options for a new salt shed. The options were provided by Mr. Rodman in a handout. Committee agreed on option #2, a structure which is a constructed with sealed concrete walls for the base with a pole structure built around. Mr. Rodman will create the specs.

Delaware Beach Rd.

Committee agreed on option 1 & 3 from the handout that they were provided. Mayor Starrs will go out to get quotes.

Coin Toss Ordinance

The attorneys have said NJ State law requires towns to have a coin toss ordinance before they can hold a coin toss fund-raiser. Committee discussed a sample ordinance Mayor Starrs provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Rock Music Ordinance

Mayor Starrs will work on an amended Rock Music Ordinance

Motion was made Committeeman Farber, second by Committeeman Van Horn and carried to approve two events to be held at Hunter's Lodge. One the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and the second is for a Relay for Life event in August that will also be held at Hunter's Lodge.

Mayor Perry of Hardwick to advertise for the June 1st Town Hall meeting at North Warren Regional High School. The meeting will address issues that residents in Knowlton and surrounding towns are having with CenturyLink Internet service.

CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting Talking Points

Mayor Starrs announced Air Liquide, the chemical company in Portland, PA, is in negotiations to buy the old Formica plant and expand operations.

Committeewoman Shipps gave an update on Community Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 8 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Committeeman Farber and carried to approve May 8, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

May 8, 2017 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, seconded by Committeeman Farber and carried to approve May 8, 2017 Public Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Rene Mathez asked what the surplus for 2016 was? Mayor Starrs will check and get that number to him.

Doreen Rutherford, owner of Hunter's Lodge, asked regarding a memo she received from zoning on the township's noise rules. She thought the zoning officer was citing a model noise ordinance that Knowlton has not adopted. Mayor Starrs already followed up with the Zoning officer regarding the memo and said that was correct, Knowlton had not adopted a noise ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, and carried to adjourn tonight's Township meeting at 9.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shipps
Acting Municipal Clerk