

# **LEBANON BOROUGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES**

**December 6, 2019**

The recessed meeting of the LEBANON BOROUGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY/Awards Dinner was called to order by Chairman, Edward Cichone at 7:30 PM at The Frenchtown Inn. The meeting was convened in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Burton, Gregory Crawford, John Saharic, Leona Burton

Also present: Joseph Novak- Novak & Novak LLC, Jim Hill– Frey Engineering, William Colantano – BKC, and Secretary Anita Weingart

### **RESOLUTION 19-22 – HONORING THE LATE KNOX FELTER**

**WHEREAS**, On April 5, 1936, J. Knox Felter, Sr. and Margaret W. Felter welcomed the birth of their new son into their family and the Lebanon Borough Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox attended the Lebanon Borough School, the old Clinton High School which was absorbed into the North Hunterdon Regional High School from where he graduated in 1954. Upon graduation from Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey with a degree in physics, he was employed in his home town by the State of New Jersey on the Round Valley Reservoir project. To further pursue his interest in the environment and public health fields, Knox attended Cook College of Rutgers University and became a registered Environmental Specialist, working in the public health field for the remainder of his career and serving in the leadership position as the President of the New Jersey Environmental Health Association from 1986 through 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox married the former Phyllis Shield, parenting and raising their five children in the Borough of Lebanon; and as his partner in life, they devoted themselves to making a difference in their community through their countless hours of volunteer work; and

**WHEREAS**, as a lifelong resident of the Borough of Lebanon, Knox was acutely aware of the failing condition of many cesspools and septic systems in the Borough and neighboring communities, and was a leader in establishing the Joint Sewer Service Study group comprised of five local municipalities, eventually leading to the establishment of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority by the Township of Readington and the Borough of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox, as the Mayor of Lebanon was instrumental in the formation of the independent, Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority and served for over thirty years as one of its representatives on the joint Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his service to the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority and the Joint Readington Township - Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority, Knox served on the Lebanon Borough Council and for 18 years as the Mayor of the Borough of Lebanon, such that “Knox Felter” became synonymous with Lebanon Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his local involvements, Knox utilized his leadership skills on a County and Statewide basis, serving as a member and President of the Hunterdon County Municipal Officer's Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, and as an officer and Board Member of the New Jersey League of Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in all of his free time, Knox was an exempt fireman in the Lebanon Borough Volunteer Fire Company, and was also a member of the Lebanon United Methodist Church where he served as a Trustee, choir member and Sunday school teacher.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority, in honor and grateful appreciation of his stellar career, devotion to family, Church and community, and unselfish contribution of his time and talents to the Borough of Lebanon and the community at large, the LEGACY OF J. KNOX FELTER, JR. be forever memorialized in the records of the Borough of Lebanon, the Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority and the community at large; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that J. Knox Felter, Jr. is hereby bestowed, in memoriam, the title of:

“J. KNOX FELTER, JR., COMMISSIONER EMERITUS, Lebanon Borough Sewerage Authority.”

**Mr. Burton presented a letter he wrote honoring Knox Felter to Phyllis Felter.**

**Mr. Cichone presented the donations to Lebanon Fire Company in the name of Knox Felter to Phyllis Felter.**

### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Burton moved and Mr. Crawford seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Anita Weingart,*

Secretary/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify these to be true and correct copies of minutes as approved by the Commissioners at the meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Anita Weingart, Secretary/Treasurer