

July 14, 2015

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: William B. Ferebee, Supervisor. Also present were: 1 resident, John Hudson, Former Building Code Officer, Gary Manley, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

Mr. Martin, the Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Martin offered privilege of the floor.

Donna Combs said she would like to ask Mr. Manley what is going on with the roads which she described as not passable for two cars to meet. She mentioned that the Limekiln Road is okay, but the sides are washed out. She said they are in the worst shape she has seen.

Mr. Manley said his crew has busy with blacktopping. He said there has been some washing out and sometimes it takes time to get to the ditching.

Mr. Martin assured her that notice is taken and Mr. Manley will take care of them.

Resolution No. 135 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Town Board Minutes from the Town Board Meeting held June 9th and the Special Town Board Meeting held June 16th, as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 136 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board appoint Derrick Martineau, who is already certified, as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Keene, at the hourly rate of \$18.50 per hour, working Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 137 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the following bids for the Beach Dam Replacement and Habitat Project as opened on July 1, 2015;

Mike Ward's bid of \$53,000

Sheehan and Sons' bid of \$36,600

Reale Construction's bid of \$45,900

and award this project to the low bidder, Sheehan and Sons. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The next discussion was in regards to the Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget regarding the donation to the Keene Valley Fire District's Back Country Rescue. Mr. Biesemeyer said he did not agree with this amount. Mrs. Estes gave him copies of the discussion and resolution that was adopted in 2013. Mr. Biesemeyer asked to come back to this discussion later in the meeting.

Resolution No. 138 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, at the request of the Keene Valley Hose and Ladder Co., the Town Board send their "annual" letter of support for their Field Day to be held this year on August 2nd. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Ellen Estes explained that the next resolution was changes made to the anticipated water rents for billing.

Resolution No. 139 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 139 – 15, a Resolution Amending Water Billing. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 140 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the resignation of Sadie Manfredi from her position as a member on the Youth Commission Board. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 141 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the resignation of Lorraine Duvall from her position as a member on the Planning Board. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Absent
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

The Board asked that letters of thanks be sent.

The next discussion was in regards to a donation to the Keene Valley Fire District's Back Country Rescue.

Mr. Ferebee left information following up on the discussions held about this issue in 2013, in which the donation was authorized but not followed through. He suggested a donation of \$6,000 be made at this time, \$3,000 for 2013 and \$3,000 for 2014.

After refreshing his memory by reading over the 2013 minutes, Mr. Biesemeyer said he felt the discussion authorizing \$3,000 was a one-time deal. He said he thought what the Department was asking for in 2013 was too much equipment.

Mr. Buysse said if a donation was going to be authorized each year, the amount needs to be set. He said he thought the Board had talked about \$3,000.

Mr. Biesemeyer said the taxpayers are already funding the Fire Departments. He said he would agree that a \$3,000 donation be made as agreed upon in 2013 by Resolution No. 154 – 13.

Resolution No. 142 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 142 – 15, a Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 143 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 143 – 15, a Resolution Transferring Funds. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 144 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for May as presented and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee: Absent
Mr. Martin: Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes
Mr. Buysse: Yes
Mr. Smith: Yes

Resolution No. 145 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the following bills be accepted for payment, including those that were prepaid. This resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee: Absent
Mr. Martin: Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes
Mr. Buysse: Yes
Mr. Smith: Yes

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 373 to 453, totaling \$155,333.02, as follows:

General Fund Bills	- \$ 35,690.53
Highway Fund Bills	- 110,974.93
Library Fund Bills	- 1,694.22
Water District #1 Bills	- 1,559.34
Water District #2 Bills	- 5,414.00

Resolution No. 146 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that with all business having been transacted, this meeting be adjourned. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee: Absent
Mr. Martin: Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes
Mr. Buysse: Yes
Mr. Smith: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
July 17, 2015

William B. Ferebee, Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilperson
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilperson
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman

