

December 13, 2016

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Paul R. Martin, Acting Supervisor, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: Robert M. Biesemeyer, Member of Council. (The Town Board is currently short 1 Member). Also present were: Joe Pete Wilson, Jr., William Ferebee, Ex-Supervisor, Ryan Hall, Town of Keene Water Operator, 16 residents (many of whom are members of Mother's Out Front, 1 Member of the Press and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Martin, called the meeting to order and invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ellen Estes informed the Board that she was requesting an amendment to her Minutes of November 22, 2016. She said it was brought to her attention that Mr. Ferebee made a statement that was pertinent to Town business, therefore, she asked that the following paragraph be added, "Mr. Ferebee informed the Board that this would be his final meeting. He also informed the Board that he would begin his new position at Environmental Facilities Corporation on November 30, 2016, but would be available to the Board should they have any questions regarding any ongoing issues".

Resolution No. 251 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Minutes of the Preliminary Budget Hearing held Thursday, November 10th, the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Thursday, November 10th, the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held Monday, November 14th, the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held Monday, November 21st, the notes from the interviews held Monday and Tuesday, November 28th and 29th and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 29th, as presented and the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 22nd, as amended with the paragraph listed above. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Ferebee to come forward and presented him with an engraved silver plate from the Town Board which Mr. Martin read aloud, "Keene Supervisor, 2006 to 2016, Thanks for your dedicated Service".

Mr. Ferebee thanked the Board saying he had enjoyed his time as Supervisor and again said he would be glad to meet with the Board if they have questions.

Mr. Martin said he would like to introduce Joe Pete Wilson, Jr., as the candidate that was selected by the Town Board to fill the unexpired term of Bill Ferebee as Town of Keene Supervisor for the calendar year of 2017.

Resolution No. 252 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene appoint Joseph P. Wilson, Jr. as Town of Keene Supervisor for the calendar year of 2017, the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of William B. Ferebee. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Martin said he would like to thank the other candidates that applied for the position saying that any one of the 6 would have done a great job.

Mr. Martin introduced Stephanie Miller, a member of the organization called Mothers Out Front. He said that Ms. Miller had asked to be on tonight's agenda to present a 5-minute documentary regarding the transportation of Bakken oil along Lake Champlain. The film warned of the danger posed by trains that transport explosive oil across North America saying these trains are not designed for carrying this type of material. Ms. Miller shared copies of the risk map showing the route used along Lake Champlain to go from Montreal to Albany. She read the Resolution they were asking the Town Board to adopt, this resolution will be attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Martin thanked the participants of this group for their efforts. A discussion followed, Mr. Both spoke about the Canadian oil train accident in Lac Megantic, Quebec. Monique Weston said the organization would like to put political pressure in play to stop this action. Mr. Martin suggested that the organization get themselves on the Essex County Board of Supervisor's agenda.

Resolution No. 253 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered Resolution No. 253 – 16 and moved its adoption. This resolution, a Resolution of the Town Board of Keene, NY Calling for a Moratorium on the Transport of Bakken Oil Along the Lake Champlain Railway Corridor, has been attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Absent
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	No

When asked why he was voting no, Mr. Smith responded that he would suggest starting at the County level with the Board of Supervisors with this request and having the Supervisor's bring the issue back to their Towns.

Both parties thanked the other for the presentation and their time.

Resolution No. 254 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board adopt the revised page 18 to the Employee Handbook, regarding regular part time employee's eligibility to accrue prorated sick, vacation and personal time as outlined throughout the handbook. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Martin gave a brief update on the Employee Handbook. He said the County has put the Town's request for proposals out to bid for the Town to have the handbook updated. Mr. Both gave a little history on this handbook saying that Tony Lucas helped put this together in 1999. He said that he thought these policies and information should be reviewed every 5 years.

Michael Buysse gave an update on Youth Commission news saying that ski sign-ups had been completed and basketball is underway. He said the Youth Commission Board advertised an opening on their Board that will begin January 1st. He said their recommendation for that vacancy is Lindsey Wilhelm from Keene Valley, saying she is the mother of 2 young children, one of whom attends the summer program.

Resolution No. 255 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the recommendation of the Youth Commission Board, Lindsey Wilhelm be appointed to the Youth Commission Board vacancy effective January 1, 2017. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Martin informed those present that Ryan Hall and Roger Preston have been busy getting the ice rink started.

Ryan Hall informed the Board that the price for disposal of tube televisions at the transfer station was going to be higher than expected. He said there are over 200 units to go at the cost of \$14 to \$16 each. The Board discussed the need, in the future, to pass this cost along to the user.

Mr. Martin said the Town has two job openings advertised; a part-time position for a clerk-typist, receptionist, etc and a full time position for a laborer to work with Ryan Hall.

Mr. Martin said the Christmas tree on Marcy Field looks great and a lot of people are commenting on it.

Nikki Frechette asked to have the horse sign moved from near Torrance's on Hurricane Road to the Leslie Gay Road. She said she has horses on Leslie Gay Road and there are no longer horses at the other location.

Resolution No. 256 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered Resolution No. 256 – 16, a Resolution Transferring Funds, and moved its adoption. This resolution, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 257 – 16

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of Susan Whitney, the Town Board grant a Blanket Resolution for any Transfer of Funds needed to close out the 2016 books. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 258 – 16

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the following bills for payment, including those that were prepaid. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 766 to 801, totaling \$48,299.29, as follows;

General Fund bills	- \$36,657.80
Highway Fund bills	- 9,615.17
Library Fund bills	- 407.05
Water District No. 1 bills	- 865.71
Water District No. 2 bills	- 753.56

The Board discussed the NY Rising funds available to the Town for flood prevention.

Resolution No. 259 – 16

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
December 20, 2016

Paul R. Martin, Acting Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman