

September 25, 2018

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer (arrived at 6:08 PM), Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Absent: Michael J. Buysse, Councilman. Also present were: Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Mr. Wilson introduced the first discussion as Transfer Station.

He began by saying that the County was going to increase the rate the Town pays for trash from \$62 per ton to \$87 per ton effective January 1, 2019. He also said the Town of Keene is not generating the same revenue they were which is leaving a gap. He said he feels the Town needs to double the cost of .10 cents per pound for disposal to offset this gap.

During the ensuing discussion, the Town of Jay not contributing and bulky days were both discussed.

Mr. Wilson suggested focusing on the trash hauling for now.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked what numbers are needed to figure out the amount needed to balance the figures.

Mr. Wilson suggested starting at .20 cents per pound and looking at the figures again in a couple years. He also said some town pay by the bag. He said he would get more information and figures together, but again said he thought going to .20 per pound would be a good first step.

The Board present agreed to table any decisions until more information is collected and a full board is present.

There was a very brief discussion regarding private roads that are maintained by the Town.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Smith if he had any thoughts about the draft resolution presented; Mr. Smith said didn't and said he had gotten an answer about why the Irish Hill Road is maintained by the Town. He said John Deming told him that the Irish Hill Road was the "original" Styles Brook Road.

The Board agreed to discuss this resolution again at the next meeting.

Mr. Wilson introduced the next topic saying the Employee Handbook Revision is in its final stages but said by NYS Law, a Sexual Harassment Policy would need to be added by October 9th.

He said the "kicker" to this law is that every vendor or contractor, except a sole proprietor, that the Town does business with will also have to have a Sexual Harassment Policy.

He said that Dan Palmer and Dan Manning had written a Sexual Harassment Policy that could be used by all the Towns in the County.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen said she had read this policy and thinks it's great.

Resolution No. 179 – 18

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy presented here tonight. A copy of this policy will be placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office and will be included in the "new" Employee Handbook. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Not present at this time
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The Board discussed a problem that occurred this weekend with the new parking rules put in place by DEC. As a result of striping the road to prevent parking in certain areas of NYS Rt. 73 near Chapel Pond, it sounded like there was excessive parking and foot traffic on or near the AuSable Road.

Mr. Wilson said that by taking action in a limited area it had pushed parking into another area. He said he believes these people need to be supplied with a place to park.

Scott Smith asked where the Town's parking shuttle runs; Mr. Wilson said it runs from the Marcy Field parking lot to the Garden parking lot. He said the mileage for one day this weekend was 255 miles.

There was discussion about the need for additional parking lots.

Mr. Smith suggested making the airport (Marcy Field) a big parking lot.

Mr. Wilson spoke of various locations for possible parking lots. He said that the Department of Transportation have electric shuttles they could provide and said that DEC is interested, he said this would not be run by the Town of Keene. He said that O.R.D.A. has buses and drivers.

He said that DEC has asked the Town to adopt a resolution setting the speed limit on the AuSable Road at 25 mph.

Mr. Biesemeyer arrived at this time.

Mr. Wilson said he had talked to John Schuler about this request saying he was fine with it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen said she was surprised saying that speed limit signs are required at certain distances and she was surprised they may allow them along the golf course.

Mr. Wilson asked the Board if they want to adopt a resolution approving a 25 mile per hour speed limit giving Scott Smith and himself the authority to work with the AuSable Club on the placement of the signs.

Resolution No. 180 – 18

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve posting a 25 mile per hour speed limit on the AuSable Road and give the authority to Scott Smith and Joe Pete Wilson to work with the AuSable Club on the placement of the signs. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Mr. Wilson said he had gotten a call from someone on Market Street regarding the speed limit. He said he would like to look into a flashing school zone sign. He said some residents have even asked to have speed bumps installed.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen said she thinks the speed limit in front of the school is 25 mph and suggested asking the State Police to sit there; Mr. Wilson said they were going to.

Mr. Wilson said he would look into non speed limit signs and will talk to Mr. Mayberry.

Resolution No. 181 – 18

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

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Resolution No. 182 – 18

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 6:18 PM.

Resolution No. 183 – 18

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board reconvene into regular session. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 6:30 PM.

Resolution No. 184 – 18

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the following bills for payment. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 612 to 657, totaling \$64,021.58, as follows;

General Fund	- \$25,352.44
Highway Fund	- 18,003.42
Library Fund	- 944.08
Water District #1 Fund	- 1,049.04
Water District #2 Fund	- 1,953.91
Salt Shed Capital Project	- 16,718.69

Resolution No. 185 – 18

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. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
September 28, 2018

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse, Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen,
Members of Council