

January 10, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 3 residents, Debra Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 57 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Notes from the December 2nd Interviews, the Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 2nd, the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held December 13th, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held December 27th, the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly and Final Town Board Meeting held December 27th and the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held December 28th, all as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson offered Privilege of the Floor to those present and welcomed them to the meeting.

Marcy Neville offered a welcome to Mr. Wilson, the Town's new Supervisor.

Ms. Neville explained that she and Bob Andrews were present tonight as the representatives of a new group who were going to be coming to meetings to promote involvement with Government.

She said she realizes that the minutes are posted on the Town's Website but asked if the agenda could be posted also prior to meetings.

Mr. Wilson explained that the agenda changes right up until the last minute, but said if the public doesn't mind an agenda that is subject to change, that is something that can be worked on.

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grant that is in the works for the Community Center improvements. He said this is a \$100,000 grant that can be used to improve the Community Center. He said he's been working with Mike Mascarenas to get updated and said the 1st round of applications is in and they will be working on the second round. He said he has been warned that this may be a slow process, it is the first time this grant has been offered.

Mr. Wilson explained that the next thing on the agenda was a revision to the Keene Public Library's By-Laws. He said the Board of Trustees had made two changes in their by-laws that need to be approved by the Town Board. One will place authority to hire part time help at the Library on the Supervisor and the other is to delete the need to present revisions to the Board of Trustees 10 days prior to meetings.

Resolution No. 58 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board adopt the Keene Public Library By-Laws as revised above by the Library's Board of Trustees. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the Town has an opportunity to apply for a \$2500 grant from the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST). He said in the application the Town would have to list what the money was going to be used for. He said that Eloise Endicott had indicated that signs and brochures written in French would be helpful for hiker parking. Mr. Wilson said he was asking the Board for ideas. Mr. Biesemeyer suggested getting ideas from the public and asked if this grant was from bed tax money; Mr. Wilson said yes it was.

Mr. Wilson said the next item on the agenda was in regards to some Community Center maintenance that is being required by the Town's Insurance (NYMIR). He said one of the items includes exit signs and emergency lighting and the other issue is with the manual shut off to the furnace being where it shouldn't be. He also said that fire proof sheetrock should be installed above the boiler.

The Board discussed how much could be spent before going out to bid on these repairs. How much each repair could cost was discussed and it was agreed that each one would be handled separately and would not require going out to bid.

Mr. Wilson asked the Board for a motion to proceed with these repairs.

Resolution No. 59 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorize Mr. Wilson to move forward in resolving the maintenance issues necessary at the Community Center. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ryan Hall said he felt there may be a couple other small heating issues that should be addressed at the same time.

A brief discussion followed regarding lead testing at the Community Center. It was discussed that Keene Central School had paid for lead testing in the upstairs sink, Mr. Wilson said he thought it makes sense to test the rest of the sinks. He said he would check to see which sinks have already been done.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that Betty Little would like to supply money to the Town for a couple of used trolleys to be used to alleviate hiker parking congestion along the State highways.

A discussion followed.

Mr. Biesemeyer suggested being cautious before entering into an agreement saying he can't see running 2 services.

Mr. Smith said he didn't think it would work.

Mr. Wilson said that the Cascade Road parking is actually in Lake Placid and said he would talk to Robi Politi about it. He also said there has been talk about a task force exploring the idea of collecting hiker fees.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he felt strongly that this trolley idea warrants further discussion saying that the Town Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the Town's taxpayers.

Mr. Wilson said he had received a couple of requests:

- He said that the East Branch Friends of the Arts have requested use of the Town bus to take a group to the Seagle Colony in Schroon Lake for a presentation on Friday, August 18th. The Town Board discussed this request and felt it could be worked out with the school if the Town needed to borrow a school bus for hiker parking that day.
- He said a request has been received from Scott Scovell's family to have the Town flags fly at ½ mast on Friday, the day of Scott's funeral. The Board all felt this was a good idea.

Resolution No. 60 – 17

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

The Town Board and Debra Whitson, Town Attorney, entered into Executive Session at 7:41 PM.

Resolution No. 61 – 17

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

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 8:01 PM.

Resolution No. 62 – 17

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. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers for 2016, Numbered 834 to 869, totaling \$32,218.48, as follows:

General Fund	- \$15,206.64
Highway Fund	- 11,408.46
Library Fund	- 2,857.75
Water District No. 1	- 2,662.59
Water District No. 2	- 83.04

Multi-Fund Vouchers for 2017, Numbered 1 to 23, totaling \$64,197.76, as follows:

General Fund	- \$45,170.06
Highway Fund	- 16,068.37
Library Fund	- 1,768.12
Water District No. 1	- 676.06
Water District No. 2	- 515.15

Resolution No. 63 – 17

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. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
January 13, 2017

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilman
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman