

March 21, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall (postponed March 14<sup>th</sup> due to Winter Storm Stella). The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, II, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith. Also present were: 3 residents, Gary Manley, Highway Superintendent, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Debra Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 88 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept and approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held February 14<sup>th</sup> and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held February 28<sup>th</sup>, as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Absent at this time
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Privilege of the floor was offered, there were no questions or comments.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the Beede Brook – St. Huberts Long Term Community Recovery Strategy has been received at the Town Hall and is available for public review and comments.

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the Holt House Projects saying there is \$13,000 remaining from the Scenic By-Ways Grant and said any work using these funds must be complete by July. He said he is looking for direction on how to spend these funds saying some of the ideas so far include repairs to the Holt House required by the Town's liability insurance, insulating the attic so the building can be used for summer offices and a location for hiker information staffed by DEC personnel.

Mr. Buysse recommended replacing shingles that have blown off and the addition of seamless rain gutters on both the front and back of the building.

Mr. Smith suggested painting the inside.

The Board discussed these suggestions and agreed to prioritize the projects as:

- Repairs to the building required by insurance to include work on stairs, railings and walkways,
- Shingle repairs, and
- The addition of rain gutters.

Mr. Wilson gave a brief update on the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) Grant saying there are funds available of up to \$100,000 for the Community Center building. He said the Town needs to come up with plans and proposals for projects they would like to do. He asked the Board to think about projects and said they would come back to discuss ideas.

The next discussion came as a result of the Landfill Closure Monitoring.

Mr. Wilson said that he, Gary Manley and Ryan Hall had met with Geoffrey May from Adirondack Landfill Services regarding this monitoring. He said that all the other Towns in the County are much further along with their monitoring of the landfill closures while the Town of Keene is still being required to test twice a year due to salt contamination. Mr. Biesemeyer said he thinks that is a State Road problem due to road salt.

Mr. Martin said the contamination of the lower wells come from the road but the upper wells are from the highway garage.

Mr. Wilson shared a diagram of the wells involved.

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Mr. Biesemeyer felt strongly that the salinity of wetlands are partly a problem of years of the State salting the roads.

Mr. Smith asked what the Town needs to do.

Mr. Wilson said the Town will have to continue testing for 7 additional years saying if the levels are still high at the conclusion of the testing DEC may get involved. He said at this time DEC is willing to give the room to the Towns to handle the problem. He said this is our heads up.

Mr. Biesemeyer said the root of the problem is the State's "Clear Roads Policy" from exit 31 to Lake Placid that began at the time of the 1980 Olympics.

Tom Both said the first testing of the landfill monitoring showed no salt, he also said there used to be grants to help Towns out in these situations.

Mr. Martin suggested doing the construction at the highway garage for the storing of salted sand and the drain system from garage spills and if the levels don't diminish then the State must be the problem.

Mr. Biesemeyer agreed the Town should do what they can but said he thought it was minimal.

Mr. Both said he had the name of a man from Paul Smiths that has done research on salt contamination, he said he would get his name for Mr. Wilson.

The next item on the agenda was a request, received via an email, from a man in Florida, requesting permission to set up a food trailer on Town property. The Board were all in agreement not to allow this. Mr. Wilson said he would pass along the message for the vendor to get in touch with the Farmers' Market.

The next item on the agenda was acceptance and awarding the truck bid opened earlier this month.

Mr. Wilson explained that one bid was received as a result of advertising for a new 2017 19,500 GVW Truck. He said that Egglefield's bid price on this truck was \$56,764 with a trade in allowance of \$100 for the Town's truck.

Mr. Manley said he has been in touch with Egglefields and they are willing to make the deal without a trade-in, he also said he called the State Comptroller's Office and was told this was nothing they objected to.

He said when he bid out last year, his plan was to buy the truck from unexpended fund balance, he said his plan has changed and he will be making this purchase with last year's CHiPs funds.

Resolution No. 89 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the bids as opened and award the bid to Egglefield Bros. Ford at the purchase price of \$56,764 with no trade in. 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

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the Town's Insurance Representative recommended changing the Town's deductible from \$500 to \$1000 to keep the Town's premium at the budgeted amount.

The Board all agreed to this change.

There was a brief discussion regarding the flower baskets put on the Route 73 bridge.

Mr. Wilson said that last year there were 20 baskets and the Town paid \$5 each to have them filled, he said the price this year was going to be \$30 per basket.

Mr. Smith suggested cutting back to 10 baskets, the rest of the Board agreed.

Resolution No. 90 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered Resolution No. 90 – 17, a Resolution to Amend the 2016 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. 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

Resolution No. 91 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the Town Board authorize giving the Town of Wilmington a highway permit to use roads in the Town of Keene for their 100K Mountain Bike Race to be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be it also resolved, that the \$20 application fee be waived. 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

The FYI was given that Bulky Days at the Keene Transfer Station has been scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Wilson said that it has not been determined by the Board of Supervisors when and where Hazardous Waste Days will be held.

Resolution No. 92 – 17

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the High Peaks Arts and Antiques Show be given permission to use Marcy Field on Saturday and Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sale. 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 Board was given the lists of anticipated water rents for 2017. They were asked to look them over and come back with any questions they may have before they are adopted.

Ryan Hall took this opportunity to speak to the Board about some equipment and labor costs to have it installed for Water District #2. He said he would get an itemized quote.

Mr. Wilson said the Hydrogeologist will be coming back to work at Water District #2 when the ground thaws.

Ryan Hall spoke to the Board about sending a letter to pool owners in the water districts asking them to schedule filling their pool so everyone isn't doing it at the same time.

Ryan Hall asked the Board what the policy was for turning on seasonal water lines that have leaks. He said he tells people they have two weeks to fix it and asked what happens if they don't.

Mr. Biesemeyer said it may have to be handled case by case.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Ryan to shut-off lines with leaks if they are not fixed in a timely fashion and caretakers will not have authorization to turn the water back on. A notice to that effect will be sent to water users in their water bill.

#### Resolution No. 93 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of Ryan Hall, permission be given to purchase an aluminum flat bed for the general fund's gray pick-up truck, at a cost of \$4382. 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

#### Resolution No. 94 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for December as presented and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. 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 gave a brief update on the Gulf Brook Phase 2 Project.

He said he has just sent out the easement agreements that are going to property owners living out of town.

He said he has been working with the County Attorney on the appraisals which should be here in 30 days or less. When discussing having this expedited, he said it would cost \$300 a piece to do that and there are 4 landowners who will not sign the option without knowing the appraisal value. Though he said some of these landowners are willing to sit and talk about the project.

He said the Grant lenders are happy with the progress that is being made.

#### Resolution No. 95 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approved and signed the following bills last week when the meeting was postponed due to the weather. 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

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 121 to 170, totaling \$69,119.40, as follows:

General Fund bills	- \$19,742.33
Highway Fund bills	- 47,149.83
Library Fund bills	- 727.45
Water District #1 bills	- 1,283.30
Water District #2 bills	- 216.49

Resolution No. 96 – 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. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Martin: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Mr. Buysse: Yes

Mr. Smith: Yes

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk

March 24, 2017

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