

March 28, 2017

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. 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, Council Members. Also present were: Donna Reed Austin, Tax Collector, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wilson said that Tom Both couldn't make it to the meeting and that Paul Martin would make the presentation to the Board regarding the Veterans' Memorial Park. Mr. Martin explained that a 4-foot wide path had been constructed at the park by digging it out, then putting in cloth and pea stone. He said this hadn't worked well and it looked shabby. He asked if Ryan Hall, with someone to help, could scoop this stone back out, put back in topsoil and seed it.

The Board had a brief discussion which included who should do this work and decided that the Committee should make plans on what they would want done and Ryan could help them out.

The next discussion was in regards to the Town of Keene bus which takes the Senior Citizens to Plattsburgh shopping once a month.

Mr. Smith asked what was going on with the \$10 charge.

Mr. Wilson explained that a resident had come to him and asked for this service to be free, he said that the charge is keeping some people from riding. He said his research showed that last year the total collected for this service was \$740.

The Board discussed this issue.

Mr. Wilson suggested an envelope system where if you can pay you do and if you can't it's okay.

Mr. Buysse suggested donations.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he felt that anything that can be done to defray the budget should be done saying that this is just one of the many things the Town does.

The Town Board agreed to implement a new system of a \$10 suggested donation when it does not create a financial hardship for the rider.

Mr. Buysse asked if the Board was going to discuss the requests made in Meredith's retirement letter; Mr. Wilson said the Board would follow up during an Executive Session.

Mr. Buysse asked if the street lights were going to be put back on the bridge in Keene Valley, he said at this time there is a long, dark stretch between lights. This matter will be checked into.

Mrs. Estes asked if there were any questions on the water rent lists. The Board Members said they were still looking at them.

Resolution No. 97 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of the American Legion Post 1312, they be given permission to use March Field and the Holt House to stage their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Flaming Leaves Exhibition on Saturday, September 23, 2017. 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

Resolution No. 98 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered Resolution No. 98 – 17, a Resolution to Amend the 2017 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. 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

Resolution No. 99 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. 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 entered Executive Session at 5:57 PM. Donna Austin and Ellen Estes were briefly included in this meeting.

Resolution No. 100 – 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. Buysse.

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 6:31 PM.

Mr. Wilson said no decisions were reached during Executive Session.

Resolution No. 101 – 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. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund bills numbered 171 to 197, totaling \$29,386.01, as follows:

General Fund	- \$10,703.06
Highway Fund	- 15,693.66
Library Fund	- 880.39
Water District No. 1	- 1,290.71
Water District No. 2	- 818.19

Resolution No. 102 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer 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. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Martin: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Mr. Buysse: Yes

Mr. Smith: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
March 30, 2017

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