

November 9, 2017

Minutes of the Public Hearing Upon Preliminary Budget held Tuesday, November 9, 2017, at 6:00 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: Teresa Cheetam-Palen, Member of Council Elect and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

The Board made comparisons between the Preliminary Budget filed with the Town Clerk on October 10th and a final draft that has been prepared since.

Mr. Wilson said this new draft is up about \$20,000 but still under the tax cap.

When asked if this included money for the Beatlemania Concert, Mr. Wilson said no.

The following changes were made;

- Public Works Personal Service was up \$3,000,
- Buildings Personal Service was lowered \$2,000
- Central Communication Personal Service was increased \$8,300 to allow Kate Magnan to work more hours backing up Data Processing and working the front desk,
- Publicity Contractual was raised \$2,500, Mr. Wilson will find out why and get back to the Board,
- Parks Personal Service was raised \$2,000 and Recreation Facility Personal Service was lowered \$2,000,
- The \$10,000 previously authorized by the Board was added for the Keene Valley Library's Capital Campaign,
- \$3,000 was taken out of Cemetery Personal Services, a brief discussion was held regarding maintenance to cemetery walls at Norton Cemetery and some additional maintenance needed at Fairview Cemetery, enough money seems to be in this budget for both,
- Medicare Reimbursement was lowered \$800 due to changes,
- \$4,000 was removed from the Hurricane Mountain Steward Program,
- \$7,552 was removed from Highway Medical Insurance Buyout,
- Mr. Wilson said that the Library Budget had been tweaked due to an early retirement, he said \$928 had been removed from Personal Service Misc. and said that Social Security was up \$742,
- The Social Security line was lowered for Water District #1, and
- \$1,000 was added to Water District #2 for Water Service charges.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the shuttle bus broke down during the Senior Citizens monthly shopping trip to Plattsburgh last week.

Ms. Estes informed the Board that at this time a notice was put in the paper advertising for bids on a new van.

Next was a brief discussion regarding hiker parking issues. Mr. Biesemeyer said he felt that today's meeting with DOT and DEC was a good meeting.

Mr. Biesemeyer informed the Board that the Library Board had selected a replacement for the vacancy of Library Clerk. He said they had interviewed 10 strong candidates though one was disqualified because of not being available for Saturdays. He said it came down to Aaron Miller and Nancy Both and after a brief discussion Aaron Miller was selected.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
November 14, 2017

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council