

April 10, 2018

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse, Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Also present were: 9 Residents, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent, Deb Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 101 – 18

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held March 13, 2018 and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held March 27, 2018, as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Privilege of the Floor was offered; there were no questions or comments.

Tonight's first discussion was regarding the Clean Energy bids opened today.

Mr. Wilson began this discussion by sharing copies of an article talking about the Keene Clean Energy Committee. Before turning the floor over to Jim Bernard, Mr. Wilson said he would be speaking about bids opened this morning.

Mr. Bernard began by giving some history and saying that the Keene Clean Energy Committee had gotten the Town of Keene recognized and certified as a Clean Energy Community making it eligible to be granted \$50,000. He said at a Team Meeting, the Committee had opted to spend \$2500 on an energy audit and use the rest for a solar array.

He said this solar array project had gone to bid in March and said 3 bids had been received and had been opened this morning. He said that comparing the bids had been complicated due to the subsidiary from NYSERDA but said after normalizing the bids, the low bidder was Croton Energy in partnership with Adk Solar.

He read part of the resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to move forward and submit the grant application to NYSERDA with three particulars listed (see attached resolution).

Mr. Biesemeyer asked why the Team had chosen to go with a roof mounted array over one that was free standing.

Mr. Bernard said that because the ground mount would have gone on the landfill, it would have been more expensive.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if the array would be in a fixed position; Mr. Bernard said yes.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked what kind of roof it would be on; Mr. Bernard said it's a rubber roof, he said the contractor looked at it and said it would be fine.

There was a brief discussion about the condition of the roof, Mr. Biesemeyer and Mr. Bernard were in agreement that you wouldn't want to put it on a roof in need of maintenance.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked how many panels this would have; Mr. Bernard said he didn't recall exactly saying probably 60.

There was further discussion on the life of the rubber roof being 40 years; Dan Mason responded that the solar array will help to save the roof. Mr. Biesemeyer suggested having someone check out the roof first. Mr. Bernard said the vendor selected would come in to inspect the roof before construction begins; he went on to say that he recommends Croton Energy.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked how much energy this would provide; Mr. Bernard said 3500 kilowatts per year.

The Board thanked the Committee for their hard work.

Resolution No. 102 – 18

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 102 – 18, a Keene Clean Energy Resolution Awarding Bid. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Wilson made the announcement that Donna Reed Austin would be 2018's Water Rent Collector.

Mr. Wilson said he needed a resolution to amend Resolution No. 42 – 18. This will amend who can act as the Town's representative at County Youth Board Meetings.

Resolution No. 103 – 18

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that Michael. Buysse be appointed to act as the official representative for the Town of Keene on the Essex County Youth Board / Planning Committee and that Rich Durant shall act as his alternate. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson explained that a resolution was needed to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. He went on to explain these calculations are used for retirement reporting and are based on calendars turned in by those individuals.

Resolution No. 104 – 18

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town Board adopt Resolution No. 104 – 18, a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson said the Board had been supplied with the 2018 Anticipated Water Rent List for Water District #2. He said this is for review and will be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Wilson briefly explained the Resolution to Amend the 2018 Budget.

Resolution No. 105 – 18

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 105 – 18, a Resolution to Amend the 2018 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 106 – 18

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report for February and the two amended Supervisor's Reports for November and December 2017, as presented and have them placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Deb Whitson said that the Essex County Bar Association would be holding a celebration on Law Day, May 1st and said the Liberty Bell Award which is awarded to a non-lawyer citizen would be recognizing Randy Preston. She said it is a Buffet Breakfast at the Canoe Restaurant in Lake Placid. She said everyone is invited to attend saying tickets will be available at the door for \$22.00 or anyone wishing could RSVP through her.

Resolution No. 107 – 18

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 243 to 282, totaling \$29,878.85, as follows:

General Fund bills	- \$15,729.18
Highway Fund bills	- 12,135.28
Library Fund bills	- 951.54
Water District #1 bills	- 820.15
Water District #2 bills	- 242.70

Mr. Wilson said he would like to recognize the Adirondack Foundation for funding a free shopping bus to Plattsburgh. He said they supported this for anyone who was in need of shopping with the Valley Grocery presently gone.

Resolution No. 108 – 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:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
April 12, 2018

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Councilwoman