

November 27, 2018

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: Robert M. Biesemeyer and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Also present: Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

The first item on the agenda was the continuation of the Cell Tower Rent Proposal discussion.

Mr. Wilson stated that Ryan Hall had made a good point and handed the floor over to him to explain.

Mr. Hall said the annual amount of \$15,000 being received from Verizon is being applied toward the debt service saying that if the buyout proposal was accepted the annual amount collected as ad valorem would increase.

Mr. Buysse questioned if the proposal was accepted, couldn't \$15,000 be used per year toward the debt service.

A discussion followed with everyone present agreeing not to accept the proposal but to leave the payment received as is.

Mr. Buysse asked if there was anything new on the Gulf Brook Projects.

Mr. Wilson said he has been working on the property acquisitions. He said he has talked to all the property owners but one saying everyone is good on the lower side.

He said he has talked to almost everyone on the Beede Brook project, except Ed OConnor. He said he is talking to the Porters again tomorrow to show them a map.

He said that 3 property owners on the lower project have an Attorney working with the County Attorney so he is a little "left out of the loop on that" but said that most property owners have already signed.

He said that everything on the projects is proceeding.

Mr. Buysse asked if there would be any funds left after these projects that could it be used behind the Hudsons. He said there was work that should be fixed from work done there before.

Mr. Wilson said he has looked into that and has seen pictures but said that when work involving engineering is done the costs go crazy.

He went on to say that the Towns of Jay and Keene have applied for a Multi-year Grant through DEC to continue work on the AuSable River through both Towns.

Mr. Wilson explained to the Board that a request was received from KCS asking the Town to purchase an ad in their 2019 Yearbook. He said the Town usually takes out a ½ page ad for \$80.00.

There was a brief discussion regarding the ad: Mr. Wilson showed the Board a picture of the Holt House logo that could be used; the Board also asked to have the elected officials named.

Resolution No. 222 – 18

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorize the purchase of a ½ page ad in the 2019 KCS Yearbook. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Scott Smith said he had two trucks advertised for sale at auction saying the auction closed yesterday. He said that \$7,300 was the high bid on the 2000 International with plow and wing and \$20,000 was the high bid on the 2003 International Cab & Chassis. He asked the Board for their permission to accept these bids and sell this equipment. The Board continued their discussion saying the proceeds from this sale could go into the Back-hoe Reserve Account saying it would cover between 1/3 and 1/2 the cost of a back-hoe.

Resolution No. 223 – 18

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorize the sale of the aforesaid equipment at the auction's high bid of \$7,300 for the 2000 International with plow and wing and \$20,000 for the 2003 International Cab and Chassis, putting the proceeds into the Back-hoe Reserve Account. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Scott Smith informed the Board that he had a new high band radio system put into the plow trucks and loader and had purchased two portables.

There was a brief discussion about purchasing a couple more portable units for Mr. Hall and Mr. Wilson.

There was also discussion on what to do with the old radios, the value will be looked into.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Hall for an update on Water District #2.

Mr. Hall said that Layne Drilling had set the screen today in the new well. He said they will be bringing another rig in tomorrow for development of the well. He said what they need to do now is a standard practice for a municipal well. He said after making the gravel pack, they will perform a 72-hour pump test to test the yield. He said if they get good production numbers they will get it hooked into the system.

When asked about the water loss in Keene Valley, Mr. Hall informed the Board that he is still losing water at about 30 gallons per minute saying he had found one leak which was losing 20 to 30 gallons per minute.

Mr. Smith asked if the property owners of the fence issue had appeared in Court last night; Mr. Buysse said he thought the date had been postponed and the property owners were expected to come to the Planning Board on Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson said he plans to sit in on Tuesday's Meeting to see what happens.

Resolution No. 224 – 18

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Monthly Financial Statement of the Supervisor for October and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 225 – 18

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 785 to 803, totaling \$146,356.16, as follows;

General Fund Vouchers	- \$65,908.64
Highway Fund Vouchers	- 65,899.66
Library Fund Vouchers	- 935.49
Water District #1 Vouchers	- 2,717.06
Water District #2 Vouchers	- 4,351.26
Salt Shed Capital Fund	- 6,544.05

Resolution No. 226 – 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. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
November 29, 2018

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