

November 12, 2019

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 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: 2 residents, Jennifer Whitney, Town Board Member Elect, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 226 – 19

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption.

Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held October 8th, with the following modification, she asked that on page 26, the Minutes be modified to say “She is working to line up NYSEG’s list of streetlights with the Town of Keene’s inventory” instead of the statement “she is working to get them lined up with their maps”.

Be it also resolved, that the Minutes of the Emergency Town Board Meeting held October 2nd, the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held October 3rd and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held October 29th, all be accepted as presented.

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

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

Mr. Wilson gave a brief update on the Community Master Planning process, he said there is a public meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 PM at the Keene Valley Library to start organizing work groups. He said the Committee is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

He said he is trying to schedule a Public Meeting to review this season’s hiker parking and will announce it on Nextdoor Keene.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen said she had a resolution to present to the Board for the removal of 32 streetlights. She stated that Jerilea Zemple may ask to have one light moved from one pole to the next. She went on to explain that 21 of these lights to be removed are in low end lighting and 11 are in the Hamlets, either too close to one another or not operating at all.

Resolution No. 227 – 19

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 227 – 19, a Resolution Authorizing Streetlight Removal. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Cheetham-Palen about the availability of the conversion map and whether the privately owned lights would be changed to LED.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen said that was a good question but she would have to check this out; she said there may be as many as 6 private lights.

Resolution No. 228 – 19

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the 2019 Final Water Rent Reports for Water Districts No. 1 & No. 2, as submitted by the Water Rent Collector. These reports, in their entirety, have been 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

The next item on the agenda was to schedule the Annual Audit for 2019 of Officers and Employees. Dates were discussed, everyone agreed on January 21, 2020, at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Wilson gave a very brief Storm Debriefing regarding the flooding rains of October 31st and November 1st.

- He said that Scott Smith has submitted his damage totals,
- He said that the County is trying to reach the State Emergency Fund total and the State is trying to reach the Federal amount.
- He asked that anyone with damages, please find a way to submit these amounts, he said that the more that is submitted, the better the chances are to qualify.

Mr. Wilson said a Representative will be coming from the State on Thursday. He said the Little Johns Brook Bridge in Keene Valley is the main problem area.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he had spoken to Bill Ferebee about the funding for the Gulf Brook Project and that Mr. Ferebee didn't think the Town is in as bad a shape as Mr. Wilson thought.

Mr. Wilson said the State has now released the money and things are looking good; he said it looks like the project will get underway this winter.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Hall if he had anything.

Mr. Hall said he had received and opened one bid for a new 2020 Cab and Chassis and would like permission to order it. He said the only bid received was from Egglefield Ford, he said the purchase price was \$36,750, with a \$17,00 trade in for the 2015 pick-up, leaving the price at \$19,750.

Resolution No. 229 - 19

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the sole bid for a New 2020 Cab and Chassis and award the bid to the only bidder, Egglefield Ford. 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. 230 - 19

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Revision to the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for June and the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statements for July and August as presented and have them placed on file with the Town Clerk. 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

Resolution No. 231 – 19

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the following bills be approved for payment. 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

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 774 to 811, totaling \$68,066.23, as follows:

General Fund Bills	- \$17,621.81
Highway Fund Bills	- 13,191.06
Library Fund Bills	- 1,669.43
Water District No. 1 Bills	- 248.33
Water District No. 2 Bills	- 2,735.40
Salt Station Capital Fund Bills	- 32,600.20

Resolution No. 232 – 19

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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