

November 26, 2019

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse, Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Also present: Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Wilson said the first item for discussion was an update on Water District #2, he turned the floor over to Ryan Hall.

Ryan Hall shared an aerial picture of the water tank in Keene Valley, this picture has been attached to and made a part of these minutes. He said that the blue lines in the picture are water lines and went on to explain that he had drained and pressure tested the tank. He said the leak is currently causing a loss of 100 gallons per hour. He said the area of the leak has been determined to be in the inlet line and went on to say that in the Spring, excavation would be done between the booster station and the tank. He said this excavation would be 30 feet deep and would be done with a vacuum truck.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked who had made the determination; Mr. Hall said he and Todd Hodgson had performed the testing.

Mr. Hall said they know the leak is under the tank because of where the water appears.

Mr. Biesemeyer felt strongly that the contractors who put in the tank should be contacted about this problem.

Mr. Hall went on to talk of the need to apply for a SPEEDY Permit; Mr. Wilson explained this is a discharge permit from DEC.

Mr. Hall stated that this leak could cause undermining beneath the tank.

Mr. Wilson said that he has been looking for planning money for engineering to include fixing the tank, the new well and to update the pump house.

Mr. Biesemeyer again suggested that the contractors that built the tank, roughly ten years ago, should be notified.

Mr. Wilson said the tank is out of warranty.

Mr. Smith said he agreed with Mr. Biesemeyer about contacting the original contractor.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked about the engineering saying he would like to have it confirmed that this tank was built to specs.

Mr. Wilson said the good news for Water District #2 is that the \$200,000 Department of Health Grant facilitated by Betty Little's office has been delivered and the money borrowed from the General Fund has been paid back.

The next topic discussed was the request and petition for Speedbumps/humps from residents on Adirondack and Market Streets.

Scott Smith said these individuals are asking for 3 or 4 temporary speedbumps or humps from May to October.

Scott Smith said he wasn't big on the idea, but was okay with it if it's done; Mr. Biesemeyer also said he wasn't big on it.

Scott Smith said when there were speedbumps on Church Street, people would slow down to go over them and then speed to the next one or go around them on the sidewalks.

Mr. Biesemeyer suggested having a public hearing.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked if the problem is with parking in the summer or whether speeding is the problem.

Mr. Wilson said that Todd Waxgizer says it's the residents that are speeding and said his concern is with the speed.

Mr. Wilson questioned out loud whether the Town could borrow a couple speedbumps from the County to try before buying any.

Scott Smith questioned speed checkers.

Mr. Wilson stated strongly that there would be no speedbumps/humps during plowing season.

The conversation seemed to switch over to speed boards.

Mr. Wilson told the Board that the new speed board for Route 73 came today, he said this one will log down the traffics speed.

Using speed boards on Adirondack and Market Streets was discussed.

Mr. Wilson asked Scott Smith to check with Jim Duggan to see if the County has speed boards the Town can borrow.

Mr. Biesemeyer and Mr. Buysse, both, stated they felt a public hearing was necessary.

Mr. Wilson said he would like to try temporary speed boards, then get opinions and then have a public hearing.

Scott Smith will check on borrowing equipment; Mr. Wilson will respond to the residents.

Mr. Wilson shared a letter from the Essex County Agricultural Society with the Board; this letter was a request for a \$1000 donation to the Essex County Fair. He asked the Board if they wanted to discuss it now or put it on the next agenda. It was agreed to put it on the next agenda.

Resolution No. 235 - 19

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered Resolution No. 235 – 19, a Resolution to Amend the 2019 Budget, and moved its adoption. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. 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

Resolution No. 236 – 19

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Supervisor’s Monthly Financial Statements for September and October, and have them filed 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

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked why the highway is in the negative on the report; Mr. Wilson explained that it is because the DEC reimbursement on the salt shed runs three months behind, he said the final payment will be here in December.

Scott Smith asked the Board for permission to get prices on back-hoes. He said he makes his final payment on the 2017 International next fall and would like to replace the back-hoe he has before it fails.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he didn’t see a problem with getting estimates.

The Board had a very brief discussion regarding CHiPs funds.

Resolution No. 237 – 19

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Board approve the following bills for payment. 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

(list of invoices follows)

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 812 to 841, totaling \$148,968.36, as follows:

General Fund Bills	- \$79,608.24
Highway Fund Bills	- 62,805.06
Library Fund Bills	- 60.66
Water District No. 1 Bills	- 2,356.31
Water District No. 2 Bills	- 4,138.09

Resolution No. 238 – 19

Mr. Buysse 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 6:13 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
December 3, 2019

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