

February 11, 2020

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer (arrived a few minutes late), Teresa Cheetham-Palen, David R. Deyo and Jennifer G. Whitney, Members of Council. Also present were: 1 resident, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 77 – 20

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Minutes of the Organizational Town Board Meeting held January 2nd, the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held January 14th, the Minutes of the Annual Audit of Employees and Officers held January 21st and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held January 28th, as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Absent at this time
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

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

Mr. Biesemeyer came in during the following discussion.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen gave a brief history on the proposed removal of streetlights saying that due to the cost of removal she had gone back through her notes and reduced the proposed number from 32 streetlights to 10. She said there is enough money earmarked to cover this cost of approximately \$8,000.

Mr. Deyo asked which ones would be removed; Ms. Cheetham-Palen began to explain some of the locations and said she would send him a link to access that information. She said that 8 of them are in what they are calling Lighting District #1 (rural use) and 2 are in the Hamlet.

Resolution No. 78 – 20

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 78 – 20, a Resolution Amending Streetlight Removal Resolution No. 227 – 19. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Wilson said the Strategic Planning Committee would be holding a Hiker Parking Meeting on Thursday, at 6:30 PM, at the Keene Valley Fire House, to discuss the parking management on Adirondack and Market Streets.

The Board went on to discuss shuttle and parking options.

The next discussion was about the deficit in the Transfer Station's 2019 budget.

Mr. Wilson began by stating that the budget was \$17,000 in the hole after doubling the collection rate for garbage.

Mr. Hall said he felt this deficit was occurring as a result of the recycling loads not being compacted enough and going out light. He said a lot of money in that department is for trucking.

Mr. Wilson also stated that reimbursements for recycling had tanked in 2018.

Ms. Whitney asked if going back to the County with our recycling was an option.

Discussion followed which included the metal bin, cardboard bin and zero sort recycling. Mr. Wilson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Resolution No. 79 – 20

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

The Town Board and Ryan Hall entered Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

Resolution No. 80 – 20

Mr. Deyo offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board reconvene into regular session. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 7:47 PM.

Mr. Wilson introduced the next discussion saying that Bob Rose had gotten a grant from the Recreation Aviation Foundation to have two trees cut at the end of the runway and had volunteers lined up to help cut some brush. He said that Mr. Rose had the Sullivan's permission to cut the trees and would borrow the Highway's chipper to chip the brush.

There was a brief discussion regarding Mr. Rose renting the hanger.

Mr. Wilson said that Ms. Whitney is interested in Town Branding and turned the floor over to her.

Ms. Whitney said that she was interested in coming up with a logo to use for welcome signs, stationary and truck decals. She said that Josh Whitney did the last Hamlet signs and was willing to do them again and change the rounded shape.

Mr. Biesemeyer gave the history of the phrase "Home of the High Peaks".

Everyone agreed to use Josh's sign modified to show mountains in the same colors, but without the hiker and to add "Home of the High Peaks".

Ms. Whitney said she would like to start with Hamlet signs first saying the Town already has the posts.

Ms. Whitney also said she would like to work on the Town's Website also saying she has an appointment to meet with ROOST toward the end of the month.

Mr. Wilson said the Board needed to discuss what they want to do about the public using salted sand from the salt shed. He said he has received complaints and went on to say it is unsafe and Town property shouldn't be given away.

Mr. Deyo said he was under the impression that the Town left out a pile of sand for the public to use.

Mr. Smith said some people fill 5 gallon pails, but a few shovel onto their pick-ups.

Mr. Deyo asked Mr. Smith if he had a problem with this; Mr. Smith said he didn't and said he can't police it.

Ms. Whitney stated that it's a liability issue.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that if you let one or two people take it, it snowballs, saying the policy has to be not to allow it; Ms. Cheetham-Palen agreed with Mr. Biesemeyer.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen suggested putting up a sign restricting it; Mr. Biesemeyer agreed.

The Board discussed having signs state "Town of Keene Vehicles only" and "Town of Keene Employees Only"; Mr. Wilson will work on getting signs made.

Resolution No. 81 – 20

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. This resolution, a Resolution to Amend the 2019 Budget, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Resolution No. 82 – 20

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept Draft #1 of the Supervisor’s Monthly Financial Statement for December 2019 and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Resolution No. 83 – 20

Ms. Cheetham-Palen 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 Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Multi-Fund Vouchers for 2019, Numbered 975 to 979, totaling \$1,415.31, as follows;

General Fund Bills	- \$1,307.70
Library Fund Bills	- 107.61

Multi-Fund Vouchers for 2020, Numbered 51 to 91, totaling \$29,041.10, as follows;

General Fund Bills	- \$17,955.49
Highway Fund Bills	- 8,547.47
Library Fund Bills	- 368.68
Water District # 1 Bills	- 1,514.33
Water District # 2 Bills	- 655.13

Resolution No. 84 – 20

Ms. Cheetham-Palen 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 Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
February 13, 2020

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, David R. Deyo and
Jennifer G. Whitney, Members of Council