

January 28, 2020

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, David R. Deyo and Jennifer G. Whitney, Members of Council. Also present were: Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Mr. Wilson opened the meeting giving a Gulf Brook update.

He said that Reale Construction is using the Elm Tree Inn property as a staging area for this project saying this is an agreement between the Purdys' and Real Construction.

He said the easements are all done and that the Town is waiting for the contract from the Governor's Office for Storm Recovery.

He said that Reale Construction is starting with cutting trees and are ready to begin work as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the NYS Legislature has changed the 2020 law regarding sexual harassment prevention in the workplace. He said this will result in all employees having to take the new training. There was a brief discussion on what this would mean to the new employee handbook, Mr. Wilson said the section regarding sexual harassment had been kept generic to say that the Town will follow NYS law. Mr. Wilson said before the new law can be adopted, the Board will need to decide who the appropriate person to report sexual harassment to will be; the Board all seemed to agree that it should be the Town Supervisor.

Resolution No. 71 – 20

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board adopt the "New" Sexual Harassment Policy for All Employers in New York State. This policy, in its entirety, has 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
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Mr. Wilson introduced the next topic saying that back in October, 25 residents had signed petitions asking for speedbumps to be added to Adirondack and Market Streets. He said this was discussed in the fall and said that the Fire Departments are against it, he said the School will give their opinion following this month's School Board Meeting.

Mr. Deyo questioned whether crosswalks with a sign placed in the center of the road in various locations would work. He said he felt that when he was living near the corner in Keene Valley, the sign near the AuSable Inn seemed to slow the traffic down.

During the discussion that followed, Mr. Wilson said those signs can't be used on the State Road because they are considered more dangerous than safe. He also said that the Town had a lot of them get run over and broken and they cost about \$320 each. He said that the raised crosswalks put in by the school had helped a little.

Mr. Smith explained the difference between a speedbump and a speedhump saying the hump is wider and not raised as high.

Ms. Whitney said the problem with those is that cars try to go around them to avoid them.

Mr. Smith also said they cost about \$1400 each.

Mr. Wilson said another thought is to purchase a new speedboard that can log down speed.

Ms. Whitney asked if the County could bring in a flashing sign; Mr. Wilson said they don't have any available.

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The Board looked over the petition.  
Mr. Deyo suggested that the Town put out cones with flags to see how that works.  
Mr. Wilson stated that no structures can be put down during plowing.  
Everyone agreed that in the Spring the Town could try breakaway crosswalk signs which will be used in conjunction with the highway's schedule.

The next topic discussed was streetlight removal.  
Mr. Cheetham-Palen started by giving a little history saying there had been meetings last summer resulting in the proposal to remove 32 existing lights. She said that NYSEG has finally responded saying that would cost of removal would be between \$18,000 and \$36,000. At this cost, she said her new thought is to revise the list down to a handful of removals in Lighting District #1; Everyone agreed. She said she has all her notes and will go back through and pare the list down to a more reasonable figure.

Mr. Wilson asked for an Executive Session to discuss a Settlement Agreement on an ongoing legal issue.

#### Resolution No. 72 – 20

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter Executive Session to discuss an ongoing legal issue. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 5:55 PM.

#### Resolution No. 73 – 20

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

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 6:20 PM.

#### Resolution No. 74 – 20

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 74 – 20, a Resolution Approving Assessment Settlement. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

#### Resolution No. 75 – 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 Mr. Biesemeyer.

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 972 to 974, totaling \$9,994.53, as follows;

General Fund Bills	- \$9,000.12
Highway Fund Bills	- 994.41
	(2020 following...)

Multi-Fund Vouchers for 2020, Numbered 33 to 50, totaling \$35,958.19, as follows;

General Fund Bills	- \$20,144.55
Highway Fund Bills	- 14,770.29
Library Fund Bills	- 50.51
Water District #1 Bills	- 354.34
Water District #2 Bills	- 638.50

There was a brief discussion regarding an invoice discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Deyo said he had run into Hailee Morelli and she told him that the invoice for uniforms paid at last month's meeting was for uniforms that will be used for various youth sports for the next 4 or 5 years.

This information seemed to make everyone feel better about the sale, though they still felt the Youth Commission Board should be made aware of staying within their budget.

Resolution No. 76 – 20

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 Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
January 30, 2020

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor  
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman  
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Councilwoman  
David R. Deyo, Councilman  
Jennifer G. Whitney, Councilwoman