

October 8, 2020

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held Thursday, October 8th, 2020, at 5:00 PM, at the Town Pavilion. 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 and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

Mr. Wilson called this meeting to order at 5:00 PM saying the purpose of tonight's meeting was for the Town Board to adopt and file the 2021 Preliminary Budget with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Wilson began by explaining that the Budget had come in under the 2% Tax Cap saying there was a little room for cushion. He said he and the Town Board were not taking the 3% increase given to all other employees and officials. He said other than the cuts that Scott Smith had made to the Highway Budget, no other changes were made since the last meeting.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he was surprised to just hear from Mr. Smith that Brett Guerrin was not happy to be leaving the Highway Department. Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked what the cuts made to the Highway Department totaled, saying it was \$64,479 by her calculations. Mr. Biesemeyer said he didn't want the highway cut to seem like the Town Board had forced Mr. Smith to make this cut. He went on to speak to Mr. Smith saying he just wanted to work together. Mr. Biesemeyer said the Board came to the conclusion that Personal Service was the only place in the Highway Budget to cut the \$64,000 that Mr. Wilson was looking to cut. He said he hates to see the Highway Department mad at the Town Board. He said that Mr. Wilson had mentioned that Brett was thinking about leaving the Department. Ms. Whitney said the Board offered a buy-out which was not accepted. Mr. Biesemeyer again said he didn't expect to hear that the Highway wasn't happy. Mr. Wilson said he had extended this position until January 31st and he and Ms. Cheetham-Palen confirmed there was unemployment available after that. Mr. Deyo commented that this was the last thing anyone wanted. Mr. Wilson said that with the cut of \$64,000 from the Highway Budget the Total Appropriations for the highway are only down by \$6,000. He said the Town was going to have some hard years.

Resolution No. 178 – 20

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget as presented and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. 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

Mr. Wilson informed Ms. Estes that they received notice from retirement that she was retiring October 27th.

Ms. Estes explained that date had been withdrawn, that if all the proper paperwork gets in, she may opt for the end of November.

The Board discussed the Town Board Meeting for next week.

It was agreed to hold the meeting at the pavilion and to start at 4:30 PM.

Resolution No. 179 – 20

Mr. Deyo 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

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

This meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
October 9, 2020

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