

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor  
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor  
Budget Workshop  
October 5th, 2021  
5pm  
Community Center Pavilion

Minutes of the Special Meeting Budget Workshop held Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 5:00 PM, at the Town of Keene Pavilion. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer and Teresa Cheetham-Palen Cori-Anne Favro, Town Clerk. Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent.

The Town Clerk Officially turned over the tentative as approved budget to the Town Board members.

Mr. Wilson gave a draft of the preliminary budget to the board members, which the board will be working on at the next board meeting. No changes can be made after the public notice.

Mr. Wilson presented the following:

Page 8 there were some changes. Line 282 sales tax. The town got another payment so that went up \$20,000.00

Parking lots was raised to \$70,000.00 and now we are slowing down. It takes into account the big deposit you just made.

Water #1 the cell tower revenue, what we are going to have to do at the Thursday night meeting is establish a capital reserve account in Water #1 and that is where the money is supposed to go. Water #2 has a capital reserve account already.

On the summary sheet you will see the yellow, that is our amount to be raised by tax which is \$1,915,086.00 the tax cap number is \$1,929,000.00 so we are \$14,000 under the cap and I want to leave a little cushion. I think what I would like to propose to be considered is that the extra \$10,000.00, we invest in some changes at the transfer station.

Teresa and I have a plan and some drawing and such that we are going to present at the next meeting. We have met with Shannon Porter a couple of times and Todd from the county.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked what they were thinking of doing.

Mr. Wilson replied that it's too hard to explain so let him and Teresa get the drawings. They want to move a few things and they need to talk to Scott Smith too to see what they can help with.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that we have to be careful, so that we don't put good money after bad. Like the fence we did and now we need to repair the wall under it so it will have to be removed. I am concerned that the landfill needs a big picture and I think we should put the money into a capital reserve account for the landfill instead of just spending little amounts of money.

Mr. Wilson explained that they have some short term fixes while we do the big term and the short term fixes won't be throwing away money. We have to get the plans and we need to talk to Scott.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Asked that we need someone to come in that really knows what they are doing and help us create a big picture plan and create the capital reserve.

Mr. Wilson stated that him and Teresa just finished their last meeting today and they don't have anything prepared to share with the meeting now.

Mr. Biesemeyer explained that he always thought if we could get Cassella back managing the waste and recycling.

Mr. Wilson stated " well that's the county, and I talked about possibly a phone based monitoring system. Of recycling."

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that we are a bit understaffed to run the transfer station properly.

Mr. Wilson stated that they were thinking about moving some of the containers and that he would like to hold the \$10,000.00 as a cushion and next Tuesday for the board meeting there will be more details available to the board.

Topic changed to the Paving of Jackson Road project, which is not a part of the budget meeting.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated he just drove up it and it's in great shape and they have it all ready to be paved.

Mr. Smith added that he just called Kenny and cancelled the paving project for tomorrow morning.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would call Jessica Hartley now and let her know that they would not be paving Jackson road as planned.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked why we just give up like that because one person is opposed to the paving project. Many others think its a good idea.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that from what she can gather is that, there were conversations about not paving Jackson road because it was part of the easement.

Mr. Wilson stated that part of negotiating the river work there, the big concern that Jessica Hartley had was that the improvements to the road would increase traffic and speed on Jackson road and that was the overarching concern.

Mr. Biesemeyer argued that just because one person has a concern, overrides the fact that paving is a better and more cost effective way of road maintenance. It is without a doubt, if you ask any engineer. You take a steep grade road like and pave it, it's much easier to maintain.

Mr. Wilson stated he can see it both ways, but the neighbors are concerned about the speed of traffic.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if anyone else on the road objected?

Mr. Wilson stated that they did not interview anyone.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Well in Jessica's understanding in the conversations regarding the easement that it was not to be paved.

Mr. Smith explained that on the large hill, it is pitched so that the water runs towards the one ditch. When water runs, gravel runs. Soon all the gravel is going to be in that ditch.

Mr. Wilson asked if we could pave it in the future then?

Mr. Smith stated yeah.

Mr. Wilson said if it became a problem in the future they would revisit paving it.

#### RESOLUTION No. 225-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wilson who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board has completed all business and will adjourn at 5:16 PM. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo .

#### Roll Call Vote:

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

Adjournment at 5:16 PM

Respectfully submitted Cori-Anne Favro, Town Clerk

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