

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
Town Board meeting for the adoption of the 2022 Budget
November 18th, 2021
6:00 pm
ZOOM Platform

Minutes of the Town Board Budget Adoption meeting for 2022 held, November 18th, 2021 at 6:00 PM, via ZOOM. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer and David R. Deyo, Councilmen, Teresa Cheetham-Palen and Jennifer G. Whitney, Councilwomen. Also present were: Cori-Anne Favro, Town Clerk. Town Residents also present.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

RESOLUTION No. 269-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Cheetham-Palen who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene adopts the 2022 budget as presented in the preliminary budget meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he looked through the emailed copy, there are no changes right?

Mr. Wilson stated that the only changes were ones that were discussed a while back which were changes to the justice personnel line and the town clerk deputy line. No changes to the numbers.

Mr. Ferebee asked about the line items for the new staffing, was the budgeted amount correct for the number of hires and rate of pay?

Mr. Wilson explained a few line items but said he would need to go back and check the numbers.

Mr Ferebee asked about funds for the library.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that they wouldn't know until they got information back on the grant.

Mr. Ferebee also asked about the DEC grant and if it was awarded and why it wasn't in the budget showing a line item.

Mr. Wilson replied that yes it was awarded more information is still pending. Mr. Biesemeyer explained what he spoke about with Kathy the bookkeeper in the last meeting. Account will not reflect until we get some money.

Mr. Ferebee asked some clarification about the large increases of revenue from prior years, in hiker parking, and fines and forfeitures. Hiker parking estimated revenue increased \$20,000 and fines more than doubled.

The board agreed this is correct.

Ms. Peterson checked to see if the town was still giving the Keene Valley Library the yearly donation. The board agreed it was.

Ms. Favro pointed out that the budgeted 29 hour a week position was not correct. She said she thinks the budget was not updated when the hourly rate switched from \$15.50/hr to the \$18.00/hr.

Mr. Wilson thanked everyone for their observations and he would look into it and stated there is extra money in the central data processing (Clerk to the Supervisors line) that can help

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: yes

Mr. Deyo: yes

Ms. Whitney: yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wilson asked for 2 certified copies of this, that he needs to turn into the county. He will need this first thing Monday morning so that he can file it with the county.

Ms. Favro stated this would not be a problem.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16PM