

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
Town Board meeting
November 30th, 2021
5:30 pm
ZOOM Platform

Minutes of the Town Board held, November 30th, 2021 at 5:30 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(Arrived late), Councilwomen. Also present were: Cori-Anne Favro, Town Clerk. Town Residents also present.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

RESOLUTION No. 270-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemyer who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene approves the Minutes from the following meetings;

November 4th, 2021 Preliminary Budget Hearing

November 8th, 2021 Public Hearing on MRTA Opt out

November 9th, 2021 Regular Town Board meeting

November 18th, 2021 2022 Town Budget Adoption Hearing

This was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: yes

Mr. Deyo: yes

Ms. Whitney: absent

Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor: NONE

Mr. Wilson gave Covid update that Keene was doing well, but in other towns in the county it's on the rise and the county health is overwhelmed. We need to do what we can to support public health. He stated Essex County Public Health is having a staffing shortage, just like everyone else in the area.

Mr. Wilson also spoke about fuel contracts and how the community center ran out of fuel this past weekend. We are working to get a fuel contract, Mr. Wilson got information from the county on the contract and he is going to meet with Mr. Smith to talk about the fuel plan.

New Business: Little Peaks air filters.

RESOLUTION No. 271-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Cheetham Palen who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene approves the use of the Town of Keene's American Rescue Act Funds to reimburse the cost of the estimated amount of \$1849.00 for the Air Filtration Units for use by the Little Peaks Preschool. This was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Mr. Deyo asked if there were any other plans for those funds yet.

Mr. Wilson replied that he is taking a wait and see approach because the guidelines are so strict. We have about \$103,000.00 available. He would like to see what some other towns are doing first. Some towns are thinking about using it for vaccine incentives for employees. No concrete plans right now though.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	yes
Mr. Deyo:	yes
Ms. Whitney:	absent

Motion Carried.

Next item of business is the scheduling of the rest of the year's meetings.

RESOLUTION No. 272-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Deyo who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board approves the date change for the December 28th Town Board meeting to be moved to December 21st, 2021. This was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	yes
Mr. Deyo:	yes
Ms. Whitney:	absent

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 273-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board approves the date of the Town of Keene 2022 Organizational Meeting to be set on January 7th, 2022 at 5pm . This was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	yes
Mr. Deyo:	yes
Ms. Whitney:	absent

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wilson presented the next item of business, the Animal Control Officer that was just appointed has resigned. So acting AOC will be Supervisor Wilson. It's the goal to have someone appointed by next week.

No Supervisor's reports to accept, no transfers of funds for this meeting.

RESOLUTION No. 274-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Cheetham-Palen who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board approves the request of use for Marcy Field for a Music concert on June 25th, 2022 at 7pm for Non-profit event. This event will be no charge. This was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Deyo wanted to add something before the Town Board went into executive session. He stated he spoke with Carol Scrafford today and she called him at home. She stated she wanted to speak with the Supervisor and he said that he would let the Supervisor know.

Mr. Willson thanked Dave for speaking with her and that it was due to pine needles in the road and he talked to Scott Smith and they had already converted everything to winter equipment so he was not sure what they would do.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated she spoke with Mr. Redpath and he was thrilled with the new parking lot at the Marcy Field Oval, and said it's important that the oval be plowed properly in the future.

The Board has to leave Zoom meeting and then come back to the meeting after executive. So they decided to audit the bills first.

RESOLUTION No. 275-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board approves the audit of the bills from Voucher numbers 671-694 that were signed by Mr. Biesemeyer and Ms. Cheetham-Palen. This was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: yes
Mr. Biesemeyer: yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen: yes
Mr. Deyo: abstain
Ms. Whitney: abstain

Motion Carried.

It will be Ms. Whitney and Mr. Deyo's turn to audit and sign the bills for the current batch. Mr. Wilson asked them to be signed before 9am due to Susan Whitney's tight schedule to cut the checks. The board members stated they could make that happen.

Mr. Aaron Miller spoke about the a formal sexual harrassment and discrimination policy that Karen Glass is working on for the Keene Valley Library, when that is done I would like to see if the Town Board would like to look at that and add to the Town of Keene.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would like the attorney to weigh in on his thoughts since the Town already has an accepted policy based on New York State Law and policy.

Mr. Miller also gave an update on the winter merger and said it's going very well. The library being open 6 days a week is great, he has enjoyed working with the kids that come in from Keene Central School. He thanked the Town Board for the support.

Mr. Wilson gave an update that the Keene Library has a building permit and he will be meeting with Karen and Aaron about the grant administration details tomorrow.

Ms. Li Water Superintendent gave an update on the Water Department. The old pump in well 1 has fried and this was anticipated, so we had all the parts on hand for the replacement. Parker Wells came today and it cost less than we anticipated as well. Everything is now done except the electrical hook up and the transducer, which measures the amount of water. Ryan Hall will be coming tomorrow to help finish setting all that up and Todd is coming tomorrow morning at 5am so that we can test the well. It's currently disinfecting now. We are going to flush it 2 times and test it and send it to DOH and get Well 1 back online.

Mr. Wilson stated that this shows that our planning is paying off, because this work did not affect the budget. Thanks Savana.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated thanks for joining the Keene Team, you are doing a good job.

RESOLUTION No. 276-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Cheetham-Palen who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board will go into executive session at 6:02PM. This was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: yes

Mr. Deyo: yes

Ms. Whitney: yes

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 277-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Whitney who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board will return to regular session at 6:31 PM. This was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: yes

Mr. Deyo: yes

Ms. Whitney: yes

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 278-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Deyo who moved to its adoption. Be it resolved, the Town of Keene Board has completed all business and is adjourning at 6:32 PM. This 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

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Cori-Anne Favro Town Clerk

(12/10/21) CF

