

Special Town Board Meeting
September 6, 2022
5:15 p.m. at Keene Community Center Pavilion

MTG #19
Res. #239

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Town Supervisor
Robert Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Council Member
David Deyo, Council Member
Jennifer Whitney, Council Member

TOWN OFFICIALS

Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

SUPERVISOR WILSON called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. following a Public Hearing on Water District #1 Bonding.

The discussion on the floor is still regarding Section 4 of the Bond Resolution, does the Town guarantee the Water District's loan?

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if they were understanding it correctly or if there is something that they may be missing.

Supervisor Wilson asked if they were planning to table the information? He explained that he already asked their Bond Attorney, and that is what they gave them. He stated that he will ask Liam, since he is the Town Attorney.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked for documentation of the clarification. He would like it provided at least in an email so that there is something that they have in writing to back up their decision and that they understand it. And that they had at least done their due diligence to make sure that they haven't signed something that may not be the way that they all understood it. It does need to be properly researched before they put other people's money at stake.

Supervisor Wilson asked the other Town Board members if they agreed with what Mr. Biesemeyer had stated. Each board member answered yes. Supervisor Wilson verified that they were going to table it until they got an answer. Mr. Biesemeyer again stated that he wanted a written legal opinion that can be shared with the public.

Mr. Deyo agreed that they need clarification, and especially for the residents of Keene Valley as well.

Per Mr. Biesemeyer's request, the discussion and any further decisions were tabled.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he had a meeting with FEMA to do the next step in filing their reimbursement for the Halloween storm. He also filed another bunch of paperwork to do their closeout meeting. They stated that they would process the paperwork and get back to him in another couple of weeks.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if that was 70%.

Supervisor Wilson responded and stated that he wasn't sure if it was 70 or 75% but it was somewhere around there. They don't do full reimbursement, they only do a percentage.

Mr. Deyo asked if they (FEMA) seemed receptive with it so far.

Supervisor Wilson responded and said yes, but they are reaching the 2 year anniversary. He doesn't want to say that yes it is going to happen when they have already been waiting to see.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that he was not concerned about the \$300,000 for the bond and Mr. Deyo also agreed, but stated that the residents deserve to have an answer.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he does not know how quickly FEMA is going to get back to him with a decision..

Mr. Biesemeyer confirmed that Supervisor Wilson has been getting reassurance each step with the FEMA process. Supervisor Wilson stated that he has had everything turned in at least twice. There hasn't been anything that says that it didn't meet something or that anything needing to be refiled.

Mr. Biesemeyer recollected that around last January they had heard that they had accepted their application. Supervisor Wilson agreed and stated that every step of the way they have said yes to everything he has submitted. He just does not know or have a date of when he will get a definite answer. He had a meeting with the State and Federal people to do the closeout paperwork and it is moving along.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO.: 239,2022

**INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

SECONDED BY: DAVID DEYO

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene has completed all business and hereby adjourns the Special Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Duly adopted this 6th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Wilson, Mr. Biesemeyer, Ms. Cheetham-Palen, Mr. Deyo, Ms. Whitney

NAYS: none

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. Smith
Town Clerk
Town of Keene