

**Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m. at Keene Community Center Pavilion**

**MTG #22**  
**Res. #252-267**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Deyo, Council Member

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

Reginald Whitney, Highway Superintendent  
Dean Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Thomas J. McCabe, Donna Reed-Austin, Diana House, Carol Kobak, Ellen and Michael Estes, Linda Deyo, Bill Ferebee, Vincent McClelland

SUPERVISOR WILSON called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 252,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**  
**WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the following Town Board minutes are accepted and approved by the Town Board:

- September 6th Public Hearing Minutes on Water District #1
- September 6th Special Board Meeting Minutes
- September 13th Budget Workshop Minutes
- September 13th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- September 20th Special Board Meeting Minutes

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

Supervisor Wilson spoke about the Town Board vacancy. He announced that there were eight candidates that applied and that it was great to see so much interest to serve on

the Town Board. He explained that it would take some time to go through the process of making a decision. He planned to set up interviews with each candidate, discuss the candidates during an Executive Session at a meeting, and then vote on the decision.

**RESOLUTION TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE TOWN BOARD  
MEMBER VACANCY**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 253,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

WHEREAS, the Town Board as one vacant seat open due to a resignation,

AND WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for letters of interest for said vacancy,

AND WHEREAS, the Supervisor received 8 letters of interest,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves to move forward with interviews for the applicants, followed by discussions in Executive Session, and appointment to the vacancy as so approved.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Supervisor Wilson invited Donna Reed-Austin to do a presentation to the Board.

Donna Reed-Austin, resident, spoke and stated that she and Devon McCabe had done a survey on Nextdoor Keene to see if there was any interest in pickleball. The results of the survey were that 77% (of the 75 people that voted) were interested and 23% were not interested. She handed out a diagram which showed how to make an existing tennis court into a pickleball court. She explained that it is a much smaller court and all that would be needed was for some tape to be put down in the appropriate dimensions for the court. The tennis courts could still be used to play tennis. This would not interfere with it at all, and they are not trying to do away with tennis. It would allow for the courts to be used for a dual purpose; both tennis and pickleball. She asked if anyone had any questions.

Supervisor Wilson clarified that she was requesting for the town to approve the usage and also pay for the lining of the courts.

Ms. Reed-Austin verified and stated that there is special tape that would need to be purchased to place the lines. She estimated the cost to be under \$200.

Supervisor Wilson asked if there were any questions. He stated that he had spoken to the Youth Commission and that it was requested that the Youth Commission get first priority to the tennis courts before anything was scheduled.

Ms. Reed-Austin agreed and stated absolutely.

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE TENNIS COURTS FOR PICKLEBALL USE**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 254,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the usage of the Community Center Tennis Courts for Pickleball and the Town Board approves the cost and will line the Tennis Courts as appropriate for this usage.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

Discussion prior to the vote:

There was a brief discussion in regards to the net. Ms. Reed-Austin explained that normally a pickleball net is usually 2 - 3 inches lower, but they were not requesting for the net to be adjusted at all. They were not intending to play professionally.

Carol Kobak, resident, spoke and stated that there was a broader array of ages, both young and old, that played. There was less wear and tear on people's knees and legs and it was a very easy sport to pick up.

Supervisor Wilson gave an update and stated that the tennis court fence has still not been fixed yet.

Supervisor Wilson asked if there was anyone else for Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked to speak in regards to a topic that was brought up at the last meeting in which he was not in attendance. He read that there had been a discussion in regards to the future of the Community Center. He wanted it noted that before anything is done with the building that they try to retain the building, if possible, at least the exterior of it. He also stated that they might want to consider it for a location for the Mountain Health Center and the Post Office. He thought that those two things might need to be relocated and that would be a perfect location for them. Mr. Biesemeyer wanted his thoughts to be noted in the minutes.

Supervisor Wilson stated that at the prior meeting they had discussed getting some of the Strategic Master Planning groups together and getting more public input. No matter

what they decide to do with the Community Center they would be investing a lot of money. They wanted to make sure that they were investing it with a goal that serves....

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that more importantly, they needed to get a group together to find out how they were going to pay for it. He stated that they would get plenty of ideas but the funding of it was another thing.

Supervisor Wilson stated that while they were on the topic, he wanted to discuss the donation of the playground and the fact that the family would like an update.

The Board Members discussed the renovations of the playground. They were in agreement that they would like to accept the donation of the playground upgrade and let the family move forward with their planning with the stipulation that they were aware that the longevity of the Community Center building was uncertain.

### **OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS**

Supervisor Wilson welcomed Vincent McClelland and stated that Mr. McClelland was there to discuss the progress of the Safety Path that would connect the two hamlets.

#### **SAFETY PATH UPDATE:**

Vincent McClelland, resident, explained that they needed two easements to get from Keene Valley to Keene off from Route 73. One is from Holt Road to Airport Road, and the other is from Airport Road to Hulls Falls Road. They were able to get an easement from Holt Road to Airport Road. Since then, they have had to get two wetland crossing permits from the APA. They also needed one approval from the DOT for a short crossing by Holt Road. It was in their right of way. He and Supervisor Wilson met with the DOT and they were very favorable about the project. They like the whole concept of getting pedestrians off from Route 73. Mr. McClelland put together a bid document and sent it out to three local contractors. They received a bid back from one and the other two declined. For Holt Road to Airport Road came in at \$160,000, and the section from Airport Road to Hulls Falls Road will be approximately \$60,000. Then there would be miscellaneous for signage and information at about \$20,000, so it was a total of \$240,000 for the project.

They have had an unbelievable amount of support from the community. Without going out and really asking for money, they have already received \$102,000 towards the project. They have been able to put that money into a fund. They were at a point now in which they would like to phase the project. The first phase would be to do the clearing on Holt Road to Airport Road, which was estimated to cost \$94,000, so they already have enough money to do that. He asked permission to transfer the money from the fund to the town and for them to authorize the project to start.

### **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM VINCENT MCCLELLAND AND ESTABLISH A TOWN CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE CREATION OF THE SAFETY PATH**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 255,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the establishment of a Capital Reserve Account with monies provided by Vincent McClelland for the creation of the Safety Path between Keene and Keene Valley.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

Mr. McClelland stated that they were trying to get the project done for the least amount of money as they could, and any excess funds would remain with the Town of Keene to be used for the maintenance of the trail. He stated that it was being explained to those donating, so that they were aware.

Supervisor Wilson thanked Mr. McClelland for all of his hard work.

Supervisor Wilson announced that on Sunday they had opened the East Branch Trails on Route 9N and the Youth Commission gave the Town Board a Certificate of Appreciation. He stated that there was an excellent turnout and that it was a good example of what Mr. McClelland was trying to do; community help, donations, and volunteers.

AGENDA PLANNING:

Supervisor Wilson asked the Board Members to look at the Agenda Schedule and decide when they should start planning for inside meetings.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked where they would hold them.

Supervisor Wilson recommended holding them upstairs at the Keene Valley Library.

The Board Members agreed to hold the October 4th Public Hearing and Special Meeting at the Keene Community Center Pavilion. They will hold the October 11th Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Keene Valley Library. Supervisor Wilson will verify further meeting dates with the Library to discuss availability.

WATER DISTRICT PROJECTS:

Supervisor Wilson stated that he was meeting with the School District next week before they had Claude from HydroSource come in. He stated that the school has a lot going on there and they wanted to be sure that they had enough room for their outdoor classroom expansion and that the Town projects were compatible with their projects. Once he clears that he will get Claude to review the survey they did in 2017 and help them select a new well site.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked for clarification on the figures that were given.

Supervisor Wilson stated that the \$14,500 - \$18,500 was for the survey work that was needed. And that the \$12,000 - \$22,000 would be an additional fee for each test well. Step 1 is the \$14,500 - \$18,500 to get hydrology feedback from them.

### 2023 BUDGET:

Supervisor Wilson stated that he did not do anything more with the Water Districts because they were still working on the Bonding. He planned to work on it more this week with Cathy and also the Community Resources Office. He stated that he was also waiting to hear back from the Municipal Financial Consultant.

Supervisor Wilson announced that they had to turn in their Tentative Budget by the end of the week. He stated that he had two copies of the budget. One of them was with a 3% Health Insurance increase and the other one was with the 11% Health Insurance increase. He stated that both budgets had the salary increases set at 3%. He said that they needed to discuss the Health Insurance costs and that Water District #1 was going to change their tax cap a little bit.

Supervisor Wilson explained where to locate the differences in the two budgets. He explained that the 3% increase was if they changed to the high deductible health savings account plan. That plan lowers the premiums and the increase was only 3%. He stated that Ashley pointed out that one of the advantages to employees was that the employee's contributions go down significantly. Because the premiums go down by about 40%, the employee's contributions would go down about the same.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if the Supervisor had Mark Crawford come and meet with the employees directly.

Supervisor Wilson replied and stated that they had met with him this summer and that they could have him come back again.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked for a side by side comparison of the two plans.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he was meeting with Mr. Crawford next week and that he would be preparing a side by side comparison. He had only sent Supervisor Wilson the figures.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that he thought there was opposition to that plan. He stated that he wanted the Highway Department to meet with Mark Crawford and to get employee feedback. They were the ones that would be impacted the most by the insurance. He stated that if they were sold on the idea, that would be great.

Dean Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent, spoke and said that he wasn't sold yet. He stated that he had already talked to Mr. Crawford. He also stated that everyone that he had spoken with at the Highway Department was opposed to it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked what the main concern was.

Mr. Smith asked if they wanted to get into it because he had a bunch of...

Supervisor Wilson stated yes, definitely.

Mr. Smith asked where the deductibles were in the budget. They would have to set aside all of this money for everybody's deductible.

Supervisor Wilson stated that it was one of the things that they had to set up still.

Mr. Smith stated that it would be a lot of money. For his wife and himself, Mark told him that it would be \$14,000.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen replied, wow.

Mr. Smith addressed Ms. Cheetham-Palen, and explained that they have an aging group. It would be different if they were young guys and they didn't use healthcare a lot. They just had a worker go out with hip surgery. There went \$14,000 right there that the town would have to pay. He does not see how the town was going to save any money. He stated that they also have younger families that have kids.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that Mr. Smith had told him that he had reached out to other towns that have tried that plan already.

Mr. Smith agreed and stated that was why a lot of employees were bailing from other towns.

Supervisor Wilson stated that Mark had pointed out that other towns had a different set up than what the Town of Keene was talking about.

Mr. Smith agreed and stated that he was right, other towns did.

Supervisor Wilson stated that they (other towns) had a much higher out of pocket, and the amount that the town contributes to the employees. It is not a direct comparison.

Mr. Smith addressed Supervisor Wilson and asked how the town was going to be able to sustain paying his deductible, Reggie's family deductible.....it was not going to happen. His prediction was that in a couple of years from now, the town was going to realize that they can't pay all of those deductibles. Then it would have to be changed again. Then they may need to pay \$5,000 of the deductible and that was what his fear was. They would have to come up with it, like the other towns are. They have a good plan now. He stated that everyone wanted a 5% raise. He doesn't understand that either.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that it was now back down to 3% raises.

Mr. Smith stated good. That was what it had always been. He didn't understand why everyone wanted 5%.

Supervisor Wilson stated that when he got more information from Mark he would share it with people. He also stated that they had to turn in the Tentative Budget by Friday.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated, to go with the higher priced insurance.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen agreed and stated that it was still the Tentative Budget and they would have a chance to change it if they wanted to.

Supervisor Wilson discussed the higher priced insurance. He stated that they were hitting them with an 11% increase.

Mr. Smith addressed Supervisor Wilson and stated that he totally gets it. He (Mr. Smith) was all about saving money but he feels like, why wouldn't someone leave the town like Scott. He left partly because of that and because of more money. He thought that the town was going to lose people.

Supervisor Wilson responded and stated that was why they were talking a ton about it. He was just trying to balance the budget and do what doesn't hurt the employees. He stated that on a bigger picture, he had met with Dan Stec and Matt Simpson about how the town is on their own. They are a small employer with very few employees. At first, they had asked for a 14% increase on the health insurance, and a place like Essex County that has more employees had a 0% increase because they could bargain with the insurers. He spoke with them to ask for NYS Law to be changed so that small towns can pool together in a consortium. They already do it with Workers Comp.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that it wouldn't help them this year.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen agreed but stated that it would help them in years to come. The health insurance rates just continue to go up, up, up, up. She stated that she wanted the employees to have the best plan that the town can afford.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he was working on that bigger picture piece. If they can't change that, they know that they are just going to be force fed whatever rates the insurance companies throw at them. The Board Members then reviewed the final numbers on the Tentative Budgets that they had. Supervisor Wilson explained that with the more expensive insurance, it puts them right at the tax cap and he still needs to figure out Water District #1 debt. That would mean that they needed to cut spending somewhere else. He stated that it sounded like they were deciding on the 11% health insurance, not making a change, and the 3% salaries.

Both Mr. Biesemeyer and Ms. Cheetham-Palen agreed.

Supervisor Wilson stated that if they voted on that Tentative Budget, that he still needed to make some adjustments to put Water District #1 numbers in and adjust other items. He wanted to be sure that they were aware of that.

Mr. Smith spoke and asked if they have 10 - 11 full-time employees. He stated that as long as the town can afford to give them the best benefits possible, that they should. He stated that it would help them retain people and hopefully help them to hire more.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he was not saying that they have to change, but he was saying that they have to talk about it thoroughly so that they know what they are deciding.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen agreed and stated that she wanted to see the comparison.

Mr. Smith stated that he appreciated that.

## **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 256,2022**

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



**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the 2023 Tentative Budget as it was presented at the meeting.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

WATER LAW AMENDMENT:

Supervisor Wilson stated that he had spoken with the Town Attorney and the Town Clerk. They were still working on it and it needed to be moved to the Regular Town Board Meeting.

TOWN WIDE RE-VALUATION PROJECT/ASSESSOR:

Supervisor Wilson stated that there was no progress there.

BULKY DAYS:

Ms. Cheetham-Palen spoke and stated that she updated the information to state that residents must use dump tickets during Bulky Days, and not cash. She stated that she still needed to know who was going to help on which days and times.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked what would happen if people showed up without dump tickets.

It was decided that they would need to leave and purchase tickets at the Hardware Store or the Library.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that she would continue to advertise it and make sure that it was clear that they needed dump tickets.

FURNACE BIDS:

Supervisor Wilson stated that they received two bids for the furnace. The bids were announced, but it was then decided to extend the bid process. Mr. Biesemeyer asked to extend the duration for the bids due to the fact that there were not many submitted.

Supervisor Wilson explained that he did not want to postpone the process due to the fact that it was already getting cold. The Board Members stated that they had not had a chance to review either bid that had been submitted.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that the type of furnace/heat pump system that they were looking to get needed to have expertise. He requested to extend the bid process.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he had received a number of emails and phone calls but that many were not able to do it within a reasonable timeframe.

There was a discussion in regards to when the next Town Board meeting was. Supervisor Wilson explained that he did not want to wait any longer than that due to the fact that both bids he had, he did not want to lose.

There was not a full board there to pass a resolution to accept the bid. It was explained that it is already cold in the Town Hall and that a decision needed to be made.

Supervisor Wilson and Mr. Biesemeyer were not in agreement with the process of awarding a bid.

Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk, stated that they would need to do something in order to reopen the bid.

Mr. Biesemeyer responded and stated that they were definitely reopening the bid.

Ms. Smith stated that it was for the Town Board to decide how to move forward.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he had already gone through the bid process, posted it, talked with people, and that he did not have the time to go through the whole process again.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if the Supervisor had contacted someone that was recommended. Supervisor Wilson stated that he had. Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked if the individual was not available. Supervisor Wilson stated that he had spoken to so many different contractors that he was unsure of the response.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that people could blame it on him if they were cold.

Ms. Smith asked the Board if they were doing a resolution to reopen the bid or what they had decided to do.

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE ALLOCATED TIME TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE  
TOWN HALL FURNACE REPLACEMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 257,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves to extend the time for the Town Hall Furnace Replacement bids until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 with the agreement to award the bid at the Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JUSTICE DWYER'S ATTENDANCE AT NYS  
MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION MEETING AND CONTINUING  
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 258,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN  
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves Justice Dwyer's request to attend the NYS Magistrates Association Meeting and Continuing Professional Education Seminar.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**ROAD REPAIR REQUEST ON INTERBOOK WAY:**

Supervisor Wilson stated that a road repair request came into him for Interbrook Way. He had spoken to Reggie about it. The request was for the pavement that goes up Interbrook Way, which is a private road. There are two roads, one that goes to the water tank and one that goes up Interbrook Way. At the time of the tank construction, the town had paved it and was maintaining it. They have since abandoned that easement because the Town no longer had a use for up there. He and Reggie wanted to hear the Town Board's thoughts about doing work on a private road. The question for the Board was do they continue to maintain it even though they have abandoned the easement or do they say that they were no longer going to maintain the road because it was abandoned and it is a private road.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if it was to the water tank along the old reservoir.

Reggie Whitney, Highway Superintendent, responded and said no, it's just from Interbrook to where the old tank used to be.

Supervisor Wilson stated that it was just a few hundred feet up the road. They discussed the location of the road and the repairs that were needed.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that they can't really continue working on a private drive if they do not have an easement for it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that it was a tough one because when the residents bought the house it was maintained.

Mr. Biesemeyer explained that it was not the town's problem. It was not their easement so they cannot really start working on private driveways.

Mr. Whitney explained that it was not on the road inventory. So to him, it would be opening a can of worms the other way. That was the way that he looked at it.

Supervisor Wilson also stated that it was asphalt and they received CHIPS money to maintain asphalt, but because it was not on their road list, a.) it's not their road and b.) they don't get CHIPS money.

**RESOLUTION TO ABANDON THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF  
INTERBROOK WAY**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 259,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

WHEREAS, Interbrook Way is not listed on the Road Inventory

AND WHEREAS, the Town does not have an easement for said road,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the abandonment of  
Interbrook Way for maintenance and repairs.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR TOWN BOARD MEMBERS:**

Supervisor Wilson stated that Ms. Cheetham-Palen had brought up the issue of Town Board Members getting official town emails set up, such as what he, Reggie, and the Town Clerk have to do Town Business on. This will separate work from personal. If someone FOILs their emails, they will have everything from their personal accounts. Supervisor Wilson stated that he would need to get Essex County to set up the email accounts.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that then they would be able to post their email addresses on the web-site and it would be more professional.

Mr. Biesemeyer clarified that they would be used to communicate amongst each other with.

Supervisor Wilson verified and stated yes, it would be used whenever they were doing Town Business. Also it would change on the web-site. If people clicked on their name, it would go to their work email address rather than a personal email address. He would work on setting those up.

INTRODUCE LEASH LAW:

Supervisor Wilson stated that the Animal Control Officer asked about implementing a Leash Law.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that they have a Leash Law, guaranteed, and that he was on the Town Board when he did it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that she also thought that they already had one.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he looked through the Town Law Book. He asked Kim to look through the Local Law book with Mr. Biesemeyer to find it.

Ms. Smith stated that she went through the Local Laws and she did not find it.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked Ellen Estes, former Town Clerk, and Bill Ferebee, former Supervisor, if they remembered having a Leash Law.

Ms. Estes responded that it may have been one through the County and Mr. Ferebee agreed.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that he recalls a part of the Leash Law that people objected to, because it said that the dog doesn't always have to be on a leash, it can be under the owner's control. There was an incident where the dog wasn't necessarily on a leash, but the owner was there and the dog responded to his commands. That was in compliance with the Leash Law.

Ms. Smith stated that she had seen Leash Laws that stated that, but she was unable to locate one for the Town of Keene.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated that she thought that was the rules of the Leash Law as well, but she could not remember where she saw it, only that it was her understanding.

Supervisor Wilson stated that it didn't need to be voted on at that time, but that it was to start a discussion on it. Mr. Biesemeyer will have a chance to look at the Local Law book, and then they would need to set a Public Hearing and go through the process if they don't have one. Supervisor Wilson stated that he knew what Mr. Biesemeyer was recalling, but that it was dogs running wild.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO ENTER INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 260,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board went into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.  
to discuss personnel issues.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**RESOLUTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 261,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is returning from Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.  
and entering into Regular Session with no decisions being made.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 262,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN  
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the following transfers  
within the General Fund:

\$195.00 out of A#14301.0 Personnel PS  
\$195.00 into A#14304.1 Personnel CE

\$29,788.92 out of A#019904.01.004.00 Contingency Account  
\$4,516.25 into A#16202.1 Buildings EQ  
\$4,277.33 into A#16204.1 Buildings CE  
\$683.41 into A#16604.1 Central Supply  
\$885.48 into A#19104.1 Unallocated Insurance  
\$3,586.10 into A#30101.1 Public Safety - Codes PS

\$4,283.83 into A#71104.1 Parks CE  
\$9,442.11 into A#73101.1 Youth Programs PS  
\$2,101.48 into A#73104.1 Youth Programs CE  
\$12.93 into A#90458.1 Life Insurance

\$1,000.00 out of A#51322.1 Garage EQ  
\$330.00 out of A#50104.1 Garage PS  
\$1,330.00 into A#51324.1 Garage CE

\$2,268.14 out of A#56501.1 Hiker Parking PS  
\$2,268.14 into A#56101.1 Hiker Parking PS

\$2,625.77 out of A#16501.1 Central Communications PS  
\$2,625.77 into A#16801.1 Data Processing PS

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE SW #2**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 263,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN  
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the following transfers  
within the SW#2:

\$1,046.96 out of SW#2 #83202.8  
\$1,045.94 into SW#2 #83204.8  
\$1.02 into SW#2 #90458.8

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 264,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

**WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the following Budget Amendments:

**SW #1 FUND**

To increase SW#1 #83204.7 Source Power Pump CE Line by \$3,550.36 and SW#1 #90458.7 Life Insurance Line by \$0.51 to be transferred from NYCLASS SW #1 Fund.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT  
FOR JULY, 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 265,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

**WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and accepts the July, 2022 Supervisor's Report and that it is on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

**AUDIT BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 266,2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: JOSEPH P. WILSON, JR.**

**WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**



RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the following bills for payment, including those that were prepaid.

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 22-768 to 22-816, totaling \$40,814.91, as follows:

General Fund Bills	\$ 32,376.71
Highway Fund Bills	6,009.71
Water District #1 Bills	737.56
Water District #2 Bills	1,690.93

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Wilson, Ms. Cheetham-Palen

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: Mr. Biesemeyer

\* It should be noted that Mr. Deyo was absent from the meeting, but signed and approved the above vouchers listed.\*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 267,2022**

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

**SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene has completed all business and hereby adjourns the Bi-Monthly Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Duly adopted this 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Deyo

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. Smith  
Town Clerk  
Town of Keene

October 4, 2022