

**Special Town Board Meeting
October 20, 2022
5:30 p.m. at Keene Town Hall**

**MTG #25
Res. #281-288**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWN OFFICIALS

Dean Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Bill Ferebee, Elizabeth Davidson, Andrew Derr, Martha Allen

SUPERVISOR WILSON called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN BOARD MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO.: 281,2022

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

SECONDED BY: DAVID DEYO

RESOLVED, that the Special Town Board minutes from September 20th, 2022,
are accepted and approved.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: Mr. Biesemeyer

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN BOARD MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO.: 282,2022

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

SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER

RESOLVED, that the Bi-Monthly Town Board minutes from September 27th, 2022,
are accepted and approved.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: Mr. Deyo

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN BOARD MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO.: 283,2022

**INTRODUCED BY: DAVID DEYO
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing minutes and the Special Town Board minutes from October 4th, 2022, are accepted and approved.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dean Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent, spoke and inquired if Reggie had spoken with the Supervisor. He explained that they found a V-plow for the new truck. The cost was \$7,500. He also stated that the trucks that were out for repair are tentatively due to be back by the beginning of November.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A V-PLOW FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK

RESOLUTION NO.: 284,2022

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

SECONDED BY: DAVID DEYO

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the purchase of a V-plow for the new highway truck in the amount of \$7,500.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

Supervisor Wilson spoke and stated that Reggie, Roger, Savana, and himself had all talked and would be working together on whatever tasks needed to be done. Right now they were backing each other up at the transfer station. Once it starts snowing, they would all work together as needed and snow removal would be done in the following manner: roads first, then sidewalks, then parking lots.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS

BUDGET UPDATES: INSURANCE COVERAGE OPTIONS

Supervisor Wilson handed out information on the costs of the two options for healthcare coverage for employees. He asked Dean Smith to please relay the information to the other highway employees and if they had any questions, they could contact Ashley, Clerk to the Supervisor.

The Board Members had additional questions in regards to the deductibles and also wanted to see side by side comparisons of last year's costs compared to the ones they were given. The Board Members decided to wait until the next scheduled meeting to ask questions and discuss the healthcare options further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO.: 285,2022

**INTRODUCED BY: DAVID DEYO
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

SECONDED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN

RESOLVED, that the Town Board went into Executive Session at
5:43 p.m. for personnel discussion.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO.: 286,2022

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

SECONDED BY: DAVID DEYO

RESOLVED, that the Town Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

and entering into Regular Session.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHRIS DALY AS A TOWN BOARD MEMBER

RESOLUTION NO.: 287,2022

**INTRODUCED BY: JOSEPH P. WILSON, JR.
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Chris Daly to the vacancy as Town Board Member with a term to expire on December 31st, 2023.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

Supervisor Wilson asked if the Town Board members had any further business to discuss. With no further discussion he requested an adjournment.

Ms. Smith, Town Clerk, asked about the Town Clerk vacancy.

Supervisor Wilson stated that there were no decisions.

Ms. Smith asked if the Town Board planned to post the vacancy. She stated that she had not seen it posted anywhere.

Supervisor Wilson and Mr. Deyo responded and stated that they were waiting to decide that at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO.: 288,2022

**INTRODUCED BY: DAVID DEYO
WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION**

SECONDED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene has completed all business and hereby adjourns the Special Meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. Smith
Town Clerk
Town of Keene