

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
Town Board Meeting for the Adoption of the 2023 Budget
November 17th, 2021
6:00 pm
Town Hall

Called to Order:

Joe Pete Wilson called meeting to order at 6:07

Board Member Present :

Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor, Robert Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Council Member, Davis Deyo, Council Member, Christopher Daly, Council Member

Town Officials:

Anna Whitney, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 TOWN OF KEENE BUDGET

Resolution No. 321-2022

INTRODUCED BY: David Deyo WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION SECONDED BY: Christopher Daly RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the 2023 Budget as presented at the November, 10th Public Hearing with the changes stated.

Mr. Wilson stated we are under about \$37,000 after the figures put in. He stated it is wise to stay just under the cap. He offered his ideas what to do with the extra money,

-Increase pay across the board 2%

-Add to Youth Commission budget

-Add to Equipment both Highway and General

-Add to contingency because that is something we will tap right out.

Mr. Deyo asked if we agreed to a 5% increase ?

Ms. Palen, no it's up for discussion.

Mr. Biesemeyer said before we get too far we haven't included anything for the heating system for the Town Hall.

Mr. Wilson said we have the building reserve for that.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if he was sure, I dont think it is targeted for the Town Hall ?

Mr. Wilson said we have about \$40,000 in it.

Mr. Daly asked if we can use the money even though it's denominated as a reserve ? Is it a contingency for unexpected costs ?

Mr. Wilson said yes that's what it is reserved for.

Mr. Biesemeyer said it isn't targeted for this but can be used for it.

Ms. Palen stated with board approval.

Mr. Wilson, like I was trying to say, maybe increase the Youth Commission only a few thousand, add to the equipment, and add to the contingency.

Ms. Palen added, we already increased their budget (Youth Commission) .

Mr. Deyo said so we have \$29-30,000 to get us back up to where we wanted to be ?

Mr. Wilson said no \$35,000.

Mr. Deyo then talked about the electric service we need.

Mr. Wilson said we only got quotes to just replace the furnace .

Mr. Biesemeyer said they weren't even close.

Mr. Wilson asked what do you think we should do ?

Mr. Biesemeyer said he didn't know.

Mr. Deyo asked do we want to put the \$35,000 all to the heating ?

Mr. Daly obviously that is for all the buildings ?

Mr. Wilson no the Library and Highway have separate reserves.

Mr. Deyo says we should put the \$30,000 in reserve for heating.

Mr. Wilson asked so do we do all there ?

Mr Deyo said I know you wanted 2% more for salaries but it's setting ourselves up for problems.

Ms. Palen said no one begged for 5%.

Mr. Deyo said he talked at length with the Highway and they were more worried about the health insurance. I am in favor of putting it all into the heating system.

Mr. Wilson stated he is a little worried about the Youth Commission but if needed can move money.

Mr. Deyo said well what about \$25,000 heat, \$5,000 Highway Equipment and \$5,000 Parks/Recreation Equipment ?

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if that \$5,000 would go to sidewalks ?

Mr. Wilson said yes it will be in Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Deyo asked if we were all in agreement ?

Mr. Biesmeyer said I think we have a good budget.

Ms. Palen said yes.

Mr. Daly asked if he could ask a few questions, there is a change in Building Contractual from \$12,000 to \$24,000?

Mr. Wilson yes, those big jumps are heating and electric so wherever there is a contractual line and increase its electric and heating.

Mr. Daly asked about the Personal Services, \$23,000-\$34,000 ?

Mr. Wilson stated that is our part time personnel.

Mr. Deyo said that's a lot for a part-time person.

Mr. Daly asked about Derrick's line, \$28,000-\$37,000 ?

Mr. Wilson that is a reflection in pay, an increase in pay due to the backlog of work.

Mr. Daly asked about highway contractual, \$21,000-\$30,000 and Water #1 \$20,000-\$40,000 ?

Mr. Wilson stated that is with increased energy costs, the water systems are energy hungry.

Mr. Daly, what is the revenue for Water #1 , what is the line item for rental and real property ?

Mr. Wilson stated we are lucky , it's the rental for the cell tower.

Mr. Daly stated I want to make sure this is 100% funding of the HSA ?

Mr. Wilson, yes.

Mr. Wilson stated things will be easier to track with the Health Savings Accounts once we have a year behind us.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any more questions or discussions ? No more discussion so we will put \$25,000 into heating, \$5,000 Highway Equipment, and \$5,000 General Equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes : Mr. Wilson, Mr. Biesemeyer, Ms. Cheetham-Palen, Mr Deyo, nd Mr. Daly

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Adjourn :

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 322,2022

**INTRODUCED BY:David Deyo WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION SECONDED BY:
Christopher Daly**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board completed all business and adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Duly adopted this 17th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M Whitney

Town Clerk

Town of Keene

November 20th, 2022