

Regular Monthly Town of Keene Board Meeting  
December 12th, 2023  
5:30 P.M. Town Hall  
Meeting # 20  
Resolutions # 278-286

**Board Members Present:** Joe Pete Wilson Supervisor, Teresa Cheetham-Palen Deputy Supervisor, Robert Biesemeyer, Council Members

**Absent:** Christopher Daly, Dave Deyo

**Town Officials Present:** Reginald Whitney Highway Superintendent, Savana Li Water Superintendent, Emily Whitney Deputy Town Clerk

**Town Counsel Present:**

**Members of the Public:** Keith Hall

**Call to Meeting to Order** at 5:30 by Teresa Cheetham-Palen. Ms. Cheetham-Palen explained it would be a short meeting due to sickness of members. We will reschedule most items to the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes: Rescheduled to December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Privilege of the Floor:**

**Town Discussion of Old Business: Rescheduled to December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- **Water District**
- **Text Notification System**
- **Van Purchase:** We need to re-bid

**New Business:**

- **Approve Travel and Conference Attendance**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE  
ATTENDANCE FOR TOWN CLERK  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 278-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has approved travel and conference attendance for the Town Clerk January 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

- **Schedule 2024 Organizational Meeting**

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
FOR JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 279-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board schedule the Organizational Meeting for the Town Board on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Town Hall.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

**Ongoing Local Law Process:**

- **Reminder:** Public Hearing for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 on STR is **Cancelled**
- **Local Law Establishing Date for Meeting of Board of Assessment Review**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 2-2023 ESTABLISHING  
DATE FOR MEETING OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 280-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**Discussion:** Mr. Biesemeyer stated Kim said we had one already on the books. Ms. Cheetham-Palen said if we do this one supersedes it. Mr. Biesemeyer said that is fine.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board Adopt Local Law 2 of 2023 establishing the date for the meeting of the Board of Assessment and it is to supersede previous Town Law, is accepted and approved.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

**Audit Bills:**

**RESOLUTION TO PAY THE ONLINE BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 281-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY JOE PETE WILSON WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY ROBERT BIESEMEYER**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board pay the online bills.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:**None

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE VOUCHERS 2023-950 THROUGH 2023-983**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 282-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board approve the following bills and prepaid bills. Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 2023-950 through 2023-983 totaling \$120,249.20 as follows:

General Fund Bills \$61,634.34

Highway Fund Bills \$49,734.14

Water District #1 \$2,094.95

Water District #2 \$4,058.40

Roost Enhancement Tax \$2,047.15

Public Library \$460.39

Trust & Agency Fund TA \$219.83

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

**Adjourn:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 283-2023  
INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has completed all business and hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting at 5:35P.M.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

Ms. Cheetham-Palen stated she missed a letter from Leita Hamel.

**RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE ADJOURNMENT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 284-2023  
INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene suspend the adjournment.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

Ms. Cheetham-Palen read letter from Leita Hamel thanking Bob, Dave and Christy Deyo for their work on the Community Center Playground.

Letter Attached and entered into the Minute Book.

*Attachment #1-20*

**RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY THANK HAMELS FOR THEIR  
GENEROSITY  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 285-2023  
INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene officially thanks the Hamels for their generosity.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 286-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY: ROBERT BIESEMEYER WHO MOVED FOR ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has completed all business and  
hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting at 5:37 P.M.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Robert Biesemeyer, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS:** None

Emily M Whitney  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Keene

The Leita and William Hamill Family Foundation, Inc.

Dec. 7, 2023

Dear Joe Pete & The Town Council,

Enclosed is the check for \$60,000 toward the renovation of the town playground. Special appreciation of Bob Bisemeyer for his role in shepherding this project and to both Kristy and Dave Deepo for their role in resussitating it this past summer and fall.

Sincerely,

Leita and Bill Hamill

P.S. Please read this note at the next town council meeting. Thanks!

