

Town of Keene – Regular Town Board Meeting

March 31, 2026 #6

5:30 PM – Town Hall

Vouchers: 231-301

Resolutions: 95-110

Abstract #5

Board Members Present:

Joe Pete Wilson (Supervisor); Robert Biesemeyer; Christopher Daly; Teresa Cheetham-Palen; Ann Hough

Absent:

Ryan Hall (Highway Superintendent)

Town Officials Present:

Robyn Shumer (Town Clerk); Savana Li (Water Superintendent)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at **5:32 PM** by Supervisor Wilson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Robert Biesemeyer, seconded by Teresa Cheetham-Palen, to approve the **March 10, 2026** minutes. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 95.

Privilege of the Floor

No public comment.

Town Clerk Business

Motion to accept letter from Jane Haskins (to purchase a green plot) resolution 96, letter reviewed and motion to approve made by Ann Hough, seconded by Teresa Palen; all approved, resolution 97.

Joe-Pete made motion made to un-table the request from the Jay Fire Department to sell raffle tickets to Keene residents resolution 98. The clerk explained the FD will not be actively selling raffle tickets in Keene but will likely sell to Keene residents while they are in Jay. Motion to approve made by Joe-Pete, seconded by Ann Hough; all approved raffle request, resolution 99.

Highway Department Update

No report provided.

Water System Updates

District 2 update: waiting for letters to proceed, this is related to the grant process.

No update for cell tower situation.

Flyers going out in water bills inviting residents to open houses. Posted in many places already. Bill will also include water quality report.

Motion made by Teresa Palen and seconded by Ann Hough to approve billing schedule and rates. All in favor. Open houses April 15 & 16, resolution 100.

Motion made to approve generator repair made by Bob Biesemeyer, seconded by Teresa Palen, all in favor. (\$3,249.07) resolution 101.

Water superintendent will send town clerk file with definitions for water rate categories to post online.

Old Business

Approved hangar rent increase to \$200/month, motion made by Bob Biesemyer, seconded by Ann Hough, approved by all. Resolution 102.

New Business

Motion made by Ann Hough and seconded by Teresa Palen to approve resolution opposing APA Howitzer testing site in Lewis. All in favor. Resolution 103.

Motion made by Ann Hough for approval of court clerk training (up to \$1,200), seconded by Teresa Palen, all voted in favor. Resolution 104.

Farmers Market improvements approved (adding gravel under existing 2 porta-potties and adding stone to the mud patch.

Board discussed request for 2 additional porta-potties and 1 sink in closer proximity to food vendors (closer to Hulls Falls side). That is a flood zone and board determined facilities to remain clustered around the pine trees.

Executive Session

Entered 5:58 PM; exited 6:13 PM. No decisions made.

Motion to transfer funds... made by Bob Biesemeyer, seconded by Ann Hough, all in favor. Resolution 105.

Motion to un-table February supervisor report with correct date (made by Ann Hough, seconded by Teresa Palen) resolution 106 all in favor. Bob Biesemeyer made motion to approve with corrections, seconded by Ann Hough, all in favor resolution 107.

Motion made by Teresa Palen and seconded by Bob Biessemeyer to pay online bills, all approved (Chris Daly abstained) resolution 108.

Motion to pay month invoices mae by Bob Biessemeyer, seconded by Ann Hough, all in favor (Chris Daly abstained) resolution 109.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Pete Wilson, seconded by Bob Biessemeyer, all approved at 6:26 PM resolution 110.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Shumer
Town Clerk, Town of Keene

