

Town of Keene – Regular Town Board Meeting

8.26.26 #16

9:08 AM – Town Hall

Vouchers: 674-717

Resolutions: 206-211

Abstract #15

Board Members Present:

Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor, Teresa Cheetham-Palen; Ann Hough

Absent: Robert Biesemeyer, Christopher Daly

Town Officials Present:

Robyn Shumer (Town Clerk), Savana Li (Water Superintendent), Ryan Hall (Superintendent of Roads)

Call to Order

Resolution 206 meeting called to order at 9:08 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Highway Department Update

The Board discussed an approximately \$108,000 payment associated with CHIPS-funded highway work. The 284 Agreement authorizes the Highway Superintendent's work plan and expenditures, including Schaefer Road. CHIPS funding categories were reviewed, with the Town intending to use time-limited funding first when possible. Reimbursement related to the grader has been submitted and payment is anticipated in September. Ryan will take a more direct role in CHIPS reimbursement submissions and will coordinate with Tracy at Essex County to identify eligible expenses and maximize reimbursement.

Water System Updates

The Town recently underwent a Department of Health inspection of its water operations. Both water districts had no critical violations and no other violations. Savana was recognized for her work operating and maintaining the water system and cleaning the exterior of the Keene Valley Water District storage tank.

Old Business

July 2026 supervisor's report had been deferred while Cindy continued reconciling the accounts. Accounts balance except for a \$95.12 discrepancy in the multi-fund. Cindy and Kathy continue to investigate whether the discrepancy is related to an Enhanced software issue that appears to have

occurred when May was closed or to the capital improvement grant. Enhanced has recently been sold, and the Town will monitor the transition. The possibility of starting fresh with the accounting system as of January 1, 2027 was discussed.

Resolution 207, motion to approve the July 2026 supervisor's report made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough all approved (Mr. Daly and Mr. Biessemeyer were absent)

New Business

Resolution 208 to transfer funds within the General Fund and Library Fund, motion made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough, approved unanimously (Mr. Daly and Mr. Biessemeyer were absent).

Resolution 209 to pay online bills, motion made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough, approved unanimously (Mr. Daly and Mr. Biessemeyer were absent).

Resolution 210 to audit and pay monthly invoices/vouchers motion made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough, approved unanimously (Mr. Daly and Mr. Biessemeyer were absent).

The Town received a Cloudsplitter Foundation check to support planning work. The funds will be provided to Cindy for tracking and the applicable project file will be updated.

Adjournment

Resolution 211 motion to adjourn at 9:27 AM made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Palen, approved unanimously (Mr. Daly and Mr. Biessemeyer were absent).

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Shumer
Town of Keene

	Town of Keene		
	Abstract of Claims		
	8/26/2026		
	Town Board Meeting		
Abstract #15, 2026			Voucher #'s 674-717 Res. No.206-211
	Department	Prepaid Vouchers	Unpaid Vouchers
			Total
	General	\$9,744.91	\$21,408.37
	Highway	\$19,887.07	\$125,796.59
	Library		
	Water District #1	\$262.74	\$540.40
	Water District #2	\$533.52	\$901.08
	Roost Enhancement Tax		
	Trust & Agency Fund		
	Total:		\$0.00
		\$30,428.24	\$148,646.44
To the Supervisor,			
I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Keene Town Board on October 26, 2026 and allowed in the amounts shown.			August 26, 2026
You are hereby authorized and directed to pay the claimant the amount opposite his name.			
		8.26.2026	
Robyn Shumer, Town Clerk		Date	