Bi-Monthly Town of Keene Board Meeting

October 22nd, 2024

5:30 P.M. Town Hall

Meeting # 19-24

Resolutions #291-301

**Board Members Present**: Joe-Pete Wilson Supervisor, Teresa Cheetham-Palen (arrived 5:56), Christopher Daly, Ann Hough Council Members

**Absent**: Robert Biesemeyer

**Town Officials Present:** Ann Whitney Town Clerk, Roger Preston Building and Grounds

**Town Counsel Present:**

**Members of the Public**:

**Call to Meeting to Order** at 5:33 P.M. by Joe Pete Wilson

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 1ST2024 PRESENTATION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET, OCTOBER 1ST, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 1,2,3 OF 2024, OCTOBER 8TH, 2024 2025 BUDGET #3 WORKSHOP, AND OCTOBER 8TH, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 291-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: ANN HOUGH WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY CHRISTOPH DALY**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has approved the October 2024 Meetings, Workshop, and Public Hearing Minutes.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**Privilege of the Floor:**

**Town Operations**

* **Town Clerk**:

Ms. Whitney told the Board she will be away until November 5th but will be reachable if anything is needed.

* **Highway Department**:

Mr. Wilson wanted restate and update on the Hurricane Road bridge project. The project is moving ahead but it will not happen this year, the State awarded the County $850,000 for the repairs but with this the State required more engineering. ***This will not happen before the end of 2024***. The state came through with money but with this grant, there were other things required which have slowed things down.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF TODD DICKERSON AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 292-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRISTOPHER DALY WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has accepted the retirement of Todd Dickerson as of November 1st, 2024. His retirement is going to precede like the last retirement.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

* **Water Department**

Mr. Wilson started with Savana’s request for a new printer for her office.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRINTER FOR WATER DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 293-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRISTOPHER DALY WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene approve the purchase, through Essex County, for a $639.79 printer for the Water Department.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

Mr. Wilson then wanted to go over the revenue lines on the budget for the Water Districts. We had to change our revenue in Water District 1 from $76,000 to $96,890, which meant we changed our transfer to capital to balance out the budget. In Water 2, instead of $171,398 it is $190,445, which also means the difference will be transferred to the capital line.

**Town Discussion of Old Business:**

* **Farmers Market**

Mr. Wilson explained that the Farmers Market wants to keep everything the way it was this year. He then went onto say they still have not signed 2024 agreement.

Mr. Daly stated, we need to wrap up 2024 with them before we proceed.

* **Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Wilson mentioned that Roger had a good slate of applicants for the Laborer position. Joe Pete asked for a motion to appoint Brandon Nolan at a rate of $22.12 per hour.

Mr. Daly asked if he was in on the interview.

Mr. Wilson said no but Cindy, Tina, and Roger were.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BRANDON NOLAN AS GENERAL LABORER**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 294-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: ANN HOUGH WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY CHRISTOPHER DALY**

Mr. Daly asked to table the motion and would like to go into executive for discussion**.**

**MOTION TO TABLE BY CHRISTOPHER DALY, SECONDED BY JOE PETE WILSON**

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**New Business:**

* **Real Property Market Areas**

Mr. Wilson just received notice from New York State Real Property that added to our market is Jay and Wilmington. He is unsure what this will mean but is thinking it makes it easier to find property that is more comparable.

**Ms. Cheetham-Palen arrived 5:56**

* **Training**

Mr. Wilson stated Tina Preston would like to go to New York City for training.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TINA PRESTON AND ONE OTHER TO TRAINING IN NEW YORK CITY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 295-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: TERESA CHEETHAM-PALEN WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene approve Tina Preston and one other person to attend training in New York City in February 2025, registration and lodging.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

* **SPCA**

Mr. Wilson announced he received notice from the SPCA they will not house dangerous dogs. We are going to need to talk about how we will handle this. NYS Ags and Market regulate this. Joe Pete will be meeting with Emily for ideas. He wanted the Board to be aware of this because by law we have to have a place for them. This is a concern across the County.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 296-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY CHRISTOPHER DALY MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene entered into Executive Session at 6:12 P.M.,

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**RESOLUTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 297-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRISTOPHER DALY MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene return from Executive Session at 6:43 P.M.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**RESOLUTION TO UN-TABLE RESOLUTION 294-2024 AND APPROVE BRANDON NOLAN AS GENERAL LABORER**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 298-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRISTOPHER DALY WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene approve Brandon Nolan as General Laborer at a rate of $22.12.

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Joe Pete Wilson, Teresea Cheetham-Palen

**NAYS**: None

**Budget Resolutions:**

* **Resolution to Transfer Funds:**
* **Resolution to amend the 2024 budget:**

**Supervisors Report:**

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**Audit Bills:**

**RESOLUTION TO PAY THE ONLINE BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 299-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY ANN HOUGH WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY CHRISTOPHER DALY**

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

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Ann Hough, Christopher Daly, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**ABSTAINED:** Teresa Cheetham-Palen

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE VOUCHERS**

**812 THROUGH 851, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 300-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY CHRISTOPHER DALY WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board approve the following bills and prepaid bills.

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 812 through 851,2024 totaling $72,099.35 as follows:

General Fund Bills $31,965.17

Highway Fund Bills $37,119.25

Library $174.56

Water District #1 $740.16

Water District #2 $3,177.51

Community Enhancement Fund $142.80

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Ann Hough, Christopher Daly, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

**ABSTAINED:** Teresa Cheetham-Palen

**Adjourn:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 301-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRISTOPHER DALY WHO MOVED FOR ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY ANN HOUGH**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of Keene has completed all business and hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting at 6:46 P.M.,

Duly adopted this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES**: Christopher Daly, Ann Hough, Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Joe Pete Wilson

**NAYS**: None

Ann Whitney

Town Clerk

Town of Keene