

TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY
PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET 2016

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A Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:03 p.m.
The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag was recited

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Brian McDonnell, Amber McKernan and Steve Tucker,

ABSENT: Councilmember Lydia Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Meagher - Bookkeeper, Nik Santagate - Justice, Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, and two residents

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of this Public Hearing was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board, at local businesses, and at three local post offices on Tuesday, October 20. A legal notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 20, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2016:

Supervisor Peter Shrope said this budget is the result of meetings with the Board and Richard Meagher, Bookkeeper. The significant change is from a decision three years ago when the Board decided to stop all health insurance payments for elected officials other than full time employees. It came to fruition this year.

Richard Meagher reviewed the Preliminary Budget figures. A Fund Balance of \$16,405 was used for the General Fund and \$10,976 was used for Highway Fund. This brings the budget to the tax cap. The tax rate will be \$3.142 per \$1,000 of property assessment compared to \$3.135 in 2015, less than one cent increase. Compared to the 2015 Budget: General Appropriations decreased by \$21,072 (-4.9%) and Revenues decreased by \$9,500 (-16.67%) Highway Appropriations decreased by \$1,284 (-.4%) and Revenue increased by \$7,399 (8.5%). Fire Protection District increased by 3% per the contract with the Paul Smith's Gabriels Volunteer District, Street Lighting remained the same. The Town is in good shape, the fund balances used to meet the tax cap of .73% is less than the amount used in 2015.

Supervisor Peter Shrope opened the Floor to the Public:

Nik Santagate - McColloms said the Board did another great job with the Budget; he thanked the Board for using his input and for what they did for his position.

Tom McKernan - Gabriels said it was a good budget

Amber McKernan thanked Richard Meagher for making the Budget process easy.

There were no further comments from the public

RESOLUTION #74

ADOPTION OF TOWN BUDGET FOR 2016

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Amber McKernan,

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held on October 27, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall and the public had all positive comments about the Preliminary 2016 Budget,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts the Preliminary 2016 Town Budget as the Town's 2016 Budget with the following:

General Fund Appropriations: \$ 408,953

Estimated Revenues: \$ 47,484

Less Fund Balance: \$ 16,465

Amount to be Raised by Taxes: \$ 345,004

Highway Fund Appropriations: \$ 294,200

Estimated Revenues: \$ 94,892

Less Fund Balance: \$ 10,976

Amount to be Raised by Taxes: \$ 188,332

Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Fire Protection District: \$86,536

Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Street Lighting District: \$900

Total Town Amount to be Raised by Taxes: \$620,772 using a Fund Balance of \$27,441

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, McKernan, Shrope, Tucker,) Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)
RESOLUTION #74 declared duly adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. made by Amber McKernan, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4 (McKernan, McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC
Brighton Town Clerk