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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7:00 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Brian McDonnell, , Steve Tucker, and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Amber McKernan

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Blaine-Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Crary-Superintendent of Highways, Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, one resident, and Andrea Dumas- District 3 Franklin County Legislature.

GUESTS: Ray Agnew, VP College Advancement, Paul Smith's College

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board.

PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE: Ray Agnew, VP of College Advancement, asked if the Town Board would support two issues facing the College:

1. Visitor's Interpretive Centers (VIC) at Paul Smith's College (PSC) and Newcomb: Would like the Town to support PSC in its efforts to request the State to fund the VICs through the State Budget. State Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Billy Jones are willing to propose this to the NYS Legislature. The amount would start at \$250,000 per year: \$150,000 for Paul Smiths College and \$100,000 for Newcomb.

RESOLUTION# 11-2017

SUPPORT OF PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE FUNDING REQUEST FOR VICs

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Lydia Wright,

RESOLVED that the Town Board supports the efforts of Paul Smith's College and the State University of New York School of Environmental Science and Forestry, who run the Visitor Interpretive Centers (VICs) at Paul Smiths and Newcomb respectively, to strongly encourage the Governor's Office, the State Senate, and the Assembly to fund the VICs in the best interest of the people of the State of New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

RESOLUTION # 11 declared duly adopted

2. Governor's Excelsior (Free Tuition) Proposal: This program will effect Paul Smith's College (PSC) as the State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) will be reduced for students attending private colleges if the tuition is raised by more that \$500 a year. He would like to see the State review the TAP instead. PSC is a good school, 95% of the graduates get jobs or go on to graduate school. 89% of the students' families, that are NYS residents, make less than \$125,000. The College has a total of nearly\$70 million in economic impact/460 jobs-both of which would be at risk if the Governor's program is enacted. He would like the Town residents to reach out to Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Billy Jones concerning this issue.

REPORTS

1. Highway Department - Andy Crary
 - a. Plowing and sanding of roads
 - b. Put up salt and sand
 - c. Changed the cutting edge on the F350
 - d. Replaced the Hydraulic spinner motor on the 2013
 - e. Plowed Camp Gabriels road
 - f. Replaced the Hydraulic Hose on 2015
 - g. Scraped ice on the County roads

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- h. Start discussion on obtaining more land from Paul Smith's College for mining sand, Supervisor Peter Shrope to send a letter to Paul Smith's College to see if they are interested in selling land
- i. Need resolutions for Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys, for Hold Harmless and Franklin County assistance with paving in summer, and a shared services agreement with Franklin County.

RESOLUTION #12

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS 2017

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Lydia Wright,

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board agrees with the Town Highway Superintendent Andy Crary that monies levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways will be expended as follows: \$37,000 shall be set aside for general repairs and permanent improvements on a road commencing at State Route 30 and leading to Keese Mills Road a distance of .5 miles, consisting of dense binder for a width of traveled surface 20 feet with a 2 inch thickness.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

RESOLUTION #12 declared duly adopted

RESOLUTION # 13

REQUEST FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Lydia Wright,

RESOLVED that the Town approves a Shared Services Agreement with the Franklin County Highway Department to assist the Town Highway Department pursuant to Section 99r of the General Municipal Law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

RESOLUTION #13 declared duly adopted

RESOLUTION # 14

REQUEST FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE AND HOLD HARMLESS 2017

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Lydia Wright,

RESOLVED that the Town requests the Franklin County Highway Department to assist the Town Highway Department with the following specific equipment: roller and paver, or any other requested county equipment, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town will undertake the work, and the job is totally under the direction and supervision of the Town Highway Department. The Town is required to get necessary Agency permits, property owners' agreements, and provide utility notification. As an inducement for such assistance the Town will hold Franklin County harmless from property damages and any claims brought by any third party as a result of this work, and if the County is held responsible for damages the Town of Brighton will indemnify the County.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

RESOLUTION #14 declared duly adopted

2. Town Clerk- Elaine Sater:

- a. Total Revenue to Supervisor as of January 31 was \$171.38, from 1 Sport License, 7 Dog Licenses: 6 renewed and 1 new (#183), and 1 Building Permit (#16-37)
- b. TOWN HALL REQUEST: None
- c. TOWN PARK REQUEST: None
- d. RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Shredding 2009 and 2010 records

3. Historian - Elaine Sater: From Minute Book Vol 1 of Town of Brighton

Feb 23, 1897 - (120 Years ago) Settled and audited the accounts for Town Officers: DE Martin, Commissioner of Highways started with \$441.03, amount received during year \$459.79, total \$900.82; disbursed 406.35 and ended with a balance of \$494.47. EC Pine, Supervisor had a balance of \$43.53 in Cemetery Fund, \$63.51 in Bond and Interest Fund, \$4.50 in Town Clerk Fund, \$41.75 in Town Order Fund, \$141.62 in Stone Crusher

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Fund; balance on hand \$294.91.

March 2, 1897 - Annual town meeting elected town officers: Justice of the Peace WC Duane full term, Abner Tyler to fill a vacancy for 1 year, Collector Thos N Clark, Assessor CA McArthur, Overseer of Poor Zebulon Robare, Sr., Constables: WW Howe, Benj A Muncil, Geo W Rork, EW Dustin, Julius Delemeter, Inspectors of Election: Abner Tyler, Benj A Muncil and Inspectors Appointed: John Jenkins and Geo D. Knowles.

Questions submitted for vote:

1. Selling liquor to be drunk on the premises where sold: 65 votes for, 12 votes against
2. Selling liquor not to be drunk on the premises where sold: 58 votes for, 12 votes against
3. Selling liquor as Pharmacist on Physicians prescriptions: 58 votes for, 12 votes against
4. Selling liquor by Hotel keepers: 69 votes for, 9 votes against

March 12, 1897 - Meeting to organize the Board of Health and appoint Philemom King as Citizen and Dr. FM Knobel as Health Officer.

July 31, 1897- Meeting to Appoint Truant Officer Eliot J King.

Dec 12, 1897- Meeting for laying out of a road from Frank Wardner's west line to intersect with the road from Paul Smiths Station to Rainbow Inn. Road is marked by a car coupling with a transit plug division. Road runs 611 7/10 feet to the center of the A and St. L. railroad track then 904 6/10 feet to a station near Seth Wardner's house and then 503 4/10 feet to Frank Wardner's west line. Road is located in Lot 59, Township No 18 of the great Tract No. 1 Macombs Purchase. The road is to be two lanes wide.

February 22, 1898 - Audit of Financial Records

March 1, 1898 - Annual meeting, election of Town officers: Supervisor John Carrier, Town Clerk WC Duane, Justice of the Peace Fremont Fuller for full term (4 years), Abner Tyler to fill a vacancy for 1 year; Assessor Philemon King, Commissioner of Highways Benj J Muncil, Collector Thos M Clark, Overseer of the Poor Philemon King, Constables George H Rork, Edgar M Dustin, Robert Kerry, John Wheeler, appointed WW Howe; Inspectors of Election EJ King, Abner Tyer, appointed John Jenkins and CA McArthur.

Question for vote: Shall the proposed change in the system of Highway taxation from the labor system of taxation be adopted? Yeas 50, Nays 57.

There was only one Justice of the Peace present at the opening of the meeting so CA McArthur and John Carrier were elected by the people present to preside with EC Pine and swore in. Approved to raise \$100 for the purpose of building a fence around the burying ground. Approved to appoint a committee of three to receive bids for the construction of the fence, accept lowest bidder and decide on style of fence.

March 29, 1898 - Board of Health meeting, appointed same people as citizen and health officer, first time Town Clerk is listed as "Registrar". Appointed committee for receiving bids for building fence at burying ground, Chairman Philemon King, HH Martin and AA Smith, Jr. Appointed Walter Howe as Constable.

May 16, 1898 - Commissioner of Highways files for a Special Meeting to vote on raising by tax \$2000 for purchasing rock and stone and quarrying breaking, crushing and placing stone on the highway leading from NY Central Railroad crossing at Paul Smiths Station to the town line of Harrietstown and the town line of Franklin and also leading from the Paul Smith Station to Wardner's and to defray all the expenses of operating the Town's stone crushing machine.

May 28, 1898 - Special meeting to vote on question: Shall the proposed appropriation to defray expense of supplying and operating the stone crusher be adopted? 48 votes for, 4 against and 1 blank. (53 voters)

June 6, 1898 - AC McArthur presented the Town Clerk with a request to discontinue a Town highway known as Old Military Road - running from Paul Smiths to Malone - 20 rods north of Chain Lake northwesterly through the lands of FH Parker (Lot 2 in Township 18) to the lands of CA McArthur (Lot 73 in Township 15). Road has not been traveled for more than 6 years and is not needed as a highway.

February 28, 1899 - Audit of the financial records, Benj Muncil Commissioner of Highways received a total of \$1659.49 and disbursed \$1773.59, leaving him due \$114.10. John Carrier, Supervisor had \$58.35 on hand after overspending \$149.48 on new stone road. (\$143.53 in Cemetery fund, \$4.50 in Town Clerk Fund, \$2.90 in School District #2 Fund, \$56.90 Town Order fund, minus the \$149.48)

March 7, 1899 - Biennial Town Meeting - Election of Officers, Justices of the Peace TN Clark, 4 years, BB Lantry, 4 years, EJ King 2 year term; 3 Assessors: GD Knowles and Phil King 2 years, CA McArthur 1 year. Collector John Rork, Constables: EW Dustin, WW Howe, Warren Sprague, Edson Corbin, Election Inspectors TW Clark and Myron Otis, appointed Harry Thompson and John Jenkins.

Vote on Question submitted: Shall the proposed change in the system of Highway taxation from the labor system of taxation to the money system of taxation be adopted? Yes 44, No 9

Resolved to raise \$500 to gravel the road in District 2 and 4.

March 22, 1899 - Board of Health meeting, same people appointed

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Jun 21, 1899 - Special Meeting held to approve repair of damaged road from Paul Smiths Hotel to Paul Smith Station in Highway District #2, not being sufficient money in the hands of the commissioner to repair it.

August 16, 1899 - Special Meeting held to approve repairs to "Dry Bridge" in Highway District #1 and bridge at the outlet of Spring Pond in Highway district #5, not being enough money in the hands of the commissioner to rebuild them.

September 22, 1899 - Appointment of Truant Officer Eliot J King and compensate \$2.00 per day

October 19, 1899 - Purchased from Canton Bridge Co. 3 bridges, 2 steel foundations and 2 railings for \$1,140 to be paid in 3 years.

(Note: Several of these people are buried in the local cemeteries)

4. Tax Collector - Holly Huber: Report received prior to meeting
Paid out the following: 1/7 Ck#956 for \$16,000 to Supervisor, 1/14 Ck#957 for \$73,130, Ck#958 for \$900, Ck#959 for \$175,000 to Supervisor; 1/21 Ck#960 for \$235,000 to Supervisor, 1/24 Ck#961 for \$30.00 to Cedar Circle for overpayment, 1/27 Ck#962 for \$3.00 to David Leavitt for overpayment, Ck#963 for \$31.53 to Fred Oberst for overpayment; 1/28 Ck#964 for \$128,463 to Supervisor, 1/30 Ck#965 for \$350,000 to Franklin County Treasurer. As of 1/28 Town tax warrant of \$628,493 for 2017 has been satisfied.
5. Town Justice - Nik Santagate: Supervisor Peter Shrope said he received a check in the amount of \$2,231.00 and the Town Justice reported he disposed of 32 cases for the month of January
6. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) - Paul Blaine: Report received prior to meeting
 - a. No building permit (BP) were issued during January
 - b. Completed BP: Two (2) Certificates of Compliance were issued for BP#16-035 and #15-032, and one (1) Certificate of Occupancy BP#14-003.
 - c. Received APA application notice for Deer Meadow subdivision and reviewed plans for a dome style house
7. Assessor- Roseanne Gallagher: No report
8. Animal Control - Tri Lakes Humane Society: No report
9. Supervisor - Peter Shrope:
 - a. Received all tax funding for 2017 Budget
 - b. Franklin County Supervisors Meeting: Several people attended, discussion about poor customer service in restaurants, Franklin County transportation is being provided in house, discussion on lack of cell phone/internet coverage for Duane and Brighton by County Emergency Coordinator, new shared services initiation by Governor for County to coordinate, will go to be voted on during November election.
 - c. Attended a State Presentation on Feb 2 on the Governor's Excelsior Program
 - d. Andrea Dumas, District 3 Representative: The Franklin County Legislators met with Assemblyman Billy Jones and had dinner with Governor Cuomo. The whole group is meeting to show solidarity and the need for funding for services and businesses in the area; there are 58,000 people in Franklin County.
 - e. Camp Gabriels Update:
 - i. Sent Andrea Dumas a packet concerning the selling of the property issue, needs to be made exempt from "Forest Preserve".
 - ii. Received emails from Senator Betty Little's office and Assemblyman Billy Jones' staff, this issue will be reintroduced in the Senate and Assembly.
 - f. Received information from Franklin County Self-insurance Program: No experience for 2016 noted.
 - g. Received another invoice from Hyde-Stone on boiler repair, called company again, will receive a credit for \$415.00.
 - h. Budget as of January 31, 2017, provided to Board members; Discussion held to determine if \$5000 should be moved to the Class account for the Town Hall roof, no need to move this year, interest is not that good.
 - i. Revenues for January: \$900 from traffic diversion program, \$2,231 from Town Justice, and \$171.38 from Town Clerk, \$900 for Street Lighting District, \$73,130 for Fire Protection District, \$202,625 for Highway Fund, and \$335,838 for General Fund from Tax Collector, \$ 4,607.64 CHIPS
 - j. NYCLASS interest received for the General Fund was \$40.29, total in account \$105,677.71 (\$20,000 for Town Hall Roof Project) and Highway Fund is \$15.34, total in account \$40,273.64.

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ACCEPT/AMEND MINUTES

- **Organization Meeting January 12, 2017**

Motion made by Brian McDonnell, second by Steve Tucker, to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 12, 2017, as written. Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

- **Regular Board – January 12, 2017**

Motion made by Brian McDonnell, second by Steve Tucker, to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2017, as written. Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McKernan)

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS

Association of Towns: Received a letter dated February 1, 2017, from AOT concerning a State budget proposal to have Counties develop new voter approved efficiency plan and if the State Legislature does not approve this “Countywide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plans” the Aid to Municipalities (AIM) funding will be cut to counties, villages and towns. The Town receives about \$11,000 in AIM funding each year.

COMMITTEES

Website - Supervisor Peter Shrope, Amber McKernan: Sent request to Rainbow Graphics to update some of the website pages. Names were updated and the picture of all town officials was added. Links were removed to pages that are no longer relevant.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTION #15-2017

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Brian McDonnell,

RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the audited vouchers as listed on the abstracts as follows:

PREPAID FUNDS: Abstract #2 for Voucher #2A through and including #2C for 2017 General Funds in the amount of \$553.06 and STREET LIGHTING FUNDS in the amount of \$70.04.

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #2 for Voucher #26 through and including #45 for 2017 funds in the amount of \$6,008.69

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #2 for Voucher #17 through and including #23 for 2017 funds in the amount of \$8,091.22

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McKernan)

Resolution #15 declared duly adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm made by Lydia Wright, second by Brian McDonnell, Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McKernan)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC
Brighton Town Clerk