

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES - September 8, 2016

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday September 8, 2016, 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 Pete Shrope at 7:03 p.m.  
“Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” was recited

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Amber McKernan, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Brian McDonnell

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Blaine-Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Crary-Superintendent of Highways, Elaine Sater - Town Clerk and two residents

GUEST: Andrea Dumas, Village of Malone Trustee

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

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

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT #3**

Andrea Dumas from Malone is running for County Legislature in District #3 against Jon Hutchins. She spoke about what she plans to do for the County if she is elected. She is currently a Village of Malone Trustee. Gordy Crossman currently holds the position but will not be running again. The Town of Brighton is in District #3 as well as part of Malone, Bangor, and Duane.

**REPORTS**

1. Highway Department - Andy Crary
  - a. Checked Mountain Pond, Slush Pond, and McColloms Roads, they are fine
  - b. Paved Tansy Lane, need a resolution to pay the bill, over budgeted amount since road was .55 miles
  - c. Put up sign to show Tansy Lane is now a Town road, State DOT installed stop sign.
  - d. Picked up new table and surround for Town Hall
  - e. Picked up parts for truck in Plattsburgh
  - f. Bob’s Auto fixed the air brakes on the tailgate of the 2013 Truck
  - g. Hauled tar for Harrietstown, Village of Tupper Lake, Town of Tupper Lake and Town of Franklin, shared services
  - h. Mowed cemeteries
  - i. Employees each took a week of vacation
  - j. Submitted forms for grant to get funding to replace the culvert on Keese Mills Road with a box culvert, estimated cost is \$750,000 for construction, total of \$850,000. Barton & Loguidice has the contract for the grant work and provided a free estimate.
  - k. Blew a tire on the 2013 Truck, picked up a new one in Plattsburgh
  - l. Applied for new mining permit.

**RESOLUTION #67-2016**

**PAVING OF TANSY LANE**

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay Graymont Materials (NY) Inc. the amount of \$43,754.53 for paving material for Tansy Lane, for .55 mile and the entrance off New York State Highway 86, from Highway Fund Account Capital Improvements DA5112.2.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McDonnell)  
Resolution #67 declared duly adopted.**

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2. Town Clerk- Elaine Sater:
  - a) Total Revenue to Supervisor as of August 31, 2016 was \$ 280.06, from 4 Sport Licenses, 1 Marriage License (#3), 5 Dog licenses, 4 renewed and 1 new (#177), and 2 Building Permits (#16-020 and 021)
  - b) Aug 16, received letter of resignation from Deputy Tax Collector Ivy Huber. Also received notification that Tom Huber would fill the Deputy Tax Collector term from 8/17/16 to December 31, 2020. He took an Oath of Office.
  - c) August 23, sent Franklin County Clerk notification of change of Deputy Tax Collector and Oath of Office for Tom Huber
  - d) TOWN HALL REQUEST: None
  - e) TOWN PARK REQUEST: Saturday, August 28, 12 noon to 8 pm, Spencer Family; Saturday, Sept 10, and 17, Oct 15, and 22, Paul Smith's College Rugby.
  - f) RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Still shredding 2007 and 2008 financial records per MU-1. Indexing Minutes from 1990s
  
3. Historian - Elaine Sater: Report given at Meeting:

Continued the information from the minutes of early Town Board meetings from 1870 to 1875:

Jun 10, 1870: School District No. 3 is enlarged by George T. Collins, School Commissioner for Franklin County District 1.

Oct 15, 1870: School District No. 2 is divided by John Redwood, Trustee

Nov 15, 1870: School District No. 4 is formed from District No. 2 and 1 by George Collins, Commissioner. To take effect on Nov 1, 1870, from a meeting in Chateaugay on October 26, 1870

Mar 7, 1871: Annual meeting of Town Board - Resolution that Commissioner of Highways will notify the taxable inhabitants 30 days before the next annual meeting to vote on raising \$500 to make a new road, leaving the old one near Barnum Pond and intersecting it near Mountain Pond. Resolution to levy \$250 for purposes of roads and bridges; resolution to levy \$25 for the purpose of book lease and the Town Clerk will be appointed to procure the same; resolution to pay \$20 to AA Smith for one acre of land for a grave yard where the Quarter's grave yard is now; resolved that a committee of Joshua Otis, William Ricketson, and Seth Wardner be appointed to buy and fence the grave yard; resolved that \$65 be levied to purchase the fencing; resolved that Philman King be appointed Sexton of said grave yard; resolved that the poll tax be reduced to one day for the inhabitants of the Town. Seth Wardner is appointed Justice to fill the unexpired term of FTB Weller who did not qualify for the position. Meeting is adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of March next.

March 5, 1872: Resolved that all previous resolutions concerning the purchase of burying grounds are rescinded and all moneys are applied to the purchasing, fencing, and beautification of one acre of land including the site of William Ricketson's private burying ground and Elbridge Ricketson, Seth Wardner, and Alphonso A. Rand are appointed a committee to procure, fence and ornament said ground by the summer; resolution to levy \$500 to build a new road from Barnum Pond to burnt ground. Meeting adjourned to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of March 1873 to meet at the Quarter's school house. Town Clerk is now Elbridge Ricketson, Assessor is William Ricketson, Justices - Hermann Wilcox and AC McColloms who is filling the unexpired term of John Ricketson who has removed from the Town, Collector Charles Jenkins, Inspectors of Elections - EA Chase and Philomen King, Constables - William Otis, James Cross, Elbridge Hyde, and Overseer of the Poor - Herman Wilcox and Zebulon Robear

Feb 22, 1873: Commissioner of Highways Edward Rork alters Highway Districts 1 and 3.

March 4, 1873: Resolved that the burying ground be 20 rods long and 8 rods wide coming to the middle of highway; resolved that JM Wardner and AA Smith show an account of monies(?) draw from the Franklin County Treasurer while supervisor, the same to be shown on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1873, at the Town Clerk Office, resolved that \$65 be levied for the purpose of fencing the burying ground at Harkness place in Town. Town Clerk is FTB Weller, Highway Commissioner Edward Rork and Assessor AC McCollom, Justices - Joseph Newel and AC McCollom, Collector EF Hobart, Constable - William Otis, James Cross, Elbridge Hyde and Moses Labrack.

Oct 15, 1873: School Districts 1, 2, and 3 are altered to take effect on December 10, 1873, by George Collins, Commissioner of School District 1 for Franklin County and Czrun P. Whitney, Commissioner of School District 2 for Franklin County.

March 3, 1874: Resolved that \$500 be levied to be expended on the road from the Town Line of Duane this way, resolved that a Committee be appointed (CE Martin and John McLaughlin) to settle with the present Graveyard Committee and ascertain how much they have expended on the graveyard and report to supervisor within 60 days and let the job to build the fence be let to the lowest bidder. Assessor is now John Redwood.

March 2, 1875: Resolved to levy \$250 for roads and bridges, resolved that the Overseer receive recompense for opening the road in District #3 for the winter of 1875 to be paid by the Commissioners, resolved that the

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Commissioners have a scraper for each road District in the Town for the use of the Highway this Spring. Supervisor CE Martin, Town Clerk John McLaughlin, Commissioner Edward Rork, Assessor AA Smith, Collector BF Hobart, Justice George Knowles, Constables - James Cross, Clarence McCarthers, Chester Brink, Alverd Patterson, Inspectors of Election - George Knowles, Joshua Otis, Overseer of the Poor Oren Otis, Board of Excise - AA Smith, James Cross, Joshua Otis.

4. Tax Collector - Holly Huber: No Report
5. Town Justice - Nik Santagate: Supervisor Peter Shrope received a check in the amount of \$4,454.00 and the Justice disposed of 40 cases for the month of August
6. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) - Paul Blaine: Report given at meeting
  - a. Two (2) building permits (BPs #16-020 and 021) issued
  - b. One (1) Certificate of Compliance was issued for BPs #15-001
  - c. Issued five permits for September already, a utility building is starting shortly at Paul Smith's College
  - d. Office will be closed from September 16 to 26<sup>th</sup>
7. Assessor - Roseanne Gallagher: Report provided at meeting.
  - a. There were 11 people affected by the new rules for School Tax Relief (STAR), they will have to apply for a tax credit. Any new 2016 Enhanced STAR applicants will have to apply for tax credit for 2017 tax year.
  - b. Notified of 2 sales that were "arms length"; Freeburg to Francisco \$99,000 (Tax map #380.-1-19) and Mullins to Hawkins \$1.1 Million (Tax map #395.-1-4.100)
  - c. Plan to start data collecting again, wants to get at least a quarter of 529 residential properties completed this year
8. Animal Control - Tri Lakes Humane Society: No report
9. Supervisor - Supervisor Peter Shrope:
  - a. Telephone at Park: Phone# 518-327-3530 has been canceled
  - b. Received table and surround, added plastic covering to protect wood; ordered ceiling fan for center light, David Knapp will install
  - c. Franklin County Clerk: Sent a notice of auction on 73 County owned properties on October 5 in Malone; none are in this Town
  - d. Budget as of August 31, 2016, was provided to Board members, things look good till the end of the year
  - e. Revenue: \$4,454.00 from Town Justice and \$280.06 from Town Clerk; transferred \$4,607.64 from General Fund to Highway Fund, CHIPS funds
  - f. NYCLASS: Interest of \$27.53 for General Fund; total in account \$105,522.99 (\$20,000 is reserved for Town Hall), and Highway Fund interest is \$10.49, total in account \$40,214.67

***APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF MINUTES***

***- Regular Board – August 11, 2016***

Motion made by Amber McKernan, second by Lydia Wright, to amend the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 11, 2016 as follows: Page 2, Reports, Tax Collector, Para b: Replace the words "six months are Feb, through June and" with "as well as". **Roll Call Vote:** Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McDonnell).

***CITIZENS COMMENTS:*** None

***BUSINESS***

1. **Post Closure Monitoring of Landfill FX Browne - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Received notification that "FX Browne, Inc" is changing to "Princeton Hydro, LLC" for post closure monitoring of the landfill. A new contract has been provided for 2016

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**RESOLUTION #68-2016**

**POST CLOSURE MONITORING OF LANDFILL CONTRACT 2016**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Princeton Hydro, LLC, of Ringoes, NJ to provide professional consulting services for 2016 post closure monitoring for the landfill from 8 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 in the amount of \$2,100 plus \$400 in reimbursable expenses, as well as \$1,150 in laboratory fees to be billed directly to the Town, Total contract \$3,650.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McDonnell)  
Resolution #68 declared duly adopted.**

2. **Elected Official to Protect New York - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Received a letter requesting support for Tompkins County to request NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to hold public hearings in their County concerning a pipeline expansion project.

**RESOLUTION #69-2016**

**SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS BY NYSDEC IN TOMPKINS COUNTY RE: PIPELINE**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports a resolution from “Elected Officials to Protect New York” to request the New York State Department of Environmental conservation for a Public Hearing in Tompkins County Regarding the Dominion New Market Pipeline Project and Expansion of the Borger Compressor Station as follows:

WHEREAS, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), operates an existing 200-mile long natural gas pipeline in New York State that passes through Tompkins County and includes the Borger Compressor Station located at 219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road, Ithaca, NY, in the Town of Dryden, and

WHEREAS, DTI has proposed a \$158 million New Market pipeline expansion project that would involve major changes to the Borger Compressor Station, including addition of gas coolers and other infrastructure alterations; as well as a significant increase in pressure and volume of natural gas moving through an older existing pipeline, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently accepting public comments regarding the New Market pipeline until September 12, 2016, but has limited comments to those regarding draft air discharge permits, and

WHEREAS, the DEC has scheduled public hearings near the locations of three compressor stations (8/29/16, Morrisville State College, Morrisville, NY; 8/30/16, Corning Community College, Corning, NY; and 9/1/16, Canajoharie Central School District, Canajoharie, NY), and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature would like to ensure that its residents have a similar opportunity to hear any public presentation by the DEC and provide comments regarding both air and water quality certification for the proposed New Market Pipeline Project and the Borger Compressor Station,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY TOWN BOARD THAT: it supports the Elected Officials to Protect New York’s request that the DEC hold a public hearing in Tompkins County and, if necessary, extend the comment period to accommodate this request,

RESOLVED, further, that the DEC expand the scope of the comments it accepts to both air and water quality.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McDonnell)  
Resolution #69 declared duly adopted.**

3. **Budget 2017 - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Budget 2017 worksheets have been distributed to all offices and are due to the Budget Officer by September 20. Budget workshop meetings will be scheduled for October 6 (General) and 13(Highway) at 6 p.m. if acceptable to the Budget Officer. Need a contract from the Fire Department.

**COMMITTEES:**

1. **Adirondack Regional Airport - Tom and Amber McKernan:**  
“Fly-In” a fund raiser for LifeFlight is scheduled for September 17 from 10am to 3pm; Young Eagle Flights will be available for children 8 to 17 years of age

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2. **Park & Recreation - Supervisor Peter Shrope and Amber McKernan:**
  - a. There is a pile of debris next to the port-a-potty, will get it cleaned up
  - b. Playground: new equipment is needed; Discussion was held on obtaining old equipment from a closed school. Andrea Dumas said insurance may be a problem with older equipment. She gave Chastity Miller's name as a point of contact for grant writer to possibly obtain funds. Organic equipment might work better.
  - c. SLAYP: Steve Tucker received a notice that the Director will be resigning as he took a full time job out of the area
3. **Insurance - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Contacted NYMIR to add Tansy Lane to the inventory, rates should not change very much for 2017. He will discuss park equipment with them.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS: None**

**AUDIT OF VOUCHERS**

**RESOLUTION #70-2016**

**PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS**

Motion made by Amber McKernan, second by Lydia Wright,

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

PREPAID FUNDS: Abstract #9 for Voucher #9A through and including #9C GENERAL FUNDS in the amount of \$474.82 and STREET LIGHTING FUNDS in the amount of \$55.28.

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #9 for Voucher #172 through and including #188 in the amount of \$ 9,746.69

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #9 for Voucher #67 through and including #78 in the amount of \$49,031.06

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

**Resolution #70 declared duly adopted**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:38pm to discuss the employment of a particular person in accordance with Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105(f) , second by Amber McKernan, **Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McDonnell)**

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope to GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:43pm, second by Amber McKernan **Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McDonnell)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. made by Amber McKernan, second by Lydia Wright **Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(McDonnell)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC  
Brighton Town Clerk