

**PUBLIC HEARING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

**October 28, 2014**

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A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday October 28, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. by the Town Board of the Town of Brighton at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, for the Preliminary 2015 Town Budget:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Public Hearing was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:05 p.m.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Amber McKernan and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Brian McDonnell and Steve Tucker

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Meagher - Bookkeeper and Elaine Sater-Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Tuesday, October 21. The Notice was also posted in the local post offices, businesses, and on the Town Clerk's Sign Board on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Supervisor Peter Shrope said the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Preliminary 2015 Town Budget.

The floor was opened to the public

**Tom McKernan - Gabriels:** Said he has attended the meetings discussing the Tentative Budget and he appreciates the way the budget process was so smooth. Asked what the Special Assessment under Revenues (A1030) of \$4,000 was for. He supports the budget as presented.

**Richard Meagher - Bookkeeper:** Said the Special Assessment (A1030) is for a tax lien on a property where the Board spent \$4,000 to remove an unsafe structure. The County will reimburse the Town during 2015 for the expense and collect from the property owner.

**Lydia Wright - Paul Smiths:** Asked about how eye insurance was handled by the Town. She also asked if funds were put in the budget for Town Officials to attend training.

Discussion was held on CSEA eye (optical) insurance. Town officials are eligible to use the program if they pay for the insurance themselves, the cost per month is \$122.16 for dental and \$19.20 for optical. The Town only covers the cost of full time employees who work 40 hours per week.

Discussion was held concerning going to training in New York City in February 2015, four people expressed interest. Funds were already allocated in the budget for training.

There were no further comments from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:20 p.m. made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, Second by Lydia Wright, Aye 3 (McKernan, Shrope, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, Tucker)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC  
Brighton Town Clerk