

PUBLIC HEARING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

July 31, 2014

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A Public Hearing was held on Thursday July 31, 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 Proposed Local Law #1 for the Year 2014 entitled "Games of Chance":

CALL TO ORDER:

Public Hearing was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:00 p.m.
The "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 and Elaine Sater-Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There were six residents present

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of this public hearing was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Tuesday, July 22, and Thursday, July 24, 2014. The Notice was also posted in the local post offices, businesses, and on the Town Clerk's Sign Board on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Supervisor Peter Shrope said the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Local Law #1 for the Year 2014 entitled "Games of Chance". This law is being proposed because Paul Smith College and the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department asked the Town Board to propose it so they could sell raffle tickets in the Town. The Attorney for the Town has reviewed the wording of the law. The law was proposed at the regular Town Board meeting on July 10, 2014.

The floor was opened to the public

Susan Sweeney, Paul Smiths College: Spoke in favor of the proposed law. She commended the Town Board for its insight in recommending this law. It will allow organizations to access a revenue source that has not been available in the past.

Ray Agnew, Paul Smiths College: Spoke in favor of the proposed law. He said the law is already on the state books and the organizations in the Town need a local ordinance to do larger raffles. He appreciates the action of the Town Board.

Tom Tucker, Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department: Spoke in favor of the law. He thanked the town Board for the opportunity to bring this law forward. The law will be beneficial to the Fire Department as a source of revenue as they lost their other source of revenue when the State Troopers said they had to stop their collections in the middle of the roads. Having raffles will generate more revenue for them.

Hawley Snyder, Paul Smiths Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department: Spoke in favor of the law. He appreciates the Town going for this law. He was Treasurer for the Fire Department when they tried to have a raffle and it was a colossal amount of work to return the money. He does not want to be Treasurer again. They lost revenue last year because they could not have a raffle. He thanked the Town Board for proposing the law.

There were no further comments from the floor.

The next step is for the Town Board to enact the law and then it goes on the November 4 election ballot for residents to vote for it. If the law passes, it gets filed with the Secretary of State and when the Town Clerk gets notification that it's been filed, it becomes law.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn at 6:15 p.m. made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, Second by Amber McKernan, Aye 4 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (McDonnell)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC, Brighton Town Clerk