

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET- NOVEMBER 8, 2007  
TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

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**A Public Hearing on the 2008 Preliminary Budget was held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY**

**CALL TO ORDER: Public Hearing was Called to Order** by Supervisor Peter Martin at 6:35 p.m.  
The "PLEDGE TO THE FLAG" was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Peter Martin, Council Members: Sheila Delarm, David Knapp, and Steve Tucker

**ABSENT:** Council Member Lydia Wright

**OTHERS:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Richard Meagher - Budget Officer

**RESIDENTS:** There were seven residents present

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Notice of the Public Hearing for the 2008 Preliminary Budget was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. It was also posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board, at three post offices, and local businesses.

**Supervisor Peter Martin** turned the meeting over to Richard Meagher, Budget Officer.

**Richard Meagher:** The Preliminary Budget has reduced the tax rate by 3 cents per thousand from \$2.69 to \$2.66. Tax levy is down by about \$6,000 from last year (about \$542,000 to \$536,000). There were no large requests for this budget, there is a cost-of-living increase for salaries. The insurance amounts are down from last year. The County has also reduced their budget so there should be a decrease to the amount people paid in taxes from last year.

**Doug Tichenor:** Asked if the Equalization Rate was already figured into this reduction.

**Richard Meagher** said he understood there would be about \$1 reduction per thousand for most towns in the county. He did not know about the Equalization Rate effect.

**There were no further comments from the floor.**

**Motion made to Close the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.** by Supervisor Peter Martin, **second** by David Knapp, **Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk