

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, March 12, 2009 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 David Knapp at 7:04 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor David Knapp

Council Members: Sheila Delarm (entered meeting at 9:00 p.m. and left at 10:34 p.m. for a fire call), Jeffrey Leavitt, Steve Tucker (left meeting at 10:34 p.m. for a fire call) and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Amber McKernan - Tax Collector, Andy Crary - Superintendent of Highways, Doug Tichenor - Assessor

RESIDENTS: There were two residents present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Organizational Meeting, January 8, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Jeffrey Leavitt, **to amend the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 8, 2009, as follows: Page 2, Para 7b Committees - Highway, change "Steve Tucker" to "Jeffrey Leavitt"; Aye 3 (Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Leavitt), Absent 1 (Delarm)**

- Special Board February 12, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held on February 12, 2009 as written, Aye 4 (Leavitt, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)**

- Regular Board February 12, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on February 12, 2009, as written; Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)**

- Public Hearing Prevention of Avoidable Alarms LL#2-2008 February 23, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Prevention of Avoidable Alarms (proposed Local Law #2 for the Year 2008) held on February 23, 2009 as written, Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)**

- Special Board February 23, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held on February 23, 2009 as written, Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of February 28, 2009, was \$ 634.63

1 Marriage License (ML#01-09)

5 Dog Licenses Renewed

3 Building Permits (#09-02 to 04)

6 FOIL requests

1. February 15 to 18, attended the Association of Towns Annual meeting and training in New York City with Council Member Lydia Wright

2. February 19, received notice from Sodexho, dated January 16, 2009, Re: Renewal Application Notice for on-

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Premises Alcoholic Beverage License. This notice was delayed because it was addressed to the incorrect Town of Brighton.

3. February 24, mailed Local Law #1-2009, "Prevention of Avoidable Alarms", to the Attorney for the Town.
4. February 26, received 2009 Town and County Directories from Franklin County and distributed to Board members.
5. March 3, received request from Franklin County Board of Elections, RE: Polling Site Agreement, need resolution to allow use of building for 2009 elections.
6. March 10, received signed copies of Local Law #1-2009 from the Attorney for the Town
7. March 11, mailed LL#1-2009 to the Department of State for filing
8. REQUESTS FOR TOWN FACILITIES:
 - a. TOWN HALL: None
 - b. TOWN PARK: Town's Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 2, 2009

CITIZENS/GROUPS COMMENTS

Pat Willis - Town Hall Restoration Fund Raising Committee: The town needs to apply for the funds from Senator Betty Little (\$50,000) and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey (\$10,000). She submitted a letter, dated March 6, 2009 for the record, RE: Town Hall Restoration Project, as follows:

"To the Board of the Town of Brighton:

On Thursday, March 5th I spoke by telephone with Gayle Underhill Plumb, Regional Grant Officer for our Thousand Island Region of the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. I asked if she knew anything about the grant which the Town applied for in 2008 for the Town Hall restoration. She was very responsive and we talked for awhile, but she knew nothing about if or when the grant applications would be answered, or if the funds would be forthcoming at all.

I asked Gayle if she thought the Town should again ask our state and national legislators for funds for the project, as I had done when I was Chair of the Citizens Committee for the Town Hall. She said this would be a good idea. Even if the Town does eventually get the state grant, the Town would have to match whatever state grant funds it receives.

Of course this is a difficult economic time. However, the Town Hall restoration is a 'shovel ready' project, with all assessment and design work done and some funds already pledged. The US Government is looking for shovel ready projects to fund with the stimulus package. New York State is currently looking for projects to fund, so we should hurry to apply (see attached newspaper article 'New York Leaders Detail Stimulus Spending') [Adirondack Daily Enterprise, dated Thursday, February 23, 2009].

The Town of Franklin has re-appointed Ann Holland as hired grant writer. She is looking for funds in the stimulus bill for their Town Hall now, according to Franklin Town Clerk Sandy Oliver. Sandy recommends Ann Holland as an excellent grant writer with many important contacts in searching for funding sources. Sandy also suggest contacting Terry Martino at ANCA, and that we are already late in beginning this search for stimulus funds.

Attached is a list of our legislators contact information. I suggest contacting Sharon Henderson, Senator Little's Special Projects person in Glens Falls at 518-743-0968. Other legislators to call: Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative John McHugh, NY Assemblywomen Janet Duprey. Ask them if they will pursue funding, and ask how else can we do the same for our "shovel ready project," the restoration of our Town Hall.

I am afraid the squeaky wheel often gets the reward. If those who control the grant funds don't hear from us, we won't receive any help. If you decide to pursue this effort, I will volunteer to help, by I cannot do this unless you authorize it.

Sincerely, [Signed] Pat Willis"

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **TAX COLLECTOR (Amber McKernan):** Read report at meeting
 - a. February was a busy month with several phone calls requesting tax information, sent two faxes
 - b. For February posted \$171,084. Of that amount \$25,314.84 was paid directly to the Franklin County Treasurer's Office by various utilities. Received notice from the Treasurer's Office that the properties owned by the various

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- utilities and the state were paid in full directly to them. Payments were noted in the roll book.
- c. On 4 March printed out and prepared for mailing, 117 second notices for unpaid tax bills. This is 17 more than last year. Those notices were mailed on 5 March, with the \$2.00 second mailing fee effective on that date. Still have 104 bills outstanding. To date, have posted \$969,239.13. 88% of the warrant for 2009 has been posted.
 - d. On 5 March issued check #809 in the amount of \$48,000 to Franklin County Treasurer Bryon Varin, which brings the total to date sent to that office to \$372,000.
 - e. On Friday it was brought to her attention that there was a discrepancy with a payment received from a mortgaging institution. Notified the proper institutions of the discrepancy and the error was rectified as of today. Once again BAS provided impeccable technical support during the process of reporting the payments involved.
 - f. Will be turning books back to the county sometime during the first or second week of April. Have not yet received the worksheets from the Treasurer's Office, but expect them within the next week or two.
 - g. Contacted BAS regarding service costs for maintaining a credit card payment account that was discussed at the last meeting. This is the response from the BAS sales rep: "You can have the deposits from the Internet go into one account & have the fees drawn from a separate account. On the account enrollment package you have to fill out for this module, it gives you this option. I am still looking into the option of a lump sum payment of the fees once a year though too, so I'll let you know about that as soon as I find out." Have not heard anything back from BAS, and will contact them again if we think that this is something we want to offer to our taxpayers at this time. There has been talk of a county-wide credit card option for paying taxes. Suggest that we wait and see if anything develops in the county's plans, and revisit this subject again.
 - h. Will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27.
 - i. Would like the Board to audit the Tax Collector's financial records for 2009 after the middle of April.

Supervisor David Knapp set the audit for Thursday May 14 at 6 p.m. before the Regular Board meeting.

2. HIGHWAY (Superintendent Andy Crary, Jeffrey Leavitt and Lydia Wright): Received Report prior to meeting

a. Report of Superintendent:

- i. Plowing and Sanding
- ii. Put new D Block on the plow locks on the PayStar
- iii. Replaced cable for the wing on the PayStar
- iv. Made a dump run
- v. Helped with Food Pantry
- vi. Had pick-up truck towed to High Peaks Ford for repair, fixed problem and picked up.
- vii. Load of salt (25 tons) was delivered
- viii. Had brakes repaired on the Ford, also a temp sensor, the cost was higher due to more work needed once axle was off the truck. Truck is back in service.
- ix. Put up more salt and sand
- x. Asked Rick Stevenson to check out the electrical problem at garage, he did an inspection and made emergency repairs to prevent more damage
- xi. Would like to purchase next year's salt through a contact with Franklin County at a reduced rate from the State contract.
- xii. Part time employee needs to work at least one day a month to stay in the union
- xiii. Will be purchasing safety jackets and vests for employees to wear while working for high visibility
- xiv. Need to purchase a sign for "Northbrook Road"

RESOLUTION #41

PURCHASE OF SALT FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY CONTRACT FOR 2009/2010 WINTER SEASON

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Jeffrey Leavitt, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the cost of salt is about \$89 a ton through the NYS Office of General Services contract for 2009, and **WHEREAS**, Franklin County is contracting with North American Salt Company at \$71.00 per ton for road salt, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary, is authorized to purchase 250 tons of salt at \$71.00 per ton from North American Salt through a contract with Franklin County for the 2009/2010 winter plowing season.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Leavitt, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)

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RESOLUTION #41 declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #42

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE TO WORK ONE DAY A MONTH

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, there is a seasonal employee in the Highway Department who needs to work at least one day a month to keep his union status,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary be authorized to hire Art Leavitt for one day each month from May to October so he can retain his union status and continue to self-pay his CSEA benefits.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)

Resolution #42 declared duly adopted

RESOLUTION #35-2009 (Amended)

PURCHASE OF LT9000 TRUCK BRAKES

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the brakes on the LT9000 Truck are getting worn because of routine usage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary be authorized to take the LT 9000 truck to MA Jerry in Plattsburgh to get the brakes replaced at a cost Not to Exceed \$6,226.91.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)

Resolution #35 declared duly amended.

- b. **CSEA Contract:** Received copy of contract for approval, discussion was held if the Superintendent of Highways gets the same reimbursements as the contract allows for the employees. Article V, Para 2 and 4 are direct opposition with each other. Para 4 was agreed to in 2008, the contract was received today in the mail. These errors will be addressed next year. Article X, para 3 is understood to mean stand-by time is included in time actually worked. Time worked is not over and above stand-by pay. Discussion was held on why Andy Crary was not allowed to attend the Executive Session part of the meeting on February 12, 2009. Jeffrey Leavitt contacted the Association of Towns and received the answer that the Town Board can invite anyone into the Executive Session. The Superintendent of Highways will be invited to attend the next Executive Session to negotiate a contract. Supervisor David Knapp will send a letter with the signed contract to request contract terms be provided by September to the Board prior to the Budget workshops.

RESOLUTION #43

CSEA CONTRACT

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the CSEA representative met with the Town Board on February 12, 2009 to discuss their demands for a new contract,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to sign the CSEA Contract with Franklin County Local 817, Town of Brighton Unit 6870 for the year January 1 to December 31, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Delarm)

Resolution #43 declared duly adopted

- c. **Electrical Service at Town Garage:** The original installation of the electrical system in the new garage was not according to building code. There is no signed Certification of Occupancy (COO) in the Code Enforcement Officer's file, a final inspection may not have been completed. A company inspected the electrical work and allowed National Grid to turn on the power. Supervisor David Knapp has contacted Joe Garso of North Woods Engineering, who was the Engineer on this project. He contacted Bay View Electric who was the contractor on the electrical system. This issue will be pursued by North Woods Engineering and Bay View Electric. The electrical system to open the cold bay overhead door was never put in the original plan. This is not part of the Code problem by Bay View Electric. Andy Crary had an independent inspector conduct an inspection of the system. There were too many wires allowed in the conduits and they are now causing the breakers to shut off the electricity in the building. Rick Stevenson was hired to do emergency repairs to the system.

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- d. **White Pine Road Bridge:** Supervisor David Knapp sent an email to the NYS DOT, John Disbro, to ask for the process to complete the repairs on the bridge. John Disbro responded that the current flag issue is “inactive red”. The immediate danger has been addressed and the bridge can be used safely. The Town does not have to do anything else until there is another inspection that shows more deterioration. He would like to see a plan to repair or replace the bridge. Supervisor David Knapp also spoke with Paul Maroun, County Legislature. He would like to have a meeting to discuss the “title search” and have the county paid for the search. Jeffrey Leavitt said he has been trying to arrange a meeting since September. Ray Suscie is also interested in the bridge, he remembers the Town requesting the ownership of the bridge in the 1990s. There is no transfer on file at the County Clerk’s Office showing the County transferred the bridge to the Town. Supervisor David Knapp said Paul Maroun will contact Gary Lewis to prepare an engineering plan to repair or replace the bridge. The Highway Committee will meet in April with the County Legislatures and the Attorneys for the Town and the County.

3. **ASSESSOR (Doug Tichenor):** Report received prior to meeting

- a. Intends to post the overall Level of Assessment for Brighton at 84% of full value for the 2009 roll. Last year the ratio was 90%. The Equalization Rate affects the school and county assessments.
- b. Met with the State OPRS concerning the Town’s Level of Assessment. ORPS has determined that the overall market value ration for the Town is 80.27% and the ratio for residential property (1,2 and 3 family homes) only is 78.82%. Three years ago the State started requiring towns to post the “Uniform Level of Assessment” on the town rolls and tax bills. This ratio is measured by the New York State ORPS by analyzing sales both locally and regionally from the valuation date of July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008. The ratio is presented to assessors for input from them and ultimately, if the assessors concur with the ratio, it becomes the official Level of Assessment **and** the Equalization Rate for the town. The State ORPS office will come and discuss this with the Town if necessary.
- c. Working on the Tentative Roll, some seniors have not returned their Enhanced Star Exemption forms.
- d. **Board of Assessment Review (BAR):** Several people have shown an interest in being BAR members, the Assessor will be available on Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. for anyone interested in asking questions.
- e. BAR member training is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at the County Courthouse Kitchen from 1 to 4 p.m. Anyone who cannot attend should notify Mary Bausch at the Franklin County Real Property Office for other classes available in other counties.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE - Rebecca Buerkett:**

- a. Energy workshop is scheduled for March 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor’s Interpretive Center (VIC) in Paul Smiths, refreshments will be served. Rebecca Buerkett can spend up to \$50 and be reimbursed by the Supervisor’s General Fund Account A1220.4.
- b. Met with John Mills, President of Paul Smith’s College, to discuss the Smart Growth Initiative. The College is a large stakeholder in the Town. He had some ideas concerning how the College could help bring business to the Town during the summer months, such as a culinary camp for a week.

Sheila Delarm entered the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

- c. The idea of the brochure is slowly getting out to the residents. Most people wanting ads are from face to face contact. The ads need to be from businesses that actually do business in the Town. A person is contacting all the businesses in the Town to let them know about the brochure and ask for support of it. About \$800 has already been received in support of the brochure.
- d. The Business Social was attended by several people representing about 10 businesses in the Town. People stayed until 7:30 p.m., good networking took place. The next gathering might be hosted by White Pine Camp.
- e. The survey response has been good, 19 more were received so the website survey was turned back on to add them. There were 151 returned out of 660 sent out, about a 25% return.
- f. The draft of the plan has been started. The next meeting will depend on getting the draft finished. There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 30 to discuss it.

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- g. The Town Board will be updated with the final plan in May .
- h. The GIS work is nearly complete. Bird watching areas are also noted on the maps.
- i. Someone from the Town Board should attend the Local Government Days at the APA on March 24 and 25 in Ray Brook.

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SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. **Financial Report:** Financial Report as of February 28, 2009 was distributed to Board members
- 2. **Budget Amendment:** General Fund needs a Budget Amendment

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #1-2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, To Wit:

RESOLVED that the following amount be and the same hereby are transferred:

\$7,258.00 from Account No. A1990.4 Contingent

as follows:

\$1,400.00 to Account A3620.4 Code Officer CE (For Computer Software)

\$5,858.00 to account A6461.4 Grants (For Smart Growth)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #1-2009 declared duly adopted.

3. **Correspondence:**

- a. **Franklin County Polling Site for 2009:** Received request from Franklin County Board of Elections to use the Town Hall for a polling site for the elections in 2009

RESOLUTION #44

POLLING SITE AGREEMENT FOR 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, To Wit

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Elections needs to conduct elections in the Town of Brighton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Hall be designated as a Polling Site for 2009 for the Franklin County Board of Elections to conduct a Primary Election on September 9, a General Election on November 3 and any Special Elections as necessary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

Resolution #44 declared duly adopted

- b. **Cell Phone Tower:** Received a letter, dated March 10, 2009, from the Paul Smiths- Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department, Re: Cell phone coverage; the "Fire Department urges the Town Board to take whatever action is necessary to improve cell service in the Town of Brighton." Supervisor David Knapp said the Fire Department must not be aware that there is a cell phone tower already approved by the APA to be installed at Paul Smith's College. An APA Notice was received in February. He will send a letter to the Fire Department to let them know about the cell phone tower.
- c. **Earle Article 7:** Received a letter dated February 23, 2009, from the Attorney for the Town, Scott Goldie, Re: Stipulation of Discontinuance has been filed for the 2006 and 2007 Article7 actions by George Earle.
- d. **Local Government Day:** The APA is holding Local Government Days on March 24 and 25 in Lake Placid.
- e. **Rainbow Graphics Website:** Sent letter of thanks to Hillary at Rainbow Graphics for work on the website

DEPARTMENTS (Continued from Page 5)

- 4. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Tri-Lakes Humane Society):** Report received prior to meeting
 - a. Handled 2 dog complaint calls concerning dogs running at large at the Evergreen Trailer Park. Dogs were located seized and claimed by their owner with proof of rabies vaccinations and dog licenses. Appearance

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tickets were issued to the owner.

- b. Handled 3 cat adoptions
- c. Handled one animal cruelty call, dog was tied outdoors in the rain without appropriate shelter. Contacted the State Police and located the property owner. Transported a medium sized dog house to the owner on loan from the Humane Society. No charges were filed as owner was very cooperative.

5. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) (Paul Blaine): Report received prior to meeting

- a. Issued three building permits.
- b. Litter law is being revised
- c. Update needed to building permit law, there is no wording to address electrical systems or septic tanks
- d. Supervisor David Knapp will discuss the procedures for the forms for the avoidable alarms law with CEO

6. TOWN JUSTICE (Nik Santagate): Report received prior to meeting

Closed 70 cases and issued a check in the amount of \$6,432.00 to the Supervisor for February revenues

7. HISTORIAN - Mary Ellen Salls: No Report received

Supervisor David Knapp spoke with Wanda Murtagh, Franklin County Clerk, Re: Bicentennial Commemorative Exchange, he provided her with a copy of the computer compact disk (CD) for the "Brighton 2000 Project" for the time capsule. The Records Department at Franklin County would like to copy the CD for their records also.

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to allow the Franklin County Records Department copy the computer compact disk of the Brighton 2000 Project for their records. Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

COMMITTEES (Continued from page 6)

2. CEMETERY - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt: Nothing to Report

3. INSURANCE/INVESTMENTS - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright:

- a. Received NYMIR insurance policy, a reimbursement check will be forthcoming
- b. Supervisor David Knapp said a highway vehicle was towed, this needs to be checked to see if it is covered by the policy
- c. **Investments:** Money was transferred from the General and Highway Funds to the CLASS account. Interest from February was \$34.31 for General, total in CLASS account \$139,347.66 and \$29.36 for Highway, total in CLASS account \$119,495.06.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt

- a. **Saranac Lake Area Youth Program (SLAYP)** setting up interviews with people for administrative job
- b. **Signs for Snowmobiles:** Supervisor David Knapp gave laminated signs to Dan Spencer to put up
- c. **Count of participants:** Supervisor David Knapp is creating a form for Dan Spencer to use to track the number of people using the park

5. TOWN BUILDINGS - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt

- a. **Town Hall Project (Lydia Wright):** Grant has not been awarded yet, should hear by the end of March. Set up a conference call with Crawford and Stearns concerning the invoice for the fire alarm system.
- b. **Maintenance - Supervisor David Knapp**
 - i. **Electrical layout:** Looked at the electrical plan for the Town Hall, layout is not very concise on the plan, small projects need to get started.
 - ii. **Kitchen** needs to be remodeled with cabinets, microwave and refrigerator, hose to fill mop bucket.
- c. **Water** - It costs about \$35 a foot with steel casing, \$18 a foot after that, to drill a well. Well at Town Garage needs to be tested, need to see if it can be used by the Town Hall also.

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Motion made by Jeffrey Leavitt, second by Sheila Delarm, to authorize Supervisor David Knapp to get the water tested in the well at the Town Garage; Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

- d. **Records Storage:** There is room in the Town Garage parts storage area for storage of records and other items., the floor plan for the highway garage was distributed to the Town Garage for discussion at the next meeting.
- e. **Fuel/Furnace:** Spoke with Griffith Energy about cost of kerosene, they will give an estimate. A furnace service plan is \$240. This would have covered all the work done on the furnace last month. Will follow up on getting estimate.

6. WEBSITE - Sheila Delarm: Nothing to Report

Sheila Delarm and Steve Tucker left the meeting at 10:34 p.m. for a fire call.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. FIRE ADVISORY BOARD (FAB) UPDATE - Sheila Delarm:** Supervisor David Knapp said there is nothing to report
- 2. RESCUE CONTRACT:** Received contact from the Village and held a public hearing on March 12 at 6 p.m.

RESOLUTION #45

EMERGENCY RESCUE CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE FOR 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, to Wit:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 12, 2009 at 6 p.m. for public input on the 2009 Emergency Rescue Services Agreement with the Village of Saranac Lake,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to sign an Agreement with the Village of Saranac Lake to provide Emergency Rescue Services to the Town for the year 2009, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the Village of Saranac Lake the amount of \$35,299.74 for Emergency Rescue services in two payments of \$17,649.87, one due now and the other due by July 1, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Knapp, Leavitt, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Delarm, Tucker)

Resolution #45 declared duly adopted

- 3. TIME WARNER CABLE:** No further information
- 4. POST OFFICE IN GABRIELS:** No further information
- 5. VOICE MAIL AT TOWN HALL:** No further action to be taken on this issue
- 6. LANDFILL ACCESS:** Supervisor David Knapp is still drafting letter to land owner. Jeffrey Leavitt had a conversation with John Guest. He told John Guest to attend a Board meeting if he wanted to discuss anything with the Board. John Guest was very adamant about the Town passing the Avoidable Alarm Law.

NEW BUSINESS

CODE OF ETHICS: Jeffrey Leavitt owns a towing business and was asked by the Highway Garage to tow the Town's truck but did not because he was not sure if he could as a Board member. The Town Clerk said according to the State Comptroller there is a limit of \$750.00 for people who have an interest in the Town to do business with the Town. Jeffrey Leavitt said the Code of Ethics does not reflect this.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

David Knapp: He does not know if he will be running again for Supervisor. If he does, he will run as an Independent and he does not want the Town's Democratic and Republican parties to nominate him just because he is running. He read a letter for the record, dated March 8, 2009, that he is sending to the Election Commissioners, as well as the Democratic and Republican parties as follows:

"Dear Election Commissioners,

As the current Supervisor by appointment for the Town of Brighton, I would like to encourage the Election Commissioners for Franklin County as well as the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties for both Franklin County and the Town of Brighton to begin considering candidates for the vacating positions to be voted upon in the Town during the elections in November 2009.

Although the November elections are eight months away, I feel that now is the time to consider candidates who would be both qualified and interested in filling the positions of Town Supervisor and Town Council. To the best of my knowledge, in past elections, party candidates have run unopposed for one reason or another.

Brighton, as many in our area, is a small community and it is often difficult to recruit individuals who would be qualified and dedicated to the responsibilities of civil duty. Consequentially these duties often fall upon the retired or older members of a community. Although this is often an asset in terms of their knowledge and experience, it is not fair to the individual or on the part of the community to pass along the burden because someone has the time available.

At this time I do not know that I will be interested in running for the position of Supervisor that I am currently filling. If though I should decide to run, I will go through the petitioning process required to get my name entered on the November ballot.

I would appreciate you attention to this issue.

Respectfully, [Signed] David Knapp

cc: Franklin County Elections Board of Democratic Party; Franklin County Elections Board of Republican Party"

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION #46

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Jeffrey Leavitt, To Wit:

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

PREPAID FUNDS: Abstract #3 for Voucher #3A through and including 3C for 2009 General Funds in the amount of \$895.64 and 2009 Street Light Funds in the amount of \$63.58

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #3 for Voucher #77 through and including #113 for 2009 General Funds in the amount of \$40,206.21

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #3 for Voucher #30 through and including #42 for 2009 Highway Funds in the amount of \$14,449.28

SPECIAL FUND - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Abstract #2 for Voucher #2 for 2009 Special Fund for Fire Protection District in the amount of \$34,838.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Knapp, Leavitt, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Delarm, Tucker)

RESOLUTION #46 declared duly adopted.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:45 p.m. made by Supervisor David Knapp, Second by Lydia Wright, Aye 3 (Knapp, Leavitt, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Delarm, Tucker)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk