

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

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The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 after the Organizational Meeting at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Martin at 7:15 p.m.

The Board said the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Martin, Sr.

Council Members: Sheila Delarm, David Knapp, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk and Amber McKernan – Tax Collector

RESIDENTS: There were two residents present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Board December 14, 2006

Motion made by David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on December 8, 2005, as written.**

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

- Special Board December 21, 2006

Motion made by David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held on December 21, 2006, as written.**

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

- Special Board December 30, 2006

Motion made by David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to approve the minute of the Special Town Board meeting held on December 21, 2006, as written.**

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Total Revenue to Supervisor as of December 31, 2006 was \$ 15.68 from 7 Dog License renewals and two FOIL Requests. There was one refund for overpayment on a dog license.
2. December 28, received notice from the Association of Towns concerning the 2007 Training School and Annual Meeting to be held in New York City, February 18-21. A Certification of Designation of Voting Delegate needs to be approved by the Board if anyone is attending this meeting. Copies of the notice were distributed to Town Officials. Read information from Association of Towns concerning the Annual Meeting.
3. Annual Audit: The 2006 Annual Report for Town Clerk Revenue and Disbursements was distributed to Board members; Total Revenue collected was \$5,845.80, Total distributed: Town Supervisor \$4,947.08, Franklin County Treasurer \$154.72, Department of Health \$67.50, Department of Environmental Conservation \$590.50, and a refund for \$8.00. The financial records of the Town Clerk are available for audit.
4. Requests for Town Building Use:
 - a. TOWN HALL: Brighton Conspiracy CO-OP - Saturday, January 27, 8a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - b. TOWN PARK: None
5. Records Management: Three filing cabinets were ordered and have been received.
6. Sales Tax Refund: The Town received a refund of \$288.15 from sales tax paid on the new garage electric bill from March 2005 to September 2006.

RESOLUTION #10

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoint Supervisor Peter Martin as the voting delegate and Council Member

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Sheila Delarm as the alternate voting delegate to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, to be held in New York City, on February 21, 2007 and to cast the vote for the Town of Brighton pursuant to Section 6 of Article III of the Constitution and By-laws of said Association.

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

RESOLUTION #10 declared duly adopted.

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/FINANCIAL REPORT

1. **Financial Report:** Distributed the Financial Report as of December 31, 2006 to the Board members. Interest from CLASS investments for December 2006 was \$1,367.38, interest is at 4.9%. Balance of CLASS Accounts are: General \$237,720.04 and Highway \$83,151.46.
2. **Capital Project - Highway Garage:** A list of expenses for the project to date was distributed to the Board. There are two different figures; one showing with 2003 expenses and one without. The project is currently over budget by \$8,339.47 without the 2003 expenses. The salt shed, demolition of the garage, and landscaping still need to be completed.
3. **Budget Amendments:** There are two amendments needed for the 2006 budget

STREET LIGHT FUND 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, Second by Lydia Wright, To Wit:

AMEND the Street Light Fund of the 2006 Budget as follows:

Appropriate funds of \$32 from the unexpended balance as follows:

\$ 32 to Account SL5182.4 (Street Lights) (Dec 2005 bill was charged to 2006 budget)

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

STREET LIGHT FUND 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 declared duly adopted.

GENERAL FUND 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT #7

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, Second by David Knapp, To Wit:

AMEND the General Fund of the 2006 Budget as follows:

Transfer funds of:

\$117.00 from Account No. A1990.4 Contingency

\$417.00 from Account No. A7140.4 Facilities C.E.

as follows:

\$ 63.00 to Account No. A1220.4 (Supervisor C.E.) (Training)

\$ 54.00 to Account No. A8160.4 (Refuse C.E.)

\$417.00 to Account No. A7140.1 (Facilities P.S.)

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

GENERAL FUND 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT #7 declared duly adopted.

4. **Other Correspondence:**

- a. **Letter from Osgood Pond Association:** Received a letter dated Jan. 5, 2007, Re: Personal Watercraft Sign on Osgood Pond. Discussion was held on who made the original sign. David Knapp will look into getting a new sign. Letter was read for the record as follows:

“Please be advised that the NY State mandated sign regulating the prohibition of all personal watercraft on Osgood Pond has been removed from the waterway access site on White Pine Road. This sign was placed there in 2002 following the passage of Brighton Town Resolution #75, adopted 9/13/2001. Since the State requirement specifies that the sign face the water, the original sign was two-sided.

It would be appreciated if the above was brought to the next Board meeting so that a new sign could be ready for installation in the spring of 2007.

(Signed)

Betty Scott, Vice Pres. Osgood Pond Association”

- b. **Letter from U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution:**

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Received letter dated January 3, 2007, Re: Community Advisory Board. The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on January 18, 2007 in Ray Brook at 12:00 p.m.

- c. **Letter from the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department:** Received a copy of a letter dated January 10, 2007 addressed to NYS legislatures from the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department (SLVFD). The SLVFD would like support from the Town for changing the NYS General Municipal Law to allow a fire department based ambulance service to bill for rescue calls.

The letter was read for the record as follows:

“NYS Senator Betty Little, NYS Assemblywoman Theresa Sayward, NYS Assemblywoman Janet Dupery.

The Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department is currently a Village controlled Fire Department in the Village of Saranac Lake. We are a partly paid mostly volunteer organization that provides fire and rescue services to the Village of Saranac Lake. Our ambulances are certified to operate up to the paramedic level of care.

Currently five surrounding townships contract with the Village of Saranac Lake to provide fire and/or rescue protection to their townships. As expenses are rapidly escalating to operate our department, the latest contract negotiations between the Village and the towns have become very heated to say the least. All Townships have requested that our department start billing for ambulance services in order to lower costs. Presently in order to bill for services we would have to separate the rescue and ambulances from the Fire Department. General Municipal Law Section 209-b (4) prohibits us as a fire department based ambulance service from billing for services.

We feel that staying with the Fire Department, but being able to bill for our ambulance service is a vital issue to ease the burden on our surrounding contracted townships and to help us continue the level of care that we provide.

We understand that there has been discussion of changing the state wide Legislation that would allow fire department based ambulances to bill for services. At this time on behalf of the Saranac Lake Fire Department, we ask for any and all support that you can give to help in the speedy creation and the adoption of this Legislation. If there is not enough support to enact this state wide would you please give support for changing it for at least Franklin, Essex, and Clinton Counties.

Thank you for your time and attention.

(Signed)

Andrew McGill, Fire Chief and Vernon P. James, Rescue Chief, Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Dept.”

RESOLUTION #11

AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO THE NYS GML SEC 209B(4)

Motion made by Sheila Delarm, **Second** by David Knapp, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, currently NY State General Municipal Law Section 209b(4) does not allow fire department based ambulances to bill for services, and

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department has an ambulance service associated with it, and

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides rescue service to the Town of Brighton,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a letter of support to amend New York State General Municipal Law, Section 209b(4), to allow fire department based ambulance service to initiate billing for rescue services.

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

RESOLUTION #11 declared duly adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:** Position Vacant
2. **ASSESSOR (Doug Tichenor)** No Report
3. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Ed Lagree):** Town Clerk found the CEO's report from November 2006, it was submitted on time in December.

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- a. Report from December was distributed to Board members with the following information:
 - i. Issued 39 building permits for 2006; 12 were completed, 27 outstanding. Total of \$3,702.55 was collected in permit fees. Issued 3 Certificate of Occupancy (COO)
 - ii. For 2005: 30 completed, 14 outstanding, 9 renewed, 1 closed, total 42. Issued 8 COO's and 1 Temporary COO
 - iii. From 2004: 3 completed, 9 outstanding, 8 renewed, total 12. Issued 2 COOs
 - iv. From 2003: 3 completed, 2 outstanding, 2 renewed, 1 closed, total 6. Issued 1 COO.
 - v. From 2002: 1 closed, total 1

David Knapp asked if Samson's Bar & Grill received the information needed to complete a liquor permit. The CEO could help him on Wednesday.

4. TAX COLLECTOR - Amber Mckernan

- a. Received notice that the tax roll and warrant for tax season 2007 were available for pickup at the Office of Real Property in Malone on Thursday, December 28 after 11 a.m. Tax bills were prepared for mailing and sent out by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 30. Carried local bills to each of the three post offices in Brighton and posted a public notice of receipt of the warrant in those post offices, as well as one on the Town Clerk's Sign Board outside the Town Hall and one inside the Town Hall. Faxed a copy of the public notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise with a request that the notice be published once a week for two consecutive weeks.
- b. Received the tax roll data onto the computer from BAS, the tax collector's software provider, via a download from the internet on December 29
- c. The amount of the Warrant for 2007 is \$1,500,111.03, which is a decrease from last year's warrant in the amount of \$89,970.07 over 2006. The amount to be paid to the Town of Brighton Supervisor is \$542,588.00, an increase in the amount of \$12,095.00. The amount to be paid to the Franklin County Treasurer for 2007 is \$957,523.03, which is a decrease of \$102,785.03 from 2006. Received notification of an adjustment to the warrant in the amount of \$.48 to be subtracted from the warrant. The new total for the warrant is now \$1,500,110.55.
- d. Received approximately 30 phone calls and five e-mails and sent 6 faxes regarding tax matters
- e. To date have collected \$173,879.12 with 131 posting (14% collected). During December 2006 collected \$5,794.90.
- f. January 5, issued check #759 in the amount of \$.03 as a refund for overpayment of taxes. January 11 issued check #760 in the amount of \$105,000 to the Town of Brighton Supervisor Peter Martin as the first payment to the Town of Brighton.
- g. BAS provided and installed a backup program which will automatically back-up data on the hard drive of the computer. Those files are saved to a CD daily. One copy is kept off premises and the one in the office.
- h. The Tax Collector will be out the office on Friday, January 19, the Deputy Tax Collector will be covering
- i. Would like something in writing from the NYS Comptroller's Office to show what they recommend for the amount of the bond for the Tax Collector, currently the bonded level is about \$400,000.
- j. Prepared a report to show the difference in the 2006 and 2007 amounts of the warrant as follows:

To the Supervisor:	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
General Fund	\$292,453.00	\$279,738.00
Highway Fund	\$176,972.00	\$198,274.00
Easy St Lights	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00
Fire District	\$ 60,763.00	\$ 64,176.00

To the County Treasurer	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Miscellaneous Chargebacks	\$ 0	(\$ 1,586.67)
County Tax	\$996,026.00	\$ 873,948.00
Returned School Tax	\$ 44,858.73	\$ 63,182.14
Rainbow Lake Water Prot Dist	\$ 836.00	\$ 6,744.00
Chargeback BOE	\$ 14,090.84	\$ 15,235.56
ATT	\$ 1,586.67	\$ 0
ATC	\$ 2,909.86	\$ 0

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5. TOWN JUSTICE (Nik Santagate): Report given by David Knapp

- a. Disposed of 33 cases and issued a check in the amount of \$1,880.00 to the Supervisor
- b. Received a copy of the Security Assessment from the NYS Unified Court System. Recommendations were noted as follows:
 - i. Page 5 - Halogen Street lamps in employee parking lot and recessed lights at every entrance and exit. Currently there is a light with a timer at the back entrance.
 - ii. Page 8 - Public parking signs at the front entrance and employee parking sign with split rail fence to outline back lot
 - iii. Page 10 - Rear doors should be self closing and locking with 2'x3' tamper resistance glass window
 - iv. Page 19 - Generator for reserve power supply
 - v. Page 27 - Window shades for privacy, doors should lock, and employee only signs to designate private area for judge's chambers
 - vi. Page 28 - An armed officer should be present about 2 times per month or at bequest of judge

David Knapp said many of these recommendations could be incorporated into the project to renovate the Town Hall.

6. HISTORIAN - Mary Ellen Salls: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - David Knapp and Steve Tucker

- a. Report from Superintendent Don Oliver read by David Knapp
 - i. Working hours as of January 2 are 4 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 - ii. Plowed and sanded road
 - iii. Performed routine maintenance of vehicles
- b. Other issues
 - i. White Pine Camp Road Bridge:
 - (1) Superintendent of Highways Don Oliver spoke with the Franklin County Highway Department at a meeting he attended on December 20 concerning cost of the box culvert on County Road 31. They paid \$148,000 for the work and \$24,200 for the engineering fee for a total of \$172,200.
 - (2) Supervisor Peter Martin received a phone call from the Franklin County engineer who said the Town may be able to just repair the bridge this year. There is no place to set up a temporary bridge due to the wet lands around the area if the bridge is to be replaced. There would be no access to the other side of the water.
 - (3) Sheila Delarm said the repair would be about \$5000 and last five to 10 years.
 - ii. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys:

RESOLUTION #12

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF HIGHWAYS

Motion made by David Knapp, Second by Steve Tucker, To Wit:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to provide the Superintendent of Highways the sum of \$50,000 to be expended for Permanent Improvements of town highways as follows:

First the Wardner Road leading to the end, for a distance of .25 miles, will be blacktopped 2 inches thick, 18 feet wide; then second, the Tebbutt Road commencing at the Vosburgh Road to the end, for a distance of about .65 miles, will be covered with dense binder 3 inches thick, 20 feet wide, not to exceed the \$50,000.

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

RESOLUTION #12 declared duly adopted.

- iii. Sand for Paul Smith's College: Don Oliver asked for the Board to determine what the agreement is with Paul Smiths College for obtaining sand for their roads. The Town now owns the land where the sand is mined. The College is contracting for their snow removal and the contractor should not be getting the sand free from the Town. **David Knapp** will find out the volume of use.
- iv. Letterhead for Town Highway : Town Clerk will order a ream of paper from Currier Press with letterhead.
- v. Monthly Report: Received a copy of a Highway Monthly Report from the Town of Harriestown. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said he spoke with the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Santa Clara,

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he does not give a monthly report. He communicates with the Council members so they know what is going on. **David Knapp** said a letter will go out to all departments asking for the same information be provided by all departments and committees in a monthly report to the Town Board in according to the Organizational Meeting operating procedures.

- vi. Salt Shed Bids: There were no bids received for completing the salt shed. Bids will go out again in March. This information was added to the letter sent to Robert Tebbutt in response to his concern about the salt shed.
- vii. Overtime: Don Oliver is concerned with overtime because he moved the shift back. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said they could go to a split shift if needed. People are happy that the roads are cleared in the morning for the buses and people going to work. There was not a lot of overtime paid last year.
- viii. Decals on Trucks: David Knapp has not been able to get in touch with Mr. Lemieux concerning the design of the decals for the vehicles. He will continue to pursue this issue.
- ix. Town of Brighton Signs: Had a request from a residents about the Town sign on State Route 86 near Split Rock Road. The NYS DOT did not put the sign back up after paving the road. **David Knapp** will ask Don Oliver about the sign. He will ask Mr. Lemieux for a price on more signs.
- x. CSEA Contract: **Lydia Wright** said the language for the health insurance part needs to be changed before the contract is approved. The Attorney for the Town needs to provide the language, not the insurance company. Lydia Wright will contact the Attorney of the Town to review the contract.

2. PARK & RECREATION - Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

- a. Lease of Park from Paul Smith's College: The liability insurance needs to be increased to 3 million dollars coverage. Sheila Delarm will contact NYMIR for more information on cost of increase.

David Knapp asked about number of people using the park. Steve Tucker said Dan Spencer was keeping track of it for a while. Steve Tucker said he has been at the Park a lot lately and there have been people there.

- b. Ice tarp was laid for skating rink. It is in bad shape from "wear and tear" but can still be used. The Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department (PSGVFD) put down some water for ice. The Highway Department bought dirt to hold the tarp and water in place.
- c. The new sump pump installed in the fall is not working well. It was traded-in for a working one that was cheaper, there is now a credit at Aubuchon's Hardware.

3. INSURANCE - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright

- a. Certificates of Insurance are needed from NYMIR for Paul Smith's College, NYS Department of Transportation, and PSGVFD
- b. Lydia Wright will contact the Comptroller's Office for information on Tax Collector bond limits.
- c. Sheila Delarm is waiting for an answer from NYMIR for coverage of the Tax Collector's documents.
- d. COBRA Insurance was discontinued at the request of Robert Tebbutt; cancelled as of December 31; Christy Smith at Burnam needs a copy of cancellation.
- e. Renewal application for NYMIR insurance needs to be completed, Lydia Wright and Sheila Delarm will work on it.
- f. Zurich Insurance has sent a premium notice for disability insurance, four people are covered from Highway.
- g. Mang Insurance has sent a premium notice for bonding of officials.

4. INVESTMENTS - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright

- a. CLASS interest has decreased a small amount to 4.9%.
- b. Supervisor Peter Martin attended the luncheon held by MBIA in December.

5. CEMETERY - Steve Tucker and David Knapp: Nothing to Report

6. TOWN BUILDINGS - Steve Tucker and David Knapp

- a. Town Hall: Trap on kitchen sink was repaired. A new smoke detector and fluorescent lights are needed .
- b. Town Hall Project: Contacted Crawford and Stearns for wording on bid proposals. Information from Town Garage Specification Book could not be used as it was very specific to the Garage Project. The Town does not have a "boiler plate" bid proposal because we do not do a lot of bid proposals. David Knapp will continue to work with Crawford and Stearns to complete the bid proposals.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Art Robinson: Commented on how other Towns are having to put controls on their Highway Department to keep them from overspending. He wanted to know about the Towns investments and the Town should invest the maximum allowed. **Lydia Wright** said the CLASS accounts are interest bearing. The NYS Comptroller's Office recommends a limit of 25% of the total budget that can be kept in reserve, right now the Town has more than 25% in reserve.

Art Robinson: He would like to see the Town go to arbitration on the rescue contract before they approve it. People should let the fire department and EMS volunteers know that they appreciate their services by donating to them. He thanked the Board for the great job they have been doing, he is glad to see the Town Board discussing items and working together.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISASTER PLAN:** Sheila Delarm said there is a meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 6 p.m. for further discussion on the Disaster Plan. The Adirondack Medical Center will be sending a representative. Draft #2 has been distributed to the Board.
2. **RESCUE CONTRACT:** The Town Board attended another meeting with the other town boards to discuss changes to the rescue contract. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said the proposed numbers from the Village of Saranac Lake keep changing. He said there has been a lack of communication between several parties. He received a fax letter from the Health Department discussing the "Certificate of Need (CON)" issued to Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department (SLVFD), there cannot be a lapse in service while the contract is being negotiated. The **Town Clerk** said the "six-months" contract is the one put out for the public hearing. **Steve Tucker** said the contract for fire has to be for a minimum of one year, not longer than five years, and the dollar amount has to be in the contract. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said he talked to Mountain Lakes, the regional EMS council, who has agreed to issue an emergency CON if needed on January 26 to St Regis Falls and Tupper Lake ambulance services. This CON will be for sixty days. The CON for SLVFD covers the Saranac Lake Central School District which includes the Town of Brighton. **David Knapp and Lydia Wright** attended a Village of Saranac Lake board meeting. The Village offered another contract and will accept the amount each town put in their budgets for 2007. This contract offer is good until January 26 at noon for the towns who did not sign the contract on December 30. The counter-offer made by the towns, for last year's amount plus 20%, was not accepted by the Village board. Discussion was held on what other rescue services get for payments. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said Harrietstown and Santa Clara may not hold out because they need fire protection. Brighton may be on its own after January 26 because we only need rescue services. **Lydia Wright** asked if the Attorney for the Town has reviewed this contract. She was under the impression that the contract was drawn up by the Village Manager John Sweeney and not the Village's attorney. The contract has not been reviewed by Scott Goldie. **Supervisor Peter Martin** said he received a call from Franklin County Legislature Gordy Crossman. He is concerned about the rescue contract negotiations, he got a call from the Franklin County EMS. **Supervisor Peter Martin** assured him we would have coverage. **David Knapp and Lydia Wright** asked for letters of intent from all the discussions the Supervisor has had about coverage.

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by David Knapp, for a 10 minute recess, Aye 5, Nay 0

Sheila Delarm said she read in the newspaper that there was another meeting of the towns scheduled on Friday, January 12, at 6 p.m. at the Saranac Lake Fire House to discuss the rescue contract. The Town of Brighton has not been officially notified of it. Sheila Delarm said a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) may be presented. A discussion of what questions to have ready for the meeting were discussed. **David Knapp** asked how long negotiations have been going on. **Steve Tucker** said for two years and the Village's only negotiation has been to offer to spread the amount of the final contract (\$53,000) over three years instead of getting it all in 2007. He asked how many proposals the Town has made to the Village. **Sheila Delarm** said the Town has made two proposals, one for \$550 per call and one for the 2006 cost plus 20%. The Town has increased its offer by 40%. The Village has reduced their amount by 0%, it has only increased depending on the assessed value of the Town. The current contract received from the Village has not been signed by the Mayor. There is no increase

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in service for the increase in cost.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ANNUAL CONTRACTS

a. FREMSA

RESOLUTION #13

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH FREMSA AND PAY \$1,250 FOR 2007 ALS SERVICES

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Sheila Delarm, To Wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton does not have a rescue service, and

WHEREAS, the First Responders Emergency Medical Services Association (FREMSA) provides basic life support and advanced life support services,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a contract with First Responder Emergency Medical Services Association (FREMSA) for basic life support and emergency advanced life support first responder services (ALS) to sick and/or injured persons within the Town of Brighton for three years 2007, 2008 and 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay FREMSA the amount of \$1,250 for 2007 services.

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

Resolution #13 declared duly adopted.

b. Tri-Lakes Humane Society

RESOLUTION #14

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY, INC AND PAY \$1,350 FOR 2007 ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Sheila Delarm, To Wit:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a contract with the Tri-Lakes Humane Society, Inc, for animal shelter services during 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay Tri-Lakes Humane Society, Inc the amount of \$1,350 for 2007 services.

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

Resolution #14 declared duly adopted.

c. Town of Harrietstown Airport

RESOLUTION #15

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF HARRIETSTOWN AND PAY \$1,000 FOR ADIRONDACK AIRPORT SERVICES

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Sheila Delarm, To Wit:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign the contract with the Town of Harrietstown for services at the Adirondack Regional Airport during 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the Town of Harrietstown the amount of \$1,000 for 2007 services.

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

Resolution #15 declared duly adopted.

d. Saranac Lake Civic Center

RESOLUTION #16

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH SARANAC LAKE CIVIC CENTER, INC. AND PAY \$1,500 FOR 2007 YOUTH ACTIVITIES SERVICES

Motion made by Sheila Delarm, second by David Knapp, To Wit:

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RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a contract with the Saranac Lake Civic Center for 2007 youth activities and skating services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the Saranac Lake Civic Center the amount of \$1,500 for 2007 services.

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

Resolution #16 declared duly adopted.

- e. North Country Life Flight, Inc.: Supervisor Peter Martin read a letter from Mary Jane Connors, President and CEO of North Country Life Flight, Inc. expressing her depth of appreciation to the Town of Brighton for supporting the "Life Flight" program.

RESOLUTION #17

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH NORTH COUNTRY LIFE FLIGHT, INC. AND PAY \$1,250 FOR 2007 EMERGENCY AIRLIFT SERVICES

Motion made by Sheila Delarm, second by David Knapp, To Wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton does not have rescue services, and

WHEREAS, North Country LifeFlight, Inc. provides a unique air medical program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a contract with North County Life Flight, Inc, for the purpose of operating the medical component of the MEDEVAC program which will serve the residents and visitors of the Town of Brighton during the next three year (2007, 2008, and 2009), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to pay North Country Life Flight, Inc. the amount of \$1,250 for 2007 services.

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

Resolution #17 declared duly adopted.

- f. FX Browne Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring: A letter, dated November 20, 2006, from FX Browne was received concerning the fees; there is a slight increase in costs for the service. A variance will be applied for from NYS DEC since five years has passed since post-closure monitoring began. A reduction in parameters will be requested. The Town needs to continue mowing the cap of the landfill to keep woody plants from growing on it. The 2007 sampling will take place in August or September depending on the weather.

RESOLUTION #18

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH FX BROWNE, INC. FOR 2007 LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE MONITORING SERVICES

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

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign an agreement with F.X. Browne, Inc, for 2007 Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring in the amount of \$2,200 for services, \$400 estimated reimbursable expenses costs, and annual laboratory subcontract fees of \$1,100, total not to exceed \$3,700.

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

Resolution #18 declared duly adopted.

2. PAYMENT TO PAUL SMITHS-GABRIELS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #19

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY \$32,838 TO THE PSGVFD FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR 2007

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Sheila Delarm, To Wit:

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the Paul Smiths Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. the amount of \$32,838 for the first payment due February 1 for 2007 services as per the "Fire Protection Contract" approved by the Town Board in Resolution #47-2005 on April 14, 2005.

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

Resolution #19 declared duly adopted.

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

Motion made by David Knapp, Second by Lydia Wright to Audit the Vouchers.

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RESOLUTION #20

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS

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

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

PRE PAID FUNDS: Abstract #1 for Voucher #s 12A, 12B and 300 for 2006 General Funds in the amount of \$587.56 and Voucher #1A for 2007 General Funds in the amount of \$47.50, and 2007 Street Light Funds in the amount of \$67.25

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 through and including #35 for 2007 funds in the amount of \$30,385.82

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 through and including #6 for 2007 funds in the amount of \$9,148.05

SPECIAL FUND - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 for 2007 funds in the amount of \$32,838.00

CAPITAL PROJECT - HIGHWAY GARAGE: Abstract #26 for Voucher #88 in the amount of \$ 61.60

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

Resolution #20 declared duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 11:35 p.m. made by Lydia Wright, second by Sheila Delarm, Aye 5

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk