

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, February 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, as follows:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Martin at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Martin, Sr.

Council Members: David Knapp, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Sheila Delarm

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Tichenor - Assessor, Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Amber McKernan – Tax Collector, Nik Santagate - Town Justice

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present and a representative of the media

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Organizational Meeting - January 12, 2006

Motion made by Lydia Wright, **second** by David Knapp, **to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Town Board held on January 12, 2006, as written.**

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

2. Regular Board - January 12, 2006

Motion made by Lydia Wright, **second** by David Knapp, **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on January 12, 2006, as written.**

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of January 31, 2006 was \$ 202.78

3 Dog Licenses - 2 Renewals, 1 New

3 Building Permits (#06-01 to 03)

1. Faxed notice on February 2, 2006 to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Re: Regular Meeting of the Town Board will be the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m in the Town Hall. Notice was published on Tuesday, February 7. Posted Notices in three post offices, at local businesses, and on the Town Clerk's sign board.
2. Sent updates names and addresses of Town Officials to the State Comptroller's Office, the Association of Towns, and the Office of Real Property Services.
3. The Town Clerk's books were audited by the Town Board on January 19, 2006.
4. Filed the deed and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) permit (#2006-186) for the land under the Town Hall with the Franklin County Clerk's Office on January 19, 2006. Sent copies of the deed and APA permit to Steve McFarland at Paul Smith's College on February 9, 2006.
5. Sent Resolution #31-2006 in support of the Collateral Source bill to members of the State Legislature and Senate. Received a thank-you letter from Senator Betty Little dated February 7, 2006.
6. Request the Town Board pass a resolution allowing the Town Clerk, as the President of the Franklin County Town Clerks and Tax Collector Association, to use Town funds already in the Town Clerk's account A1410.4 to pay for postage for this Association until they start to collect their own dues.

RESOLUTION #34

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR POSTAGE FOR THE FCTC2A FOR 2006

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, as President of the Franklin County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association (FCTC2A), is authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$50.00 for postage from the Town Clerk's

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budget account A1410.4 during 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk can use the copier, fax machine, paper and envelopes in her capacity as President of the Franklin County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association.

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

Resolution #34 declared duly adopted.

7. TOWN BUILDING USE: Town Hall Use Requests: None Town Park Use Requests: None

SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE/FINANCIAL REPORT

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- a. Received the final Financial Report as of December 31, 2005, from the old bookkeeper and it was distributed to the Town Board.
- b. Received \$67 back from the insurance company from the premium on the old pick up truck.
- c. The Financial Report as of January 31, 2006 is in a new format. All twelve months' expenses will be on the report. A copy was distributed to each Board Member.
- d. The Annual Financial Report (AUD) for 2005 was reviewed and some changes were required such as correcting the Town's address and removing bank accounts that were closed. It will be filed in the next few days.
- e. Budget Amendments for the 2005 Budget are needed.
- f. Old Bookkeeper submitted a voucher for services for January and completing the 2005 AUD.

GENERAL FUND 2005 BUDGET AMENDMENT #8

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

To AMEND the General Fund of the 2005 Budget as follows:

Transfer funds of \$1,298.98 from Account A1990 (Contingency) as follows:

\$ 4.37 to Account A1010.4 (Town Board Contractual Expense [CE])

\$ 200.00 to Account A1220.4 (Supervisor CE)

\$ 17.65 to Account A1310.4 (Finance CE)

\$ 31.03 to Account A1355.4 (Tax Assessor CE)

\$ 7.07 to Account A1410.4 (Town Clerk CE)

\$ 347.67 to Account A1620.4 (Buildings CE)

\$ 4.11 to Account A3620.4 (Safety Inspector CE)

\$ 551.84 to Account A5132.4 (Garage CE)

\$ 91.07 to Account A8160.4 (Garbage and Refuse CE)

\$ 44.17 to Account A9030.8 (Fringe Benefit - Social Security)

Total transferred \$1,298.98

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

GENERAL FUND 2005 BUDGET AMENDMENT #8 declared duly adopted.

HIGHWAY FUND 2005 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

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

To AMEND the Highway Fund of the 2005 Budget as follows:

Transfer funds of \$3,438.72 from Account DA5130.4 (Machinery CE) as follows:

\$ 588.64 to Account DA5110.4 (Repairs CE)

\$ 1,236.12 to Account DA5142.4 (Snow Removal CE)

\$ 238.88 to Account DA9010.8 (Retirement)

\$ 1,375.08 to Account DA9060.8 (Fringe Benefit - Medical Insurance)

Total transferred \$ 3,438.72

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

HIGHWAY FUND 2005 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #35

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY WILLIAM EMPSALL FOR BOOKKEEPING SERVICES IN JAN 2006

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Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, second by Steve Tucker, To Wit:

RESOLVED, that William Empsall be paid \$403.45 for providing bookkeeping services to the Town of Brighton and for completing the 2005 Annual Update Document (AUD) during January 2006.

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

Resolution #35 declared duly adopted.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Received APA Project #2006-12 concerning a 3-lot subdivision with single family dwellings on County Route 55; written comments can be sent to Michael Hannon, the assigned APA Environmental Program Specialist. The Industrial Development Agency from Franklin County also requested any comments.
- b. Received a letter from the NY State Department of Transportation, dated January 23, 2006, Re: Certificate of Insurance for Use and Occupancy Permit in front of Town Hall. Certificate was sent on February 7.
- c. Received letter from the NY State Office of the Comptroller, dated January 11, 2006, Re: Risk Assessment Survey of selected operational areas during December 2005. During the survey nothing came to their attention indicating the town was in need of further services from the Comptroller's Office at this time.
- d. Received Notice of Expiration of DEC/Local Government Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Work in Protected Streams, dated January 9, 2006. The MOU has expired and will be replaced with a Municipal General Permit (MGP). If any proposed project that does not fall within the thresholds of the MGP, an Individual Permit must be applied for and obtained. Permits from the APA and US Army Corps of Engineers must still be obtained. The new permit should be completed by March 31, 2006.
- e. Received notice from the State of New York Insurance Department dated January 17, 2006, Re: Foreign Fire Tax funds will be electronically transferred to the Town's bank account. Steve Tucker said this was changed last year and the Fire Department is getting the funds directly.
- f. Received letters from PERMA, dated January 27, 2006, and the Association of Towns, dated February 6, 2006, Re: Annual meeting of the Association of Towns and worker's Compensation. Than annual meeting is an educational training event for Town Officials and not a "trade show". The vendors are an ancillary benefit to the attendees and are there at the invitation of the Association of Towns.
- g. Adirondack Local Government Days will be held at the Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake on March 23 and 24.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Andy Crary)

- a. Had one court case on a dog case and it was very informative to him
- b. Had a call on a found dog and turned it over to the Humane Society

Supervisor Peter Martin received a report dated February 1, 2006, from the Department of Agriculture and Markets representative, John Martin, who met with Andy Crary for an inspection. He recommended a Dog Census/Enumeration be done in the Town to update the licensing information and to aid in discovering those dogs which are not licensed. Also, the Animal Control Officer needs to work closely with the local courts to establish procedures for dealing with complaints, dangerous dog situations, and violation of Local Laws and Article 7, the State dog law.

2. ASSESSOR (Doug Tichenor):

- a. Briefed the Board on the reevaluation of assessments in the Town. The previous assessment was in 2002. Almost every assessment when up at varying degrees, this will redistribute the tax levy to those properties that have higher value. An increase in an assessment does not always mean an increase in taxes. A tax shift analysis was completed by the State; the breakdown of the seven categories of parcels with tax shift is as follows: 23 Farm/Agriculture(.69% to .49%), 507 Residential (64.63% to 67.08%), 270 Vacant (5.8% to 6.79%), 21 Commercial (3.74% to 3.52%), 48 Private Forest (4.09% to 3.17%), 147 State owned (18.1% to 17.08%) and 26 others (Utility and Special Districts) (2.81%

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to 1.88%). Farm parcel owners need to renew their status or they pay an 8-year roll back for taxes. Vacant land and Residential the tax burden shifted. In Residential 104 properties will be paying \$500 less in taxes and 97 residential properties will be paying over \$500 more in taxes.

- b. Non-waterfront property went up dramatically. A house in Rainbow Lake, not on the waterfront and assessed at \$41,000, was reassessed to \$98,000; the property sold for \$150,000. An 8-acre lot Vacant in McColloms sold for \$30,000. A property on St. Regis, assessed at \$820,000 by the Supreme Court, sold for \$3.5 million. Split Rock Road area has been selling at a higher rate; the assessments in that area are in line with the Town of Harrietstown. Assessments on Non-waterfront property is going up 1.55 times, waterfront property is going up 1.98 times.
 - c. The values are based on opinion, would like to see a "user fee" instead of "value" based. If the 1.87 million acres in Franklin County was assessed by number of acres owned, the taxes would be about \$12.14 per acre with no exemptions. People would pay more taxes if they owned more acres.
 - d. STAR exemption for the State is \$30,000 for basic, \$50,000 for Seniors. In this Town it is \$45,000 for basic, based on the assessment level. The Town is currently assessed at 72% of full value.
 - e. Mailing will go out on March 1 and included in the mailing is an estimate of what a property owner would have paid in taxes with their new assessment using the 2005 tax levy. For example the School tax levy is \$14.90 per thousand for 2005, with the new assessment it would have decreased to \$8.32 per thousand. The town tax levy was \$2.48 per thousand and decreased to \$1.32, highway was \$1.50 and decreased to \$.84, county was \$8.45 and decreased to \$4.71.
 - f. People will be able to set up appointments by calling during the hours of 9 am to 3 pm on March 6, 9, 13, and 19. Meeting will be held between March 27 and April 6 at the Town Hall.
 - g. Address changes should be made through the Office of Real Property at the County.
3. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Ed Lagree)** Given to Supervisor before meeting
- a. For 2006 issued 3 Building Permits
 - b. 42 Building Permits are still open from 2005
 - c. 12 Building Permits are still open from 2004
 - d. 6 Building Permits are still open from 2003
 - e. 1 building Permit is still open from 2002
4. **TAX COLLECTOR (Amber Mckernan)**
- a. January was a busy month. Collected \$930,157.55 from 645 parcels, which is 73% of all bills sent
 - b. To date, collected \$1,067,198.06 from 717 parcels, which is 83% of all bills sent out
 - c. Returned 7 payments due to errors in payments by taxpayers
 - d. Sent out 8 faxes and had numerous phone calls regarding tax matters
 - e. Issued to the Town Supervisor: Check #742 in the amount of \$120,000 on January 18, Check #744 in the amount of \$145,000 on January 25, Check #745 in the amount of \$140,493 on February 1 which satisfied the town's portion of the warrant, and Check #747 in the amount of \$36.93 which is penalties collected as of February 8.
 - f. Issued Check #746 to Franklin County Treasurer in the amount of \$250,000 on February 2 as first payment of the warrant to Franklin County
 - g. Issued Check #743 in the amount of \$.40 as a refund of an overpayment
 - h. Received a corrected copy of the Warrant for "Omitted Tax Town (OTT)" and "Omitted Tax County (OTC)" which should have been labeled "Additional Tax Town (ATT)" and "Additional Tax County (ATC)". They are in reference to an easement for parcel 325.-1-21 in roll section 8. A new warrant was issued by Franklin County Legislative Clerk, Gloria Valone, with the correct nomenclature. A copy was given to the Supervisor.
 - i. Received and balanced January bank statement on February 8.
5. **TOWN JUSTICE (Nik Santagate)**
- a. Disposed of 59 cases and issued a check in the amount of \$4,611 to the Supervisor
 - b. Would like the Town Board to approve the purchase and use of a credit card machine by the Court. The Court has received a grant to pay for the machine but the Town will have to pick up the handling cost of each transaction. The Court cannot assess the cost on top of the fine. The Supervisor has a copy of the application that has to be sent in. The process is a little different than a business getting

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one: the State Office of Court Administration controls what bank can be used. By using the credit card more fines will be paid timely, this will reduce the cost to the court for mailing fine notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - David Knapp** received report from Superintendent of Highways Don Oliver
 - a. Not much to report, routine plowing and sanding of roads
 - b. No breakdowns of equipment, performed routine vehicle maintenance
 - c. Will be attending Franklin County Highway meeting on February 15
 - d. Boilers in Garage and Town Hall were inspected by NYMIR representative and passed, the inspection is good for 2 years. The pressure relief valve on the garage boiler needs to be turned 90 degrees to be installed correctly.
 - e. DEC will be inspecting the floor drain system and oil separator system in the garage on February 9
 - f. The cricket in the roof is causing a snow build-up that is causing the chimney to be pushed over. David Knapp will contact Joe Garso at North Woods Engineering to see if this is a contractor problem or the Town's to fix. He will also mention the pressure relief valve to Joe Garso.
 - g. Don Oliver will be helping David Knapp with a preventative maintenance schedule.
 - h. The Request for Assistance and Hold Harmless resolution for Franklin County needs to be approved.
 - i. To answer Amber McKernan's question from last meeting, the basis of the CHIPS funding is based on the mileage in the Town. Supervisor Peter Martin said there is a Department of State website that shows how the CHIPS funding is distributed.
 - j. The Town Clerk received a Shared Services Agreement for Highway Services from the Village of Tupper Lake, a copy was given to Don Oliver

RESOLUTION #36

AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE AND HOLD HARMLESS FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

RESOLVED that it is hereby requested that the Franklin County Highway Department assist the Highway Department of the Town of Brighton for the purpose of blacktopping town roads and that it is agreed that this work is to be undertaken by the Town Highway Department and the job is totally under the direction and supervision of the Town Highway Department, and that the town is required to get necessary agency permits, property owners' agreements, and provide utility notification, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Brighton covenants and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Franklin County Highway Department against any claims, actions or judgments arising out of the Town of Brighton's actions involved in, or associated with all highway repairs for which it has requested the assistance of the Franklin County Highway Department for the year 2006.

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

Resolution #36 declared duly adopted.

2. **PARK & RECREATION - Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright**
 - a. The weather has not been cooperative for ice
 - b. The sump pump burned out and a new one was purchased.
 - c. Attended a Saranac Lake Area Youth Program meeting on February 8, they are looking into more activities for the children. North Country Community College is being contacted to see if their pool can be used. There will be another meeting next month to discuss more ideas. The budget amount is the same and there is no charge to the children.
3. **INSURANCE - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright** Will be meeting with the NYMIR representative on February 16 at the Town Hall, the new policy will be explained.
4. **INVESTMENTS - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright** (Nothing to Report)
5. **CEMETERY - Steve Tucker and David Knapp** (Nothing to Report)
6. **TOWN BUILDINGS - Steve Tucker and David Knapp**

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- a. The inspection report can be updated to show the boiler inspection in the Town Hall was completed. The garage boiler inspection was already reported to NYMIR
- b. Locks were changed on both doors of the Town Hall, the back door light was replaced and is not working again.
- c. Nik Santagate asked if the first aid kit in the Town Hall could be restocked with band aids.
- d. Supervisor Peter Martin asked Hulberts to come out and see if the boiler in the Town Hall is installed correctly. This has not been done yet.

Motion made by David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, to authorize the Town Clerk to replenish the First Aid Kit in the Town Hall.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY** - Received a letter, dated January 26, from the Tri-Lakes Humane Society explaining why they were asking for more funds this year. There are increased mandates for the "Dangerous Dog Law" for the shelter. A dog can be sent to the shelter while a case is before the Justice. There is no requirement in the law for the owner to pay for the animal upkeep while in the shelter. The Tri-Lakes Humane Society would also like the Town to amend the Town's dog law to require dog owners to pay an impoundment fee of \$20 per day for dogs ordered to be seized and held by the shelter. This is not the same as the fee paid for animals that are found and bought to the shelter. A public hearing will have to be held to change the local law.

RESOLUTION #37

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY \$200 MORE TO TRI-LAKES HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lakes Humane Society provides shelter services for the Town of Brighton, and

WHEREAS, the Section 121, of the NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets Article 7, the State "Dangerous Dog Law" has been extensively revised and,

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lake Humane Society has to pick up the cost of sheltering a "dangerous dog" that has been ordered seized,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of \$200 be paid to the Tri-Lakes Humane Society in addition to the \$1,150 already paid for a total of \$1,350 for services in 2006.

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

Resolution #37 declared duly adopted.

2. **CSEA CONTRACT:** A copy of the CSEA contract was not available to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES EXPIRING:** Received a letter, dated January 16, 2006, from the Attorney for the Town concerning the expiration of the BANs on the 2002 Snowplow and the Highway Garage.
 - a. **SNOWPLOW BAN:** Discussion was held on the options available for the payments. Currently interest rates are still low for the surplus fund invested in the CLASS accounts. There is a balance of \$93,427.20 in the Highway CLASS account. The snowplow BAN could be paid off from the surplus.

RESOLUTION #38

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY OFF 2002 SNOWPLOW BAN AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, Second by Steve Tucker, To Wit:

WHEREAS, the balance of the Highway Fund surplus funds is \$93,427.20, and

WHEREAS, the balance of the BAN for the 2002 snowplow is \$40,000, and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Highway Budget has \$20,000 reserved to pay on half the balance of the BAN,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2002 Snowplow be paid off in full in the amount of \$40,000 as follows: Current Highway Funds of \$20,000 and Appropriate \$20,000 of surplus Highway funds.

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Absent 1 (Delarm), Nay 0
Resolution #38 declared duly adopted.

- b. **HIGHWAY GARAGE BAN:** The Attorney for the Town can find rates for the Town or the Board can contact banks for rates. Discussion was held on who should handle this process. Discussion was also held on whether to pay down the loan by \$100,000 or keep it at \$470,000 for the bond. The balance of the General Fund surplus in the CLASS investment is \$240,669.70.

RESOLUTION #39

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN TO FIND RATES FOR A BOND

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

WHEREAS, there is surplus funds in the General Fund CLASS account of \$240,669.70, and

WHEREAS, the bond for the Highway Garage is at \$470,000, and

WHEREAS, the interest rates may depend on the size of the bond,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Attorney for the Town, Scott Goldie, be authorized to contact a maximum of 6 different financial institutions for interest rates for a bond for the Highway Garage for \$470,000 and \$370,000 over a 20 to 25 year period to determine the best interest rate for the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Absent 1 (Delarm), Nay 0
Resolution #39 declared duly adopted.

2. **CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT:** Currently the contract with the Town of Santa Clara for Code Enforcement Officer services has expired.

RESOLUTION #40

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the contract for Code Enforcement Officer services with the Town of Santa Clara expired on December 31, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the sitting supervisor of the Town of Santa Clara passed away in December and the current appointed supervisor does not have full access to the Towns records kept in the former supervisor's home, and

WHEREAS, the other party of the three-way Code Enforcement Officer contract still has one more year on the existing contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the January 1, 2004, contract for Code Enforcement Officer services be extended until December 31, 2006.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Absent 1 (Delarm), Nay 0
Resolution #40 declared duly adopted

3. **VOTING MACHINES:** Received letter, dated January 26, 2006, from the Board of Elections concerning the transfer of voting machines to them, but continue to store them in the towns, and allowing them access of the designated polling site during elections to set up the machines.

RESOLUTION #41

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ACCESS TO POLLING SITES

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

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Elections (BOE) took over ownership of all voting machines on January 15, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the BOE has asked the town to store the voting machine used by the town, and,

WHEREAS, the BOE must have access to the location of the polling site in the town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Elections be authorized access to the Town of Brighton handicapped accessible polling site (District 1) in the Brighton Town Hall main room at 12 County Road 31 in Paul Smiths; the site to be equipped with an AVM machine for the Year 2006 elections, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Brighton will furnish tables, chairs, and the United States flag on Election Day, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Elections will access the building through the Town Clerk or the Town Voting Machine Custodian.

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

Resolution #41 declared duly adopted.

4. **ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES:** Received a letter, dated January 18, 2006, concerning membership in the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. The cost to join is \$250.00. The board asked for time to review the letter and bring the matter up at the next meeting.
5. **TOWN HALL PLANS:** Waiting for the Association of Towns to return a call concerning the legal aspect on the plans. Will discuss at the next meeting, the bids need to get out if the work is to start this spring.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Nik Santagate - McColloms: Asked that the Town Hall Project get off the ground first before any more General Fund surplus is spent to pay down the garage bond. He would not like to see the Town Hall project be compromised because the funds were spent on the Garage and are not available for the Town Hall Project. He asked if the bond be paid down after the Town Hall Project is under control. Archival storage needs to be addressed. This building needs to be taken care of so people will be able to see what the old buildings look like. This building is very visible and used by many people.

Supervisor Peter Martin said he spoke with Chris Ortloff and he said he has provided for the Town Hall in this year's budget. **Lydia Wright** said Assemblymen Chris Ortloff and Senator Betty Little have been very good friends with the Town Hall.

Tracie Santagate - McColloms: Asked if the Board members had read the article concerning Rescue and Fire Services in the "Towns and Topics" magazine that comes from the Association of Towns. It is very enlightening.

Geoff Hayward - St Armand part of Saranac Lake (Adirondack Daily Enterprise): Asked a few questions to clarify the Town Hall land purchase, Town Hall project and the credit card machine.

There were no other citizens comments

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, Second by David Knapp, to audit the vouchers, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Delarm), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #42

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY VOUCHERS 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:
PREPAID: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1A and 1B for General Funds in the amount of \$814.73 and Voucher # 1C for Street Lighting Funds in the amount of \$71.57.

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #2 for Voucher #52 through and including #80 for funds in the amount of \$9,438.06

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #2 for Voucher #15 through and including #26 for funds in the amount of \$9,229.28

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

Resolution #42 declared duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 9:48 p.m. made by David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, Aye 4, Absent 1(Delarm), Nay 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, Brighton Town Clerk