

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, May 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Debra Meyer
Council Members: Linda Dobson
John Quenell
Wilhelmina Sheridan
Roger Smith

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Arlene Hogan-Tax Collector, Andy Crary-Deputy Superintendent of Highways, Tom & Pat Willis-Historian, and Nik Santagate – Justice

RESIDENTS: There were a few residents present.

GUESTS: None

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Meyer at **7:03 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by John Quenell **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Meeting on April 13, 2000**, with the following changes: 1) Page 3, Resolution #39-2000: In first line “count” should be “court” 2) Page 5, Committee Reports, Para 4 Insurance, b: “190” should be “1990”; second by Linda Dobson; Aye 3, No 1 (Meyer), Abstain 1 (Smith)

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Total Revenue Collected as of April 30, 2000 was \$180.80 for:
3 DEC Sport License (Credit Due to Town \$21.00)
1 Certified Copies
8 Dog License Renewed
5 Building Permits (BRI2000-5 through 9)
4 FOIL Requests

1. April 18, sent letter to Board of Elections Re: Wilhelmina Sheridan reversal of decision to resign from Town Of Brighton Board
2. April 20, received letter from Paul Smith College, Re: Entrance to College has been changed due to construction starting May 8. Detour signs are posted to get to Post Office
3. Sent letter dated March 30, 2000 to Town residents, Re: Request for Election Inspectors, reply to Franklin County Board of Elections, cost of postage was \$66.00 for 200 stamps
4. April 27 received Tentative Roll from Assessor Doug Tichenor
5. May 4, repairman from Lockrows came to fix copier, door behind sorter was damaged when he came in on Wednesday May 3, copier was working on Thursday April 27 (last time I was in the Bldg)
6. Attended NYS Town Clerk’s Association Annual Conference April 30 to May 3 in Saratoga Springs
7. Received letter dated 5/5/00 from James & Cindy Pinto, Re: Application for Liqueur License for JCS Enterprises, LLC to use at St. Regis Restaurant
8. Training Classes available: Building Blocks for Town Government, June 15 by teleconference, Basic Municipal Bookkeeping June 6,7, & 8, and Managing Local Government, October 3, 2000 at SUNY Potsdam, forwarded to Town Officials and employees.
9. Calendar for Park Use- June 24 and 25 have been requested. Town Clerk will take over calendar
10. Town Hall Schedule: Change for Court date to Friday, June 2nd for a trial from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Food Pantry will be held May 18.
11. Received letter dated May 11, 2000 from Supervisor Debra Meyer, Re: Resignation from Elected Position of Town Supervisor as of June 11, 2000; letter was read by Wilhelmina Sheridan
12. Contacted Frontier Communications for long distance phone information, charge for long distance would be 7 cents a minute for 518 long distance, 9.5 cents per minute within New York State, and 10 cents per minute for out-of-state calls. Currently the Town uses AT&T at 12 cents for 518 long distance, 24 cents for long distance within New York State, and 43 cents for calls out-of- state.

RESOLUTION #45

AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

Motion made by Roger Smith **to authorize the Town Clerk, Elaine Sater, to contact Frontier Communications and change the long distance service from AT&T to Frontier Long Distance with the following rates: 7 cents per minute for 518 long distance, 9.5 cents per minute for New York State long distance, and 10 cents per minute for out-of-state calls**, second by John Quenell, All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Debra Meyer	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Wilhelmina Sheridan	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

RESOLUTION #45 declared duly adopted.

HUD REPORT

1. STATUS OF PROGRESS 1994 HUD GRANT: Thirteen applications were completed, thirteen were approved, six are under construction and seven are closed out.
2. Request for payment for Friends of the North Country Administrative Costs for April 2000

RESOLUTION #46-2000

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND HUD FUNDS OF \$665.06 TO FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

Motion made by Supervisor Meyer to approve the expenditure of HUD CDBG Funds in the amount of \$665.06 to Friends of the North Country for administrative expenses for April 2000 on the Brighton HUD '94 program, second by Wilhelmina Sheridan; All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Debra Meyer	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Wilhelmina Sheridan	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

RESOLUTION #46 declared duly adopted.

LANDFILL UPDATE

Access Agreement is with the landowner's Attorney, Attorney is having a meeting with landowner on June 19. Supervisor Meyer and Roger Smith will call landowner to explain what the agreement is all about to help speed up the process. Read letter from Janet Bliss to William Cantwell, Attorney, concerning the agreement

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Balances of Accounts as of April 30, 2000 were read and are attached to these minutes.** Interest earned has been added to report.
2. Received letter dated May 5, 2000 from Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce, Re: New Health Insurance and Employee Benefits are available; information only.
3. Received letter, dated May 4, 2000 from Adirondack Park Agency (APA), Re: Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory Changes; information only
4. Received letter dated May 2, 2000 from Department of State, Re: Code Enforcement Transition Training, copy sent to Ed Randig, Code Enforcement Officer
5. Received notice from Brighton Architectural Heritage committee, Re: Brighton History Day is Sunday July 23, 2000 at Asplin Tree Farms, there will be a cookout fund raiser hosted by the Paul Smiths-Gabriel's Volunteer Fire Department and games for children. The Brighton Senior Citizens are donating the Porta-Johns
6. Received flyer from Friends of Betty Little, Re: "Little Picnic" at Lake Placid Horse Show Grounds on Sunday May 21, 2000 from 1 to 3 PM, donations requested
7. Received letter dated April 20, 2000 from NYS Office for Technology, Re: Information on Electronic Signatures, information only
8. Received letter dated May 1, 2000 from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Re: Updated Roster of Forest Ranger Assignments for Region 5, for Town Of Brighton they are: Jeff Balerno at (518) 891-0477, Joe Rupp at 891-0255, and Lt. Bob Marrone at 891-2437
9. Received letter from Unified Court System, Re: Justice Court Assistance and Program Grants, gave information to Mr. Santagate
10. Received letter dated April 24, 2000 from Franklin County Industrial Development Agency, Re: APA Notice 2000-85 for subdivision of a lot owned by Douglas Kipping on Keese Mills Road, no action taken by Town Board
11. Received letter from Smith Dwyer & Bliss, Re: Discharge of Mortgages for 2 HUD 94 properties
12. Sent letter dated April 30, 2000 to Janet Bliss, Re: Girouard Gravel Pit, request for review of DEC request for mining permit application, DEC #5-1630-00093/00003 dated April 11, 2000
13. Sent letter dated April 30, 2000 to Paul Smiths College, Randall Swanson, Re: Copy of Resolution for clean-up of Brighton Park, work can be done by Paul Smiths College Tree Management Class
14. Sent letter to Griffin International, Re: Request completion of DEC form for Brighton Landfill, Clough Harbour completed the original form and now new engineer will update it
15. Sent letter dated April 30, 2000 to Richard Jarvis, APA, Re: APA Projects 2000-29 (Paul Smiths College Library) and 74 (Campground), Project notification should be sent to adjacent land owners (Shoreline property owners and residents on Keese Mills Road)
16. Received information from the NYS DEC, Re: Brighton Landfill and Minority & Women's Business Plan
17. Received information from US Department of Housing, Re: Gun Crime
18. Received information from NYSDEC, Re: TIPP Program, can copy brochure
19. Received information from Adirondack Museum, Re: Building dedication & Grand Opening Ceremony, July 8 at 3:30 pm
20. Received information from Human Resource Consultants, Re: Bulletin with survey results
21. Received letter dated May 6, 2000 from Mary P. Martin, Re: Resignation as Supervisor's Secretary effective June 8, 2000
22. Received request from Robert Byno to purchase Grave Markers and Flag for Town Hall, Veteran's Fund can be used, balance is \$474..33

RESOLUTION #47-2000

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FLAG AND GRAVE MARKERS FOR \$286

Motion made by Supervisor Meyer to authorize Robert Byno, Maintenance, to expend funds of \$286 for a Flag for the Town Hall and Veterans' Grave Markers for the Cemeteries, second by Linda Dobson, All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Debra Meyer	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Wilhelmina Sheridan	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

RESOLUTION #47 declared duly adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. MAINTENANCE – Robert Byno:

- a. Removed snow blower and added mower to tractor at park
- b. Will have Camp Gabriel’s Work Crew cut the grass at Town Hall and Cemeteries
- c. Rug at the park still needs installing, having trouble contacting Peter McGill
- d. Can anything be done about the speed limit on Split Rock Road? **Supervisor Meyer will submit a request through Department of Transportation to reduce speed**
- e. Information for Newsletter: Families noticing missing flags or Veteran’s Grave Marker from graves please notify Robert Byno or the Town Clerk
- f. Supervisor Meyer thanked Mr. Byno for all the work he has done for the Town

2. CEMETERY- Roger Smith:

- a. Three burials were held, 2 went smooth and 1 was delayed due to being in the old section where burials were not always put in the correct place
- b. Many thanks to Mr. Byno for work done on the Cemeteries
- c. Contacted Chris Leifheit, he will set up specifications for mapping the cemeteries so it can go out to bid, cost needs to be put in 2001’s budget, will be over \$2,000
- d. Top Soil is needed to fill in sunken graves

RESOLUTION #48-2000

AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN TOP SOIL FOR THE CEMETERIES

Motion made by Roger Smith to authorize the Superintendent of Highways, Don Oliver, to obtain a load of topsoil for the cemeteries to fill in the sunken graves, second by Supervisor Meyer, All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Debra Meyer	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Wilhelmina Sheridan	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

RESOLUTION #48 declared duly adopted.

3. COURT- Nik Santagate:

- a. Reviewed 27 cases during April and sent \$1,192.50 to the State Comptroller
- b. Quarterly Report was received from Comptroller: \$1,746.25

4. TAX COLLECTOR- Arlene Hogan:

- a. From March 10 through May 10 collected \$257,771.30. Total for year: \$858,211.64
- b. Payments made to Supervisor Meyer: \$566.64 (penalty Collection)
- c. Payments made to County Treasurer: \$247,609.42
- d. Copied 150 second billing notices
- e. Copied 101 unpaid tax bills, folded, inserted notice and tax bill into envelopes, stamped and mailed 2nd billing to unpaid tax payers
- f. Returned requested receipts to taxpayers
- g. Recorded payments in tax warrant and cash book
- h. Made and received numerous phone calls
- i. Supervisor Meyer thanked Arlene for her work as Tax Collector

5. INSURANCE - John Quenell:

- a. Read an extensive report with respect to Workers Compensation Insurance and it is attached to these minutes
- b. Will investigate cost of insurance for Volunteer Fire Fighters to cover Town until new policy is in place

Andy Crary had to leave the meeting so there was no Highway Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Quenell asked about the letter received dated April 18, 2000 from Office of the State Comptroller, Re: Fire Protection Contract with Paul Smiths-Gabriel Volunteer Fire Dept., Application needs more information, Roger Smith will get with Assessor and Tax Collector. The OSC recommends another Public Hearing be held to meet the requirements of the law for a 10-day notification and contents of the contract in the public notice. Supervisor Meyer will send copy of contract to Janet Bliss for review. Date for new Public Hearing will be determined after attorney looks at contract
2. Linda Dobson asked about the expiring Rescue Contract. Wilhelmina Sheridan said there would be a second option available as soon as the Department of Health approves another service. No contract has been submitted by Saranac Lake Rescue Department

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase of Plow for Highway Department: Linda Dobson noticed cost of repairs for plow adds up to only \$7,000, would like more information on reason for purchase.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Pat Willis – Rainbow Lake:

- a. Brighton 2000 Project – need pictures of the Board
- b. Notice to Boaters: Signs are available from DEC for private boat launches to warn people to wash boats

Jim & Cindy Pinto: Introduced themselves, in the process of buying the St. Regis Restaurant, hope to open in June

Tom Willis – Rainbow Lake:

- a. Are the books closed on 1999 yet? Supervisor Meyer said not yet.
- b. Received from Secretary of State three town ordinances as examples if the Town is interested in pursuing “Junk Yard” and old building clean up
- c. Questioned how the Assessor appraises buildings in the Town. Assessor will be available on May 17 & 18 to answer questions.

Arlene Hogan – Rainbow Lake: Many thanks to Supervisor Meyer for hard work as a politician for the Town

RESOLUTION #49-2000

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS LISTED ON ABSTRACTS

Motion made by Supervisor Meyer to pay all the vouchers listed on the abstracts attached to these minutes as follows:

**ABSTRACT #5 - All Funds: Pre-Paid Voucher #5A through and including Voucher #5E as follows:
\$3,992.60 General Fund, \$1,608.03 Highway Fund**

ABSTRACT #5 - General Fund: Voucher #90 through and including Voucher #108 as follows: \$5,822.98

ABSTRACT #5 - Highway Fund: Voucher #55 through and including Voucher #71 as follows: \$2,992.22

ABSTRACT #4 - Street Lighting District: Voucher #4 for \$53.64

ABSTRACT #2 – Special District/Fire Protection: Voucher #2 as follows: \$26,700.00

ABSTRACT #3 – HUD CDBG Fund: Voucher #3 for \$665.06

Second by Linda Dobson; All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Debra Meyer	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Wilhelmina Sheridan	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

Resolution #49 declared duly adopted.

Motion made by Supervisor Meyer to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 9:22 p.m., second by Linda Dobson; All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk