

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, August 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Christopher Leifheit  
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer  
Linda Dobson  
John Quenell  
Roger Smith

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Don Oliver–Superintendent of Highways, and Tom Willis-Historian

**GUESTS:** Bill Ritchie- Franklin County Traffic Safety Board –Traffic Safety Consultant

**RESIDENTS:** There were 4 residents present

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **at 7:04 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Board Meeting July 12, 2001, as written**, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Abstain 1 (Smith)

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of JULY 31, 2001 was \$290.17 from:

- 2 DEC Sport Licenses
  - 4 Certified Copy
  - 10 Dog Licenses
  - 5 Building Permits (BRI2001-19 through 23)
  - 2 Copier Use
  - 3 Donations for Park and Town Hall Use
1. August 1, 2001 sent Sport Licenses to Department of Environmental Conservation
  2. Town Hall Use Schedule: Rainbow Lake Water District, Aug 21
  3. Park Use Schedule: Burkette, Aug 11, NIMO-Aug 18 and Kilner-Aug 25, 2001

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

***BUSINESS AT HAND:***

1. **Balances of Accounts as of August 8, 2001 were available and are attached to these minutes**
2. **HUD Program** Administration Costs for June 2001 are \$967.08. Two projects are left to complete, one has eligible renters being charged too much rent, and the second has ineligible renters.

**RESOLUTION #66**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPENSE GENERAL FUNDS OF \$967.08 FOR HUD ADMINISTRATOR**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **to authorize expenditure of General Funds (A6460.4) of \$967.08 to Friends of the North Country for HUD Administration covering the period June 2001**, second by John Quenell, All Aye

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

**Resolution #66 declared duly adopted.**

**3. Budget Amendment #5**

**RESOLUTION #67**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 GENERAL FUND FOR \$967.08 (A6460.4)**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **to authorize Budget Amendment #5 to transfer funds of \$967.08 from A1990.4 (Contingent) to A6460.4 (Agency HUD) to cover monthly Administration Expenses for the HUD Program**, second by Linda Dobson, All Aye

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

**Resolution #67 declared duly adopted.**

4. **Brighten Brighton Project:** Final Report has been completed and turned in to the State. Twenty-five percent of the funds were already received; other 75% will be received after final voucher is submitted.
5. **Evergreen Trailer Park:** August 10, 2001 is Department of Health deadline for the water problem. If not corrected by owners the park will close on November 9, 2001. Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Lagree, sent a certified letter that was refused by the owners concerning the septic systems and three abandoned trailers. To determine the next action by the Town, John Quenell will contact the attorney Scott Goldie.



- d. North Brook Lodge road is in need of repair after Tuesday's (Aug 7) storm
  - e. Borrowed county boom truck to cut overhanging limbs from roadways
  - f. Would like to finish paving White Pine Road next year (1 mile)
  - g. Loader is being repaired, should be done Friday or Monday
- 3. TAX COLLECTOR- Amber McKernan:**
- a. July was a quiet month, received requests for receipted tax bills.
  - b. Starting work on Tax Collector procedures manual.
- 4. INSURANCE - John Quenell:** Received recommendations from Robert Bambino, NYMIR, after inspection of Town property. The Town Garage has structural problem and should be replaced with a new building to meet fire safety and structural code.
- 5. ASSESSOR- Doug Tichenor:**
- a. Data review is on going. This task will be completed by 8/10/01.
  - b. Would like to schedule a public information meeting for either 8/23 or 8/30. A notice to this should be published in the Brighton bulletin and the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. Meeting should be held at a venue that will accommodate plenty of people, such as Paul Smiths, as a large turnout of summer people is expected. **Meeting is set for Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.**
- 6. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-Ed Lagree: No Report**  
Supervisor Christopher Leifheit noted people are mentioning he is doing a good job
- 7. CEMETERY-Linda Dobson:** Need to resubmit for bids on mapping the Mountain View Cemetery
- 8. PARK-Alicia Bodmer:** Overhead door needs to be ordered and installed

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Scott Leavitt-Gabriels:** Asked if Proposed Local Law#2-2001 (Personal Watercraft Zone ) could go on the ballot on Election Day to allow the residents of Brighton to vote on it? Supervisor Christopher Leifheit will look into this, its more a board vote than a town vote.

**Tom Willis-Garondah Road:**

- a. Why isn't the board voting on the local law (#2-2001 PWCs) at this meeting? Supervisor Christopher Leifheit stated the minutes are not available to the board yet and they want more time to read the information gathered from the public hearing.
- b. Surveyor's plans to the Town Park show three parcels at the park. Does the Town own the land where the park is located? Two parcels are rented from Paul Smith's College and the Town owns 1 parcel. The Town does not own land where the Town Hall is located either.
- c. HISTORY LESSON: In 1894 a stone surface was put on the road from Paul Smith's Hotel to the Gabriels. In 1899 the Town opted to repair roads through taxes only and eliminate the practice of work in lieu of taxes. In 1916 the road from Paul Smith's Hotel to Gabriels was blacktopped.

**RESOLUTION#69**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RE-APPOINT DOUGLAS TICHENOR ASSESSOR FOR A 6-YEAR TERM**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to re-appoint Douglas Tichenor as Assessor for the Town of Brighton for a 6-year period from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2007, second by Alicia Bodmer, All Aye**  
**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

**Resolution #69 declared duly adopted.**

**RESOLUTION #70**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ALL BILLS LISTED ON ABSTRACTS**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to pay the vouchers as listed on the abstracts attached to these minutes as follows:**

**ABSTRACT #8-All Funds: Pre-Paid Voucher #8A as follows: General Funds \$222.89**

**ABSTRACT #8-General Fund: Voucher #139 through and including Voucher #163 as follows: \$9001.83**

**ABSTRACT #8-Highway Fund: Voucher #101 through and including Voucher #109 as follows: \$2726.33**

**ABSTRACT #7-Street Lighting District: Voucher #8 for \$45.73**

Second by Roger Smith, All Aye

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye

**Resolution #70 declared duly adopted.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:28 p.m., second by Linda Dobson; All Aye**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk