

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Linda Dobson  
John Quenell  
Steve Tucker

**ABSENT:** Alicia Bodmer (Deputy Supervisor) and Supervisor (Vacant)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Nik Santagate-Justice, Amber McKernan-Tax Collector, Tom Willis-Historian, and Donald Oliver- Superintendent of Highways

**RESIDENTS:** There were three residents present

**GUESTS:** Betsy Whitefield and Betsy Minehan from the Saranac Lake Free Library

**Meeting was Called to Order by Council Member Linda Dobson at 7:04 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to accept the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting for the Town of Brighton Board dated September 12, 2002, with the following correction: The second for the approval of minutes for the Public Hearing on August 1, 2002, should be changed from “John Quenell” to “Linda Dobson” , second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Bodmer), Vacant 1(Supervisor)**

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting for the Town of Brighton Board dated September 16, 2002, as written, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Bodmer), Vacant 1 (Supervisor)**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

**Total Revenue to Supervisor as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 was \$878.95**

8 DEC Sport Licenses

1 Marriage License

4 Certified Copies

19 Dog Licenses

3 Building Permits (BRI2002-28, 36 and renew BRI2001-27)

27 Copies on copier

1. Faxed Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise September 18, 2002, Re: Special Meeting of the Brighton Town Board on September 19. Posted notices in the three Post Offices and in local business. Meeting was cancelled on September 19.
2. Faxed Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise September 20, 2002, Re: Closing of Town Clerk's Office from September 24 to 30, reopen Oct 1, 2002; published September 24 and 25. Posted notices in the three Post Offices and in local business
3. Faxed Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise October 3, 2002, Re: Closing of Town Clerk's Office on October 8; published on October 7. Posted notices in the three Post Offices
4. Attended Town Clerk's Local Training on September 23 in Lake Placid for update on DECALS system
5. Attended Town Clerk's Teleconference on October 3 in Malone
6. Attended Local Government Conference, October 8, 2002 at SUNY Potsdam with Council Member Linda Dobson
7. Tentative Budget for 2003 was passed out to Board Members
8. Town Hall Schedule: Thursday October 17, Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee, 1 to 3 pm
9. Park Schedule: October 12, 2002-Paul Smith College Rugby Team 11am to 5 pm

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

*NEW BUSINESS*

**1. LIBRARY BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN:** Betsy Whitefield and Betsy Minehan from the Saranac Lake Free Library presented a fund raising request to the Town Board for support of a building project for additional space. The Library would like to build a second floor onto existing space. The addition would make more space for a children's room, office workspace, and the Adirondack Room archives. A larger cover for the front entrance would also be included. This is a one-time request to help raise \$700,000 for this project. If the amount given is over \$1,500 it can be divided into a three-year donation. This request is for \$2.00 per person in the Town based on 1682 people. The Board pointed out this included people in Camp Gabriels and at Paul Smith College students so the residents are about 900. The ground breaking could be as early as the spring of 2003.

**2. LETTER FROM BOY SCOUTS:** Two Boy Scouts in Gabriels wrote a letter dated 8/6/02 to the Town Board concerning the Hobart Road. Michael Tucker and Lee Freeburg are attempting to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge and have written a letter to discuss their concern about the 90-degree corner near the end of the Hobart Road. They feel new signs and corner markers will make the corner safer. As residents of the road they are called on to help people who have taken the corner too fast. Cars slide off the corner in the winter and non-residents don't stay on their side of the road because they assume no one else is using the road. The current signs are not adequate and trees are causing a blind corner for drivers. The Board referred the letter to the Highway Department and Don Oliver said he would put up new signs and the trees were removed by the Highway Department on October 8.

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2003 BUDGET:** A tentative meeting was set for the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 6 pm or Thursday Oct 17, 2002, at 6:30 pm.

*OLD BUSINESS:*

**1. HIGHWAY GARAGE-John Quenell:**

- A. The Town is looking at a piece of land (about 17 acres with a building) on State Route 86 near Camp Gabriels to purchase for a new Town Garage site. The property belongs to Paul Smiths College and has been appraised. Do to the unknown extent of the contamination of petroleum at the present garage site this may be the solution. The land under the present garage will probably have to be remediated before it can be used again. Camp Gabriels is also interested in purchasing the same piece of property.
- B. A new round of ground water tests were approved at the Special Meeting on September 16, 2002. The tests were conducted on September 30, 2002. The test results are in but not interpreted by AE Knapp & Associates. Mr. Knapp needs to sit down with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and discuss the results to determine the next step that need to be taken to clean up the site.

**2. PARK WATER QUALITY-Steve Tucker:** Water Tests will be taken on Tuesday, Oct 14.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS:*

**1. COURT- Nik Santagate:**

- A. Disposed 37 cases during September and sent \$2,430.00 to the State Comptroller.
- B. Town of Brighton holds two records at the State Troopers Barracks in Ray Brook. One is the highest recorded radar speed for Troop B of 137 mph on State Route 30 by a BMW and the other is the most tickets issued on a single incident, 11 Vehicle and Traffic tickets and two criminal tickets to the same individual.

**2. HIGHWAY –John Quenell:**

- A. Vehicles are ready for snow
- B. Town roads are in good condition for winter
- C. 170 tons of salt has been ordered at \$44.07 a ton
- D. New Snow tires were installed on the pickup truck for winter plowing. State contract price is about \$85 per tire
- E. The monitoring wells are completed, the bills is submitted for payment by AE Knapp
- F. Inspected other new highway garages in the region for ideas concerning our proposed new garage. Also inspected the old ALPO property, owned by Paul Smiths College, as a potential site for a new garage.
- G. Don Oliver attended Highway School in Monticello, it was very informative

**3. INSURANCE - John Quenell:** Nothing to report

**4. INVESTMENTS – Linda Dobson:** Barbara Stunzi at NBT Bank forwarded question about deposit security to bank headquarters in Albany, still awaiting answer before investment policy can be finalized

**5. ASSESSOR-Doug Tichenor:** No Report

**6. TAX COLLECTOR- Amber McKernan:**

- A. Received several calls from tax servicing centers and mortgage companies requesting information regarding the 2002-2003 school tax bills, they were referred to the proper office (Saranac Lake School District). Have received request for address changes and 2002 town and county tax receipts
- B. Spoke with Dick Brown of E911 for Franklin County regarding address changes on tax bills after the 911 system is in place. This will be a large change of address for mail delivery residents. The Real Property Office needs to have each property owner sign the change of address form and return it to them. These forms can be included in the tax bills mailed in December, each form will need the parcel section, block and lot numbers written on them.
- C. Received bank statement from September and balanced. There is an outstanding check for \$2.00. Tried contacting the person with the check to notify them the check will be invalid after November 1 when it is over 6 months old. Would like a Board resolution to make checks invalid after 30 days if not presented for payment so books can be closed out in a timely manner.
- D. Contacted two companies who market software for tax collection to get a general idea of what is needed to run the software on a laptop computer.

**RESOLUTION # 93**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LIMIT TIME ON CHECKS ISSUED BY TAX COLLECTOR**

**Motion made by John Quenell to authorize Amber McKernan, Tax Collector, to notify NBT Bank that checks issued by the Tax Collector are invalid if not presented for payment within 45 days of date of issue, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Bodmer), Vacant 1 (Supervisor)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Vacant  
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer Absent  
Linda Dobson Aye  
John Quenell Aye

Steve Tucker Aye

**Resolution #93 declared duly adopted.**

**7. CODE ENFORCEMENT-Ed Lagree:** No report

**8. CEMETERY – Linda Dobson**

- A. There were two burials during September and one will be this week of cremains. There was a slight problem with regards to the location of one of the gravesites, but with a few phone calls it was resolved.
- B. Stacy of Geomatics planned to complete a trip to the field to review the changes and finalize the map. She apologizes for the delay during this, her busy time of year. We need her bill as soon as possible to pay during this budget cycle.
- C. The third phase of the original cemetery survey project is the design, monumentation and mapping of the new, planned cemetery section. We need to decide if we want to proceed with this in 2003 so we may reflect the project in the budget accordingly. Geomatics has previously quoted \$1800 on the job and will keep the same price for next year.

**9. PARKS & RECREATION-Steve Tucker:** Dan Spencer purchased paint for the field house

**10. COMPENSATION-Linda Dobson:** Will use the report and recommendations of the Compensation committee as preparation of 2003 budget continues.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Tom Willis-Garondah Road:**

- A. The date of the Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee is October 24 not October 17 which is food pantry day.
- B. The Brighton 2000 Project is completed. The final copy of the book and a CD was delivered to the Blue Mountain Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. The pictures on the Town Hall walls will come down for the winter because the furnace leaves a residue on the plastic covers.
- C. Will be glad to sit in on any budget workshop to help with the Compensation Report

**RESOLUTION #94**

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

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to disperse funds for all the vouchers audited by the Town Board and listed on the abstracts attached to these minutes as follows:**

**ABSTRACT #10-General Fund: Voucher #230 through and including Voucher #252: \$12,917.50**

**ABSTRACT #9-Trust & Agency (General Voucher #237): \$655.09**

**ABSTRACT #10-Highway Fund: Voucher #115 through and including Voucher #126: \$3,795.78**

**ABSTRACT #6 - Street Lighting: Voucher #6: \$50.48**

Second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Bodmer), Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor	Vacant
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Absent
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

**Resolution #94 declared duly adopted.**

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to Adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:06 p.m.,** second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Bodmer), Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk