

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, November 8, 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, Amber McKernan- Tax Collector, and Pat & Tom Willis-Historians

**GUESTS:** None

**RESIDENTS:** There were 7 residents present

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit at **7:02 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Board Meeting October 11, 2001, as written**, second by Alicia Bodmer, All Aye

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of October 31, 2001 was \$518.70 from:

- 9 DEC Sport Licenses
- 3 Certified Copies
- 2 Dog License
- 5 Building Permits (BRI2001-38 to 42)
- 2 Copier Use

1. October 11, 2001, faxed a Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Re: Special Meeting of the Town Board for 2002 Tentative Budget discussions on October 18, 2001. Meeting was continued on October 25 and 30, 2001 and adjourned to this week.
2. October 18, 2001, faxed Legal Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Re: Bids for New Snow Plow. Sealed bids are due to the Town Hall by 6:30 p.m. on November 8, 2001 to be opened at the next Town Board meeting. Legal Notice was published three times on October 23, 24 and 25. No sealed bids were received by mail. One was hand delivered at 6:20 p.m.
3. October 30, 2001, faxed a Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Re: Public Hearing for 2002 Budget, they never received it so it did not get published. Public Notice was hand-carried to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on November 5, 2001 and published on November 7, 2001 for Public Hearing to be held on November 15, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board, in three Post Offices, and at local businesses.
4. Election Day was held on November 6, 2001. 140 residents voted on the machine and 8 absentee ballots were mailed in to Franklin County. Supervisor, two Council Members, Tax Collector, and Superintendent of Highways were unopposed and all were elected. There were five write-ins for different positions. The Proposition had 60 Yes and 51 No.
5. Town Hall Schedule: Food Pantry: Nov 1 & 15, Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee, Nov 8, 1 to 3 p.m.

**Supervisor Christopher Leifheit reconvened the 2002 Budget Meeting from October 30, 2001**

**Minutes of these meetings are recorded under October 18, 2001 Special Meeting for 2002 Tentative Budget.**

HUD A6460.4 needs to be increased to \$5000 and will be covered by the un-appropriated fund balance, received information today that has been distributed to the Board and they need to review and discuss it at the next meeting. The \$5000 covers expenses from 2000 that have not been paid.

Delete SF3410.4, .5 & .6 from the Fire Protection District and add to General Fund for a total of \$19,675, rescue should not be in the Fire Protection District; there is no change in amount budgeted for these accounts

No update on insurance increases yet according to John Quenell

CHIPS Revenue DA3501 should be increased by \$3,000 to \$23,000, Linda Dobson contacted Assembly Member Betty Little and she feels the Town will get this much for CHIPS in 2002.

**Motion made** by Alicia Bodmer **to Adjourn the Special Budget Meeting and approved the 2002 Tentative Budget as revised**, second by John Quenell, All Aye

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

*BUSINESS AT HAND:*

**1. BALANCES OF ACCOUNTS** as of November 7, 2001 were available and are attached to these minutes

**2. BID OPENING-SNOWPLOW:** Only one bid was received from M.A. Jerry & Co, Inc of Plattsburgh, NY, for a new 2002 Snowplow. Henry Emerson and Nelson Tamer discussed the bid and why there were no other bids from the area. The specifications called for a 60-mile service radius and MA Jerry is the only large truck company in that area. A price increase is expected on November 21, 2001 for the truck bid

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to **reject the single bid and strike the bid amount from the minutes and solicit for more bids from a wider radius to be opened on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.**, second by John Quenell, All Aye

**3. LANDFILL CLOSURE:** Payments from Capital Project Fund

**RESOLUTION #94**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPENSE CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS OF \$17,956.20 FOR LANDFILL**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to **authorize expenditure of \$17,956.20 from Capital Project Funds to J. Hutchins Construction for Landfill Closure expenses (Cap Construction)**, 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 #94 declared duly adopted.**

**RESOLUTION #95**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPENSE CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS OF \$5,741.85 FOR LANDFILL**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to **authorize expenditure of \$5,741.85 from Capital Project Funds to Griffin International for Landfill Closure expenses (Cap Construction)**, 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 #95 declared duly adopted.**

**4. HUD Update:** Friends of the North Country sent a letter in response to a request for additional information to back up payment requests. Board members can read letter and discuss it at the December board meeting

-John Quenell questioned why the Attorney for the Town, Janet Bliss, has not filed the lien release for the Stunzi's mortgage that she has had for two months. He feels the Stunzi's have complied with their part of the HUD contract and should be released from their mortgage lien. Friends of the North Country are no longer handling this part of the HUD program and they were using wrong figures for the Stunzi's project.

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit said Friends of the North Country felt the Stunzi's were not in compliance with the HUD contract and recommended the Town try to resolve the issue through the Attorney for the Town, Janet Bliss.

John Quenell said he would like a quick reply from the Attorney for the Town in writing stating her reasons for advising the Town Supervisor not to release the Stunzi's from their lien.

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit stated he would contact Janet Bliss and get a reply

John Quenell asked if he could call Janet Bliss about this issue and Supervisor Christopher Leifheit stated he could

-Supervisor Christopher Leifheit stated that Ploof has been paid his final payments of \$12,000; \$5,465.57 of this payment has to come from General Funds since the HUD Fund Account was closed.

**5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** #9-2001 for General Fund

**RESOLUTION #96**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT #9 GENERAL FUND**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to **authorize Budget Amendment #9-2001 to General Fund to transfer funds as follows: \$5,465.57 from A5132.4 (Town Garage CE) to A6460.4 (Agency HUD) and \$1,014.00 from A1990.4 (Contingent) as follows: \$714.00 to A1420.4 (Attorney CE) and \$300.00 to A5010.4 (Hwy and St Admin CC)**, 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 #96 declared duly adopted.**

**6. Council Members:**

**John Quenell - Junkyard on Easy Street (Route 86):** A registered letter dated September 19, 2001 was sent to the owner of property on Route 86 (Easy Street) in Paul Smiths, RE: Violations of New York State Building Code Part 1244 and Town of Brighton Local Law No. #3-2001, Prohibiting Litter, Clutter, and Debris; 30 days has expired and nothing has been done by the owner. The next step is to notify the court to prosecute the property owner.

**Motion made** by John Quenell to **ask the Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Lagree, to prepare an accusatory instrument in accordance with procedures in Local Law #3-2001 to be issued to the property owner on Route 86 (Easy Street) in Paul Smiths, who is not in compliance with Local Law #3-2001**, second by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit, All Aye

*NEW BUSINESS:*

**There was no new business**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. JUSTICE- Nik Santagate:** Disposed several cases during October; check to the Comptroller's for \$2,316.00

**2. HIGHWAY – Don Oliver:**

- a. Checking roads,
- b. Checking on beaver activity
- c. Doing routine work
- d. Finished installing fence at Town Park

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

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

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

- a. Received 4 phone calls on tax matters and one concerning Court; sent out one fax
- b. Received paper folding machine from Viking, INC. First one was damaged and was returned, handling charges were dropped and total bill was \$489.99. Voucher is presented at this meeting
- c. Would like to request an increase to \$2.00 for the fee charged to cover the required second mailing of delinquent tax bills

**RESOLUTION #97**

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE FEE FOR SECOND MAILING OF UNPAID TAXES TO \$2.00**

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to authorize the Tax Collector, Amber McKernan, to increase the fee charged for the required second mailing of unpaid taxes from \$1.00 to \$2.00 in accordance with the Real Property Law 923, Section 987(1), 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 #97 declared duly adopted.**

**6. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-Ed Lagree:** No Report, mileage reports are available from Supervisor Christopher Leifheit.

**7. CEMETERY-Linda Dobson:** Nothing to report

**8. PARK-Alicia Bodmer:** Fence has been installed. Thanks to the Highway for doing the work.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Pat Willis-Garondah Road:** Someone called and asked who was handling the Cemetery, this person thinks she should have a plot in the cemetery. Roger Smith said he has some plots reserved but no one owns the plots

-Northbrook Lodge was awarded the 2001 Adirondack Architectural Heritage Award for their long stewardship of the Lodge in Paul Smiths

-Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee met on November 8, 2001 and discussed the Brighton 2000 Project. The Compact Disc is completed, prints are framed and Diane Leifheit will hang pictures in the Town Hall. The Open House date is Saturday, December 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.

-Brighton History Day will be Sunday, July 21 at Asplin Tree Farms. Friday and Saturday will be preview days

-If the Town is considering building a new Town Garage could the Town Offices be incorporated in it and restore the Town Hall back to its original interior? It could be used as a Community Center for meetings and store the History Day information. John Quenell said a new Town Garage was in informal preliminary discussion stages.

**Tom Willis-Garondah Road:**

-Was new door ever put on building at the Park? Yes it was.

-Evergreen Trailer Park-Owners has until Nov 18 to remove the trailers according to Town Order. John Quenell stated the Department of Health Tribunal for the owners was changed until November 20. The Department of Health can fine the owners but the Town cannot so he is waiting for the Tribunal before any more action is taken. The cost was estimated at \$2,000 to remove each trailer. The water is being chlorinated, but no new septic or road repairs were completed.

**HISTORY:** The Town Hall cost \$3,000 to build in 1914. The vault was an additional \$350.

*OTHER BUSINESS:*

**1. Motion made by John Quenell to schedule a Special Meeting for the Town Board on November 15, 2001 immediately following the Public Hearing on the 2002 Preliminary Budget at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing any changes to the 2002 Preliminary Budget, second by Linda Dobson, All Aye**

**2. Wardner Property-** No action taken by John Quenell, would like to wait until January to discuss it

**RESOLUTION #98-2001**

**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 #11–All Funds: Pre-Paid Voucher #11A through and including #11D as follows: General Fund \$6,423.25 and Highway Fund \$2,019.24**

**ABSTRACT #11-General Fund: Voucher #197 through and including Voucher #225 as follows: \$8,555.04**

**ABSTRACT #11-Highway Fund: Voucher #132 through and including Voucher #144 as follows: \$13,220.95**

**ABSTRACT #11–Street Lighting District: Voucher #11 for \$54.23**

**ABSTRACT #2-Captial Project: Voucher #3 through and including Voucher #4 as follows: \$23,698.05**

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 #98 declared duly adopted.**

**Council Member John Quenell left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m., second by Roger Smith, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Quenell)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk