

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

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**A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Garage, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor John Quenell at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor John Quenell

**Council Members:** Jeffrey Leavitt (entered meeting at 7:09 p.m. and left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.), Peter Shrope, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

**RESIDENTS:** There were nine residents present

**GUESTS:** None

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Notice of this meeting was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Notices were posted at three local post offices and Town businesses on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, as well as the Town Clerk's Sign Board.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

**Motion made TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:06 p.m.** by Supervisor John Quenell, **second** by Steve Tucker, **in accordance with Public Officers Law Article 7, Section 105(d), to discuss current litigation "Town of Brighton vs Paul Smith's College" Avoidable Alarm Law Violations; Aye 4 (Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Leavitt).**

Jeffrey Leavitt entered Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

**Motion made to GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:15 p.m.** by Jeffrey Leavitt, **second** by Supervisor John Quenell, **Aye 5 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0.**

**1. VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAW #1 FOR THE YEAR 2009 AVOIDABLE ALARM LAW**

**RESOLUTION #59**

**MOTION TO THE COURT FOR LL#1-2009 VIOLATION**

**Motion made** by Supervisor John Quenell, **second** by Jeffrey Leavitt,

**RESOLVED, the Town Board will communicate to the Attorney for the Town Scott Goldie that the Board approves his request to make a Motion to the Court to compel Paul Smith's College to submit to an inspection per his letter dated May 17, 2010.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Wright)**

**Resolution # 59 is declared duly adopted.**

**2. TOWN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT:**

- a. Discussion was held on the availability of funds for restoring the Town Hall now that the insides have been removed. There is currently \$32,055.00 in a private fund that was established for the Town Hall Project. There is approximately \$10,000 in the Town's Town Hall Restoration Capital fund account. There are outstanding invoices for approximately \$7,000. The State budget has not been passed; the availability of funds is questionable for the grants from the Member Items and the State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (SHPO). Jeffrey Leavitt said that people should contact their legislatures to get the budget passed so the funds would be available. There was discussion about when the reimbursable expenses could be incurred for the grant. Supervisor John Quenell said he had the grant contract and all that was needed was an updated schedule and budget before the contract can be signed. He was concerned about the expense to get Crawford & Stearns to get the bid package ready to update the schedule.
- b. Supervisor John Quenell distributed a list of 25 items he compiled for the Town to do first at the Town Hall before it can be used again. The cost estimate is \$76,300. Discussion was held on the items that should be completed with the cash on hand (approximately \$35,000). Peter Shrope would like the General Fund balance to be clearer, he would like the exact figure of available funds for this project. He would like to see

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the people who worked on this project over the past years to be involved with creating a list of core items to be worked on first.

**RESOLUTION # 60**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CORE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED AT TOWN HALL AND SEEK MATCHING FUNDS WITH GRANTS TO COMPLETE PROJECT**

Motion made by Jeffrey Leavitt, second by Steve Tucker,

**RESOLVED that the Town Board establish a core list of items to be accomplished with the funds on hand, and stop procrastinating, and start getting something physically accomplished to preserve the beautiful building (Town Hall), and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will continue to work closely with the NY State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to seek matching funds through the awarded grants.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Leavitt, Quenell, Tucker), Nay 0, Abstain 2 (Shrope, Wright)**

**Resolution # 60 is declared duly adopted**

- 3. ST. PAUL'S/ASSUMPTION FOOD PANTRY:** Jeffrey Leavitt said the Town Board should consider moving the St. Paul's/Assumption Food Pantry from the Highway Garage to the Park because there is a rodent problem at the Town Garage because of the Food Pantry. Also, the cars from the participants are in the way of the Town workers and this is causing an ever increasing liability for the Town. A list of items, including insulating and heating the buildings, to be accomplished at the Park facilities to make them usable by the Food Pantry was proposed. The electrical service would have to be able to support freezers and refrigerators. Jeffrey Leavitt had to leave the meeting for an emergency before the discussion ended. No one has spoken to Dan Spencer the Park Attendant about this project. The Park facilities would still be available for the public to use. Steve Tucker will speak with him for his input. Lydia Wright asked where the funds would come from for the project. Since the Town contracts with the Food Pantry she thought it should donate the funds through grants. Peter Shrope said the park facilities are large enough to hold the Food Pantry; the Town should upgrade the Park facilities whether or not the Food Pantry moves there. However he did not think the Town should fund this project until the Town Hall Project was funded. George Earle said the "lake people" donated funds last year to the Food Pantry and he would see if they would raise the funds to cover this project. Supervisor John Quenell appointed George Earle to be the "Clerk of the Works" for this project.

**RESOLUTION # 61**

**UPGRADE OF PARK FACILITIES FOR ST. PAUL'S/ASSUMPTION FOOD PANTRY**

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Steve Tucker,

**RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the proposed expenditure of up to \$3,265.00 for an upgrade to the Town Park facilities which will enable the Town Board to move the St. Paul's/Assumption Food Pantry from the Town Highway Garage to the Town Park.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 2 (Quenell, Tucker), Nay 2 (Shrope, Wright), Absent 1 (Leavitt)**

**Resolution # 61 is declared not adopted.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 p.m. made by Lydia Wright, second by Supervisor John Quenell , Aye 4 (Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Leavitt)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk