

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Garage, 17 County Route 31, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Tebbutt

Council Members: David Knapp, John Quenell, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Oliver - Superintendent of Highways, Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

GUESTS: None

RESIDENTS: There were 3 residents present

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt at 6:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Tentative Budget for 2006. The meeting will be limited to one and a half hours.

Public Notice was posted on the Town Clerk's signboard on Thursday, September 29 and faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. Notices were posted at the three post offices and at local businesses on Friday, September 30.

1. MEETING PLACE:

Motion made by Lydia Wright, **Second** by David Knapp, **To Wit:**

Whereas, there is not enough room at the table for the board members to spread out their information, and
Whereas, the room at the Town Garage was designed as a break room and not a public meeting room, and
Whereas, the Town Hall is the regular meeting place for Town meetings and people know that is the place to meet, and

Whereas, there is no one using the Town Hall at this time, and

Whereas, in the past the Justice has allowed the Town Board to use the Town Hall on Tuesday evenings for budget meetings,

THEREFORE a motion is made that this meeting be adjourned at this time and moved over to the Town Hall.

Roll Call Vote: Aye 2 (Knapp, Wright), **Nay 3** (Tucker, Quenell, Tebbutt)

This motion is declared not adopted.

Motion made by Lydia Wright, **second** by David Knapp, **To Wit:**

Whereas, there is not enough room in the Highway Garage break room for the public to attend, and

Whereas, the room is out of the way and hard for the public to find, and

Whereas, the compressor makes a lot of noise, and

Whereas, there is no one using the Town Hall on Thursdays, and

Whereas, the Justice has allowed to the Town Board to use the Town Hall on Tuesday evenings for budget meetings in the past without it interfering with court time,

THEREFORE a motion is made that future meetings of the Town Board be held in the Town Hall.

Roll Call Vote: Aye 3 (Knapp, Tucker, Wright), **Nay 2** (Quenell, Tebbutt)

This motion is declared adopted.

John Quenell asked who would ask the Judge if the Board could meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Lydia Wright said she would ask him.

2. TENTATIVE 2006 BUDGET:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt passed out information he received from department heads as input for the budget. The Tentative Budget for 2006 was distributed to board members on September 22, 2005 by the Town Clerk.

Discussion of General Fund Appropriations for salaries was held. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt suggested using the Social Security Cost of Living (COL) increase for all salaries this year as they did last year when the number is available.

John Quenell said the Retirement (A9010.8 and DA9010.8) portion will be \$17,430. He suggested splitting this 50/50 between the Highway and General Fund accounts. Lydia Wright suggested splitting it based on the salaries used for retirement. The bulk of it may be from the Highway Fund.

John Quenell said Social Security (A9030.8 and DA90300.8) is based on salary and 7.65%

John Quenell said Workers Compensation (A9040.8) is from the County Self Insurance at \$30,466.43, all to come from the General Fund.

John Quenell said Disability Insurance (A9055.8) does not have an up-dated billed yet. \$116 has been paid year to date. Suggested leaving it the same.

John Quenell said Hospital/Medical Insurance (A9060.8 and DA9060.8) does not have a final figure yet. This is not available until after the budget is finished. Currently 11% to 18% is the estimate increase, using a average of 14%. Superintendent of Highways medical insurance is charged to the Highway Fund but should really be charged to the General Fund. The bookkeeper will do a journal entry to correct this at the end of year. There is a separate medical insurance policy for the Highway Department. Discussion was held on using the same policy for the whole town and having co-pays from employees. No consensus was reached. The union contract expires at the end of the year and needs to be negotiated. John Quenell said he would recalculate the figures for the General and Highway Funds. Lydia Wright said there is the potential for new town officials that may affect the insurance amounts.

Discussion was held on the Highway Fund Appropriations. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said a 3% increase will be assumed for salaries (DA5110.1, DA5142.1, and DA5148.1). John Quenell said he would re-figure the numbers for the next meeting. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt asked Don Oliver to check and see what the other towns do for medical insurance for Highway Departments.

An equipment replacement schedule was distributed by John Quenell. Discussion was held on the cost to replace future equipment and removing older trucks from the inventory by converting a sand truck to a plow truck and selling the 1989 Ford L9000. It might cost \$16,000 to add a plow. Selling the truck could bring in \$8,000. Purchasing a new one-ton truck in three years could replace a 1975 IH1700 and the new pickup truck just purchased. DA5130.2 was increased by \$8,000 to \$18,000. DA5130.21 was reduced by \$1000. A trailer to move the riding lawn mowers could be purchased for \$1600. There are four mowers at the cemetery that could be sold since the Highway Department is now mowing the lawns and has two riding mowers and one good lawn mower to use.

John Quenell suggested adding \$20,000 more to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) on the snowplow this year depending on the end-of-year outcome. There is 2.95% interest on the BAN. (DA9730.6 for \$20,000 and DA9730.7 for \$1080) Discussion was held on what the fund balances were at this time; this could not be determined accurately.

Discussion was held on uniforms; Don Oliver is waiting for another quote for rental of uniforms. Crusher run also comes from the same account DA5110.4. It was left at \$7,000 for now.

Equipment Maintenance (DA5130.4) was reduced to \$10,000.

Equipment fuel, salt and sand (DA5142.4) is increased to \$24,000 due to increase in fuel. A new company had to be hired to deliver fuel. John Quenell said the Town used 1569 gallons of fuel and used 4195 gallons diesel fuel for the last year. Currently the price of fuel is \$2.62 and diesel is \$2.48 per gallon.

Discussion was held on paving, DA5142.2 is increased to \$40,000. The Tebbutt and Vosburg Roads will be paved next year.

Discussion was held on Highway Fund Revenues. There is no change to County Plow Contract DA22300 \$25706 and Interest and Earnings DA2401 for \$1600. Sale of Equipment DA2665 is increased to \$8,000. CHIPS Aid DA3501 was not all used this year, John Quenell said the balance rolls over and can be added to next year. This account is increased to \$38,500.

Lydia Wright asked the Justice (who entered the meeting late) if the Board could hold the Budget Workshops in the Town Hall on Tuesdays. He said if they start at 6 p.m and end at 7:30 p.m. that would be find with him. She also noted that no one was using the Town Hall on Thursdays so that meeting could also be held in the Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m. made by John Quenell, **second** by David Knapp, **Aye 5**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, Brighton Town Clerk