

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Route 31, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Tebbutt

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

ABSENT: Council Member Steve Tucker

OTHERS PRESENT: Nik Santagate - Justice, Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

GUESTS: None

RESIDENTS: There were 2 residents present and a representative from the media

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 Tuesday, October 4 and faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. Notices were posted at the three post offices and at local businesses on Wednesday, October 5.

1. **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CSEA UNION CONTRACT:** A copy of the current CSEA Contract and a letter of proposal, dated October 5, 2005, from Brian C. Paige, CSEA Labor Relations Specialist were distributed to the Board for review. Discussion was held on the four proposals. 1) The \$2.00 per hour per year raise for two years was not in line with the Social Security Cost of Living raise the Board has agreed to use for salary increases. 2) Employer pay 100% medical upon retirement was not in line with the Town's policy 3) Five weeks vacation after 15 years and six weeks after 20 years was not acceptable 4) Four hours paid time for being on call would have to be discussed with Don Oliver before a decision was made. The board would like to know what other towns are doing for on-call or call-in pay.
2. **TENTATIVE 2006 BUDGET:** John Quenell distributed Preliminary Budget Version #1. He changed items to reflect the discussion held during the October 4 meeting and reviewed these changes.

General Fund Appropriations:

Salaries were increased using a 3% figure. The total increase for salaries is \$3,062, Using a 3% Cost of Living increase and reapportioning the county bill 44% for General and \$56 for highway Retirement (A9010.8) was reduced by \$2681 to \$6,569. Social Security (A9030.8) increased by \$234 to \$8042. Disability Insurance (A9055.8) was reduced by \$130 to \$120. Medical Insurance (A9060.8) was increased by \$334 (14%) to \$57,434.

Discussion was held on the Court Clerk's wages (A1130.1). The Justice asked for a 50 hour increase due to increase in work load and other responsibilities the court has taken on due to changes in the law. Discussion was held on the total number of hours needed for the Court Clerk's position, 147 hours have been used as of August 30 and 221 hours are projected for the end of the year; 271 hours were agreed upon. A1130.1 is increased to \$3200 based on a 3% increase in the per hour wage. Discussion was also held on raising the Justice's salary based on the same criteria. Total disposed cases in 2003 were 400 and 2004 was 500, in 2005 there have been 522 cases disposed as of September 30. The revenues to the Town have also increased: \$17,512 in 2003, \$16,487 in 2004, and \$19,110 as of August 30. Lydia Wright will make a recommendation at the next meeting for an increased salary.

Contracted Services:

Bookkeeper (A1310.4) asked for a 3% increase to \$5,344. Attorney (A1420.4) will remain the same at \$2000. Election Attendants (A1450.4) increased by \$300 to \$1,300. NY Association of Town (A1920.4) to remain the same at \$500. Humane Society (A3510.4) to remain the same at \$1150, no new contract has been received. Code Enforcement Officer (A3620.4) is a contract with Santa Clara, John Quenell will contact Santa Clara Supervisor for input, vehicle reimbursement at the Federal level has increased to 48.5 cents per mile. Registrar of Vital Statistics (A4020.4) to remain the same at \$50.00. Joint Airport

(A5615.4) to remain the same at \$1,000. Programs for the Aging, Saranac Lake Adult Center (A6772.41) to stay the same at \$500. Youth Programs (A7310.4) to stay the same at \$2800, six children used the Saranac Lake High School Youth Program. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he asked Mr. Humes about the number of children who took advantage of his offer for Camp Applejack and was told 13 to 15 children attended. Historian (A7510.4) to remain the same at \$400. John Quenell said the Historian Mary Ellen Salls told him she did not need the Town to purchase the newspaper, she could cut out articles about the town from a family paper. Trash Removal (A8160.4) increased to \$2300, company charges a fuel surcharge. Landfill monitoring (A8189.4) might change, John Quenell will check with FX Browne. Cemeteries (A8810.4) increase of \$300 to \$2400. Board would like more information about increase, Steve Tucker will be at next meeting to address this.

Equipment, Material, Supplies, Misc Services:

Town Board (A1010.4) should be increased to allow for possible new board members to attend training, Lydia Wright will find out additional information on costs. Justice (A1110.4) to remain the same at \$1800. Supervisor (A1220.4) to remain the same at \$300, increase of \$200 in 2005 budget was spent for Council Member Lydia Wright to attend training. Tax Collector (A1330.2) reduced by \$1170 to \$430 to pay for software. Tax Collector (A1330.4) increase by \$100 to \$1900, Board wants more information, David Knapp will call before next meeting. Assessor (A1355.4) increase by \$3500 to \$5250, there will be a reassessment update in 2006. Town Clerk (A1410.4) increase of \$500 to \$1500, due to increase in vehicle reimbursement and training costs. Records Equipment (A1460.2) increase by \$1,500, amount was in wrong line in 2004, not spent due to Town Hall not being renovated. Records supplies (A1460.4) decrease by \$1700 to \$200. Central Print/Mail (A1670.4) decrease by \$800 to \$200, postage no longer used for paying bills or payroll. Highway Super (A5010.4) to remain the same at \$800, may decrease if new uniform contract is less. Cemeteries equipment (A8810.2) to remain the same, Board would like more information on what this is for since Highway is doing mowing. Steve Tucker will be at next meeting to explain.

Highway Fund Appropriations:

Salaries were increased by 3%. The total was increased by \$2,708 to \$92,981. Retirement (DA9010.8) was reduced by \$889 to \$8,361. Social Security (DA9030.8) was increased by \$207 to \$7,113. Medical Insurance (DA9060.8) is increased by \$7,315 to \$52,815. Supplies, uniforms, crush run (DA5110.4) to remain at \$7,000, still waiting for uniform bids. Equipment Maintenance (DA5130.4) decrease by \$4,000 to \$10,000. Equipment fuel, salt, sand (DA5142.4) increase by \$4,272 to \$24,000 due to fuel prices.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 p.m. made by John Quenell, second by David Knapp, Aye 5

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk