

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 Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Garage, 17 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor John Quenell at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor John Quenell

Council Members: Peter Shrope, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Jeffrey Leavitt

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Blaine – Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Crary- Superintendent of Highways, Amber McKernan-Tax Collector, Richard Meagher-Budget Officer and Elaine Sater-Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There were four residents present

GUESTS: None

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 4. Notice was also posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and at the Town's three post offices and businesses on September 29.

Supervisor John Quenell said he called this meeting to discuss the General Fund and Fire Protection District Fund of the Town's 2012 Budget. Requests for estimates were sent to the Department heads on 1 September, Budget Officer received requests by September 20 and prepared a "Tentative Budget" for the Town Board. The Tentative Budget was filed with the Town Clerk before September 30, and the Town Clerk provided a copy of the Tentative Budget to the Town Board before the October 5 deadline.

TENTATIVE 2012 BUDGET- Richard Meagher, Budget Officer: The Tentative Budget was prepared with the input received from the department heads. Any line that did not have input was left at 2011 Budget amounts. This year there is a cap of 2% on the amount the Town can raise its tax levy from the 2011 level. From 2007 to 2011 the Town has raised its levy 4%, about 1% per year. The Town can pass a Local Law to override the cap if necessary.

1. **GENERAL FUND:** Changes made to the Tentative General Fund 2012 Budget are as follows:

a. Appropriations:

- i. A1330.1 Tax collector PS:** Reduced by \$192 to \$6,318, 2011 amount
- ii. A1410.1 Town Clerk PS:** Reduced by \$288 to \$9,582, 2011 amount
- iii. A1430.4 Personnel CE:** Reduced by \$500 to \$0, not used in 2011
- iv. A1420.4 Attorney CE:** Reduced by \$2,000 to \$8,000, added to refuse for building removal fees
- v. A3310.4 Traffic Control Signs CE:** Increase by \$600 to \$1,200 for new reflective signs mandated by State Law
- vi. A4020.1 Registrar of Vital Stat PS:** Reduce by \$6 to \$239, 2011 amount
- vii. A4020.2 Reg of Vial Stat Equipment:** Reduce second line by \$1,500 to \$0, duplicate line
- viii. A5010.1 Superintendent of Highways PS:** Reduce by \$1,681 to \$40,319, 2011 amount
- ix. A6772.4 Programs for the Aging CE:** Reduce by \$250 to \$750, amount of contract
- x. A7140.4 Playground/Rec Ctrs CE:** Increase by \$1,000 to \$8,000, to cover additional cost of food pantry utilities
- xi. A8160.4 Refuse/Garbage CD:** Increase by \$2,000 to \$2,500, to cover cost of building removal fees
- xii. A8810.2 Cemeteries Equipment:** Increase by \$1,700 to \$1,700, for new riding lawn mower
- xiii. A8810.4 Cemeteries CE:** Reduce by \$500 to \$500, did not use in 2011
- xiv. A9030.8 Social Security:** This amount will change based on the salary reductions to 2011 amounts

b. Revenues: A2555 Building Permits: Reduce by \$12,000 to \$8,000, 2011 amount

2. **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND:** Supervisor John Quenell said he has not received a budget or contract from the Fire Protection District yet. He expects to have it by the October 13, 2011 meeting. He said the Fire Department does not plan on changing the contract wording but does plan on a 2% increase.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45 pm made by Peter Shrope, **second** by Lydia Wright, **Aye 4 (Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Leavitt)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk