

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 Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 17 County Road 31(aka Jones Pond Road), Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor John Quenell at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor John Quenell

Council Members: Jeffrey Leavitt (entered meeting at 6:23 p.m.), Peter Shrope and Steve Tucker

ABSENT: Councilmember Lydia Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Meagher – Bookkeeper/Budget Officer and Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present

GUESTS: None

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise September 30, and October 7, 2010. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign and in three post offices and businesses in the Town on September 22, 2010.

TOWN BUDGET FOR 2011

The Tentative Town Budget for 2011 was distributed to the Town Board on September 28, 2010 by the Town Clerk.

Richard Meagher, Bookkeeper/Budget Officer sent out requests for tentative 2011 Budget input. If he did not received any input he just used the 2010 amount. The "Sept1 Actual YTD 2010" amount is a 12 month amount covering the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. The "%change from 2008" should read "...from 2010"

Discussion was held on the General Fund Appropriations (Axxx.x) and Revenues (Axxx) for the 2011 Town Budget, the following lines were discussed as follows:

1. All salary lines (Axxxx.1) Reduce all increase for salaries requested to the same amount as 2010. The Supervisor proposes a 0% increase for 2011 with the exception of the Highway Department. The Superintendent and Deputy would get a 2% increase due to the CSEA negotiations giving the Highway Employees a 2% raise for 2011 in exchange for a change in their Health Insurance policy. Jeffrey Leavitt proposes a 10% cut in pay for Council Members and reduce Health Insurance expense to single policies only. Currently each council member makes \$2,755 each. Two council members currently receive Health Insurance.
2. Expenses (Axxxx.2 and .4)
 - a. Attorney (A1420.4): Decrease by \$1,000 from \$10,000 to \$9,000. This line is higher than in past years due to litigation and other Town business.
 - b. Personnel (A1430.4) New account added to cover union contract negotiation fees.
 - c. Traffic Control Signs (A3310.4) Decrease by \$400 to \$600, the 2010 amount
 - d. Dog Control (A3510.4) Decrease by \$1,040 to \$4,013, remove Town Clerk's request for dog control software. Peter Shrope said he could create such a program for the Town
 - e. Reg of Vital Statistics (A4020.4) Decrease by \$1,500 to \$500, duplicate line removed.
 - f. Town Garage (A5132.4) Decrease by \$2,035 to \$16,500, when Food Pantry moves to park it will save on electric and heating costs.
 - g. Joint Airport (A5615.4) Decrease by \$500 to \$1,500. Asked for double of 2010 amount.
 - h. Playgrounds/Rec Center (A7140.2) Decrease by \$2,000 to \$1,000. Resealing can be done by Park Attendant
 - i. Playground/Rec Center (A7140.4) Increase by \$500 to \$7,000. Increase in costs due to Food Pantry using building.
 - j. Youth Programs (A7310.4) Decrease by \$500 to \$3,300. Civic Center \$1,500, SLAYP \$1,500 and Snowmobile Contract \$300.
 - k. Historian (A7510.4) Decrease by \$200 to \$200, based on amounts spent in 2010 and 2009.

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1. Cemeteries (A8810.4) Decrease by \$500 to \$1000, based on amount spent in 2010

3. Revenues:
 - a. Interest and Earnings (A2401) Decrease by \$250 to \$500, based on fund balance dropping
 - b. Building Permits (A2555) Decrease by \$2,000 to \$8,000, based on amount received in 2010
 - c. Dog License (A2544) Increase by \$150 to \$400, based on possible increase in dog license fees
 - d. Fines and Forfeited Bail (A2610) Decrease by \$2,500 to \$15,000, based on amount received in 2010
 - e. State Aid per Capita (A3001) Increase \$1,500 to \$11,000, based on amount received in 2010
 - f. Mortgage Tax (A3005) Increase by \$5,000 to \$15,000 based on amount received in 2010

Richard Meagher will put the above figures into the Preliminary Budget for 2011 to determine the Total Appropriations and Revenues for the next meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010. The amount for Social Security will change based on the change in salary lines (Axxxx.1). Highway, Fire District, salaries, and fund balances to be used will be discussed at that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:35 p.m. made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker) Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk