

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 13, 2011, at 5:30 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 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor John Quenell

Council Members: Jeffrey Leavitt, Peter Shrope, Steve Tucker (entered meeting at 5:55 p.m.) and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

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 seven residents present

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 Highway Fund and Fire Protection District Fund of the Town's 2012 Budget. Richard Meagher distributed an updated "Tentative General Fund Budget" from discussion at the October 6, 2011 Special Meeting.

1. TENTATIVE 2012 BUDGET- Richard Meagher, Budget Officer:

a. General Fund:

i. Appropriations:

- 1. Rescue Services Contract A3625.4** is reduced by \$14,147 from \$39,550 to \$25,403. There is a Fire Advisory Board (FAB) meeting on October 18, 2011, in the Town of Harrietstown to discuss who the contract will be with and for how much. This is a preliminary figure depending on what is decided at the meeting.
- 2. Attorney CE A1420.4:** Reduced by \$4,000 from \$8,000 to \$4,000
- 3. Salaries and hourly pay (AXXXX.1 accounts)** for all town officials and employees except Board Members, Supervisor, and Deputy Supervisor are increased by 2% from 2011 budget amounts.

Motion made by Steve Tucker, **second** by Peter Shrope, **to increase, by 2% over the 2011 budgeted amount, the salary (XXXX.1) budget lines of the General and Highway Funds for salaries or hourly wages for all Town elected officials and employees, except for the four Town Board Members, Town Supervisor, and Deputy Supervisor. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 1 (Quenell), Abstain 1 (Leavitt)**

Motion made by Peter Shrope, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to reduce the Attorney CE A1420.4 budget line in the 2012 proposed Budget by \$4,000 from \$8,000 to \$4,000 to fund the 2% salary increase for the .1 salary budget lines. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 1 (Quenell), Abstain 1 (Leavitt)**

b. Highway Fund:

i. Appropriations:

- 1. Machinery Equipment DA5130.2** is reduced by \$1,700 from \$15,000 to \$13,300; this amount was transferred to the Park Account for a mower.
- 2. Salaries (DA5110.1 and DA5142.1):** 2% increase budgeted for each salary line

ii. Revenues: Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary said he does not have the manpower to plow any more roads such as the Keese Mills Road for the Town of Santa Clara.

- c. Fire Protection Special District Fund: Supervisor John Quenell** distributed a contract with a budget from the Paul Smith's-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department. Peter Shrope recommended that the Fire Department reduce their contingency fund by \$1,500 from \$5,000 to \$3,500 (2011 Budget amount) to keep their budget at a zero percent increase. Supervisor John Quenell will take this suggestion back to the Fire Department Chief Roger Smith.

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- d. **Street Lighting Special District Fund:** Will remain the same as 2011 at \$900.

RESOLUTION # 57

ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET FOR 2012

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Peter Shrope,

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Brighton adopts the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND: Appropriations are \$391,298, Revenues are \$53,250. Fund Balance used is \$20,448; amount to be raised by taxes \$317,600

HIGHWAY FUND: Appropriations are \$259,041, Revenues are \$75,332. Amount to be raised by taxes \$183,709

FIRE PROTECTION FUND: Appropriations are \$77,640 which is the amount to be raised by taxes

STREET LIGHTING FUND: Appropriations are \$900 which is the amount to be raised by taxes.

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

RESOLUTION # 57 declared duly adopted.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Peter Shrope, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with Town Law Section 108 on Thursday, November 10th at 6 p.m. in the Town Garage to allow public input on the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget. The Regular Town Board meeting will immediately follow the close of the Public Hearing.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE CONTRACTS

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Peter Shrope, that the Town Board will conduct Public Hearings for the Fire and Rescue Services contracts on Thursday, November 3. The Fire Services Contract Public Hearing will begin at 6 p.m. and the Rescue Services Contract Public Hearing will follow immediately after the Fire Services Public Hearing is adjourned.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Kevan Moss – Fire Protection in Tupper Lake costs only \$51,000 more than the Fire Services for the Town and they have paid drivers. As for salary increases, people don't serve as elected officials for the money. If increases are not given there is no incentive to encourage people to run for the elected positions. The trend for zero increases year after year should be looked at carefully. The Justice position brings in revenue for the Town, the Highway Superintendent covers the weekends all winter to save on overtime costs. The employees should help cover the weekends.

Lydia Wright said the Superintendent is saving the Town a lot of money by working the weekends which should cover a 2% raise.

Andy Crary: The overtime is usually taken as comp time and can be up to 160 hours which is four weeks of work. The employees already receive 4 weeks of vacation so they could be out all summer when he needs help for road repair.

Holly Huber asked about the cable TV in the break room and why the Town is spending money on this if they need to cut expenses.

Andy Crary said the Town gets the cable and internet for free.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:00 pm made by Supervisor John Quenell, second by Peter Shrope, Aye 4 (Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 1 (Leavitt)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk