

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

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A Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, as follows:

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Martin at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Martin, Council Members: Sheila Delarm, David Knapp, and Steve Tucker

ABSENT: Council Member Lydia Wright

OTHERS: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Richard Meagher - Budget Officer

RESIDENTS: There was 1 resident present

GUESTS: None

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, October 5, 2006, and published on Tuesday, October 10 and Thursday October 19, 2006. The notice was also posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board, at local post offices and businesses on Tuesday, October 10.

1. **BUDGET 2007 (Richard Meagher):** Explained how the Tentative Budget was set up. Requests for budget items were submitted to the Budget Officer by Town Departments. Anyone who asked for a pay raise was included in the Tentative Budget, those who did not ask were not included. If a request was not received for an item the same amount was used from the 2006 Budget. Discussed the Highway Budget with Superintendent of Highways Don Oliver. That part of the budget will be discussed at the meeting on October 26, 2006.
 - a. **GENERAL FUND** was reviewed line by line.
 - i. **Appropriations:** The Board asked for a 3.3% Cost of Living (COL) increase be added to all salary items (AXXXX.1) based on the Social Security increase for 2007. The Tax Collector asked for a raise of \$1,181 to bring her salary back up to \$6000 the level of the Tax Collector before 2000. No other new official has had a salary cut when they took office except the Tax Collector in 2000. The Board proposed to increase the Tax Collector salary by half this year and half next year and included the 3.3% COL increase. The amount for Rescue Services A3625.4 was increased to \$31,000 to cover the proposed cost from the Village of Saranac Lake for services. The amount for LifeFlight A4540.4 was increased to \$1,250 to equal the amount given to the First Responders (FREMSA) since they are both equally active in the Town. The amount to Social Security was increased to \$8,730 to cover the increase in salaries. The amount for Worker's Compensation was reduced by half to \$11,357 and the balance transferred to the Highway Fund to cover the employees in the Highway Department.
 - ii. **Revenues:** The Town Clerks Fees A1255 were decreased to \$100. This revenue comes from requests during the year from Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates. There were more requests than usual in 2005 and 2006 due to accidents. Building Permits A2555 were decreased to \$4000. In 2005 there was an unusual amount collected due to Paul Smith's College starting a major project.
 - iii. **Fund balance** of \$25,000 was proposed to be applied to the tentative budget of Appropriations of \$401,193, less Revenues of \$70,125, to reduce the tax levy to \$306,068. This will decrease the implied tax dollars per thousand to approximately \$1.52 for the General Fund.
 - b. **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:** The amount of \$63,676 will be offset by the remaining fund balance of \$1500
 - c. **STREET LIGHTING:** The amount of \$750 will be offset by the remaining fund balance of \$350.
2. **FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS GRANT FOR PAVER:** Supervisor Peter Martin received a letter, dated October 16, 2006, from Jeffery Smith, Superintendent of Highways for Franklin County asking the Town to support a grant for a paver. He would like the Town be a Co-Applicant on this grant in the spirit of shared services since the County uses the paver on Town roads at no cost to the Town. The deadline for the grant application is October 26, 2006.

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AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT FRANKLIN COUNTY GRANT FOR PAVER

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Martin, **Second** by Sheila Delarm, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton Highway Department uses the Franklin County asphalt paver to pave Town roads at no cost to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton Board supports a Shared Municipal Incentive Grant Application between Franklin County and all other municipalities county wide that share the Franklin County's asphalt paver,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Brighton Board authorizes the Town to be a Co-Applicant on an application by the Franklin County Department of Highways for a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant to purchase a new Asphalt Paver at no cost to the Town of Brighton, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Brighton Superintendent of Highways be authorized to act on behalf of the Town of Brighton in all matters relating to this grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Martin, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

RESOLUTION # 82 declared duly adopted.

3. **GREGORY SUPPLY:** Received a letter, dated October 9, 2006, from Gregory Supply stating that they have become a division of Curtis Lumber, Inc; the credit application of the Town has been transferred to Curtis Lumber
4. **HOFFMAN ROAD TURN-AROUND:** Received a letter, dated October 16, 2006, from the Attorney for the Town concerning the License Agreement for the turnaround on Hoffman Road. A map was submitted to the Superintendent of Highways to determine the area of the property involved. This map was sent to the property owner's attorney. The Attorney for the Town also contacted the Office of Real Property and determined that the Town cannot agree to remove the property from the Assessment Roles. The Assessor has sole responsibility for determining the assessed value of property under the NYS Real Property Tax Law. A complete license agreement will be forthcoming from the Attorney.
5. **PETITIONS FOR ARTICLE 7 ACTION:** Received letters, dated October 13, 2006, from the Attorney from the Town, concerning the three petitions involving three parcels of land by Town residents. The Town denies all allegations of the petition. All discovery demands were requested by the Attorney from the property owners.
6. **RESCUE CONTRACT: Supervisor Peter Martin** said there will be a meeting concerning the Rescue Contract in Saranac Lake at the Harrietstown Town Hall on October 24, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. for all the Towns who contract with the Village. He would like to see the board members attend.
7. **COUNTY 2007 BUDGET HEARING:** The County Budget Hearing is scheduled for October 25 at 4 p.m. in the Harrietstown Town Hall.
8. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT- Bridge Repair: Supervisor Peter Martin** spoke with the Boy Scout who proposed the Bridge Project. The Boy Scout has to contact the DEC and APA to continue the project, as well as the Code Enforcement Officer. The Boy Scout may have to find a different project.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn at 8:19 p.m. **made** by David Knapp, **second** by Peter Martin

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk