

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 21, 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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor John Quenell

Council Members: Jeffrey Leavitt, Peter Shrope, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright (left meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Meagher – Bookkeeper/Budget Officer, Andy Crary – Superintendent of Highways, 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.

1. RESCUE CONTRACT FOR 2011

Supervisor John Quenell scheduled a Public Hearing for the 2011 Rescue Contract on Thursday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to be followed by the 2011 Town Budget Hearing.

2. TOWN BUDGET FOR 2011:

Richard Meagher, Bookkeeper/Budget Officer discussed the Highway Appropriations and Revenues in the 2011 Tentative Budget. A 3% increase was added to the expense line. Supervisor John Quenell, Jeffrey Leavitt, and Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary met to discuss the Tentative Budget. Supervisor John Quenell asked that the expenses be reduced to a 2% increase, not the 3% increase asked for by the Superintendent of Highways. The following changes were made to the 2011 Tentative Budget:

a. HIGHWAY FUND:

- i. All salary lines (DAxxxx.1) Amount calculated already has the Union contract 2% raise for 2011.
- ii. Expenses (DAxxxx.2 and .4) Decrease expenses (.4) from 3% to 2% for most lines.
 1. General Repairs (DA5110.4): Decrease by \$77 to \$7,854.
 2. Capital Improvements (DA5112.2) Decrease by \$50,000 to \$0, moved to Bridges
 3. Bridges (DA5120.4) Increase by \$24,466 to \$34,466, will use CHIPS funding
 4. Machinery Equip (DA5130.2) Increase by \$2,000 to \$52,000, \$40,000 for purchase of truck, \$2,000 for small items, and \$10,000 toward future plows.
 5. Machinery CE (DA5130.4) Decrease by \$921 to \$20,400
 6. Snow Removal (DA5142.4) Decrease by \$289 to \$29,478
 7. Employee Benefits (DAxxxx.8) will change according to salary changes except Hospital Insurance
 8. Hospital and Medical Insurance (DA9060.8) increase by \$571 to \$37,691 to cover employee expenses of \$1,000 each for medical insurance per union contract negotiations. The medical insurance is being changed to another policy.

iii. Revenues:

1. Services Other Govts (DA2300) Increase by \$772 to \$39,529, based on actual contract from County
2. Sale of Equipment (DA2665) Increase by \$5,000 to \$5,000, based on possible sale of pickup truck
3. Consolidated Highway Aid (DA3501) Decrease by \$1,242 to \$34,466, based on amount from CHIPS funding for 2011

- b. GENERAL FUND:** Discussion was held on town officials paying something toward health premiums. Suggestions from 10% to 100% were offered. Funds for the medical insurance buy out for elected officials that do not take medical insurance were not included in this line.

Supervisor John Quenell scheduled a Special Meeting to discuss health insurance premiums and additional funding for insurance buy out for 2011 on Thursday, October 28 at 6 p.m.

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- c. **FIRE PROTECTION FUND:** Fire Department is asking for a 7.5% increase to cover errors in the Budget from 2010 with a 2.5% increase for 2011. Town Board funded the increase in insurance premium for 2010. Discussion was held on the budget proposed by the Fire Department. Peter Shrope asked about the \$5,000 to heat the fire house; he compared this expense to the amount of \$7,000 that the Town pays to heat a much smaller park building. Jeffrey Leavitt addressed the increase costs for electric and heat. A truck uses a lot of electricity by having to be plugged in, even though the building is heated.

A Public Hearing for the Fire Contract is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010 immediately following the Hearing scheduled at 6:30 p.m. for the Guest property on Rainbow Lake Road. Both hearings will be prior to the monthly Board meeting.

- d. **STREET LIGHTING FUND:** Will use \$300 of the fund balance to reduce the amount to be collected by taxes.
- e. **GENERAL FUND REVENUE:** Supervisor John Quenell would like to add two new revenues lines: Special Assessment for \$17,767 and Litigation Settlement for \$20,000 in anticipation of funds to be collected from the "Over the Hill" property and litigation settlement for "avoidable alarm" violations.

Richard Meagher will put the above figures, including a 15% contribution for insurance premiums by Town official, except the Superintendent of Highways, into the Preliminary Budget for 2011 to determine the Total Appropriations and Revenues for the next meeting on October 28, 2010. Fund balances will be added to General, Highway, and Street Lighting to reduce amount to be raised by taxes.

RESOLUTION #95

SALARIES FOR 2011 FOR TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, **second** by Steve Tucker,

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the Preliminary Budget for 2011 has been set for Thursday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. and

WHEREAS, it is required by law to publish a legal notice of such public hearing 10 days before the public hearing with salaries of certain elected officials listed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 2011 salaries for elected Town officials and Town employees will remain at the 2010 budget level, with the exception of the Superintendent of Highways, Deputy Superintendent of Highways, and three highway employees, who will all receive a 2% increase over the 2010 budgeted salary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

RESOLUTION #95 declared duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Supervisor John Quenell, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 7:50 p.m., in accordance with Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105(d) to discuss current litigation "Town of Brighton vs Paul Smith's College" Avoidable Alarm Violations. Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Motion made to GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION by Supervisor John Quenell at 8:00 p.m., **second** by Steve Tucker. Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:01 p.m. made by Jeffrey Leavitt, **second** by Supervisor John Quenell, Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, Brighton Town Clerk