

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

October 22, 2009

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A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor David Knapp at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor David Knapp, Council Members: Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Members Sheila Delarm and Jeffrey Leavitt

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

RESIDENTS: There were no residents present

GUESTS: None

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was posted on Tuesday, October 13, on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and at three post offices and in local businesses in the Town. Notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 15, 2009.

1. **GENERAL FUND 2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** Discussion was held on the General Fund Appropriations and Revenues for 2010. Budget Officer Richard Meagher said the Town's assessed value dropped by 2% or \$3.3 million from \$197,872,684 to \$194,530,727 due to New York State adjusting its property values on State land. There was also a Small Claims settled that reduced an assessment.
 - a. **Appropriations:**
 - i. **Salaries (.1 accounts):** will be kept at 0% as the cost of living is actually a negative figure, except for the Code Enforcement Officer who has had an increase in work load from the Avoidable Alarm Law. All increases on the Tentative Budget were reduced to 2009 budget amounts, except A3620.1 Code Enforcement Officer was decreased from the Tentative Budget by \$2,470 to \$13,030.
 - ii. **Expenses (.4 accounts):** Three accounts were decreased: Tax Collection CE A1330.4 by \$1,500 to \$3,580, Refuse/Garbage CE A8160.4 by \$450 to \$750.00, and Rescue A3625.4 was decreased by \$1,822 to \$37,265.
 - iii. **Equipment (.2 accounts):** Assessor Equip A1355.2 was decreased by \$3,333 to zero (0). Dry hydrants, A3620.3 was increased by \$1,200 to \$1,200 due to a change in the water flow pipe from 4 inches to 6 inches by the Fire Department.
 - b. **Revenues:** The amount of revenue received from interest and mortgage tax has dropped considerably this year and will not increase in 2010. The Town can expect a \$21,388 drop in revenues for 2010.
2. **FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICT FUND:** The Fire Department reduced their budget request by \$4,790 from \$91,069 to \$77,466.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:42 p.m. made by Supervisor David Knapp, **Second** by Lydia Wright, **Aye 3 (Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Delarm, Leavitt)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk