

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 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Martin at 6:10 p.m.

“Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” was recited

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Martin, Sr.

Council Members: Sheila Delarm (entered meeting late), David Knapp, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright (entered meeting late)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Richard Meagher – Bookkeeper, Don Oliver- Superintendent of Highways

RESIDENTS: Three residents attended

GUESTS: Rebecca Buerkett, Brighton resident

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Clerk’s sign board on October 2 as well as in the town’s post offices. A public notice was also published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 2 and 11.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2008:

1. Discussion was held on the amounts of expenses for the Highway Fund Budget for 2008. Amount for Salaries was left the same as 2007 since no overtime was used. There is no longer a wood stove to keep going on the weekends. Harrietstown has applied for a shared services grant for equipment; Town agreed to pay 1/3 of the total.

Sheila Delarm entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Town’s assess value for 2008 is \$201,597,145; down due to State land value being reduced each year after reassessment.
3. Fund Balance to use for Highway changed to \$31,500.

RESOLUTION #78

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2008

Motion made by David Knapp, **Second** by Sheila Delarm, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the Tentative Budget for 2008 was submitted by the Budget Officer to the Town Board on September 27, 2007 and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Tentative Budget with the Budget Officer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to post a notice for a Public Hearing to be held on November 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall for public input on the Preliminary Budget for 2008 with the following:

Supervisor Salary \$10,807, Council Members (4) \$2,616.25 each, Town Clerk \$9,100, and Superintendent of Highways \$37,538, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tentative Budget for 2008 be accepted as the Preliminary Budget for 2008 with the following change: Increase the Fund Balance for General to \$65,000 and the Fund Balance for Highway Fund to \$31,500. The total General Appropriations to be \$406,674, Estimated Revenues to be \$68,050, amount to be raised by Taxes for General Fund is \$273,624. The total Highway Appropriations to be \$297,863, Estimated Revenue to be \$68,147, amount to be raised by Taxes for Highway Fund is \$198,216. Total Fire Fund appropriations to be \$67,646, less Fund Balance of \$3,000, amount to be raised by Taxes for Fire Fund is \$64,646. Total Appropriations for Easy Street Lighting District to be \$750, less Fund Balance \$250, amount to be raised by Taxes for Easy Street Lighting District is \$500.00. The implied tax per thousand dollars of assessment is \$2.66.

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

Resolution #78 declared duly adopted.

Motion made to GO INTO RECESS at 7:02 p.m. to wait for the guest speaker by Supervisor Peter Martin, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Martin, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

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Lydia Wright entered the meeting during the recess at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made to GO OUT OF RECESS at 7:40 p.m. by David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

LAND USE PLANNING

GUEST SPEAKER- Rebecca Buerkett, Brighton Resident: Asked if the Town Board was interested in “land use planning”. She works for FX Browne, Inc., and they are interested in working with the Town if there is an interest in “land use planning”. There are grants available through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) called “Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant”. There are three different areas that the grant can cover: Town Center Revitalization, Sustainable Economic Development, or Cultural, Environmental and Natural Adirondack Resources. The deadline is December 28 for a maximum of \$50,000 with no matching funds. If the Town is interested, FX Browne can help with the grant.

Discussion was held concerning how to get this information out to the residents to see if they would be interested in contributing to a “land use planning” project. This topic will be added to the agenda for the November 8 Regular Town Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. **made** by Lydia Wright, **second** by David Knapp, **Aye 5, Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk