

# 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 26, 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 6:03 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Richard Meagher - Budget Officer, Donald Oliver - Superintendent of Highways

**RESIDENTS:** There were no residents 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 he updated the Tentative General Budget based on October 19 discussion; distributed copies to the Board for review. A corrected copy of the Tentative Highway Budget was also distributed to the Board for discussion. "DB" was used in error for account codes instead of "DA" in the original copy.

### **a. HIGHWAY FUND:**

**i. Appropriations: Salaries (DAXXXX.1)** were reduced from \$99,613 (an increase of 6%) to \$97,734 (an increase of 4%), a difference of \$1,841. Salaries for 2005 were \$80,897, budgeted salaries for 2006 are \$93,975. **Social Security DA9030.8** decreased from \$7618 to \$7477. **Worker's Compensation DA9040.8** was increased from \$0 to \$11,357 to cover the employees in the Highway Department. **Supplies and Equipment: Machinery Equipment DA5130.2** was reduced to \$15,000, since no new equipment is needed in 2007. A cab for the tractor can be purchased from 2006 funds since there is still \$16,000 left in that account.

**ii. Revenues: Sale of Equipment DA2665** is reduced to \$4000. No revenue was received in 2006 on this line.

**iii. Fund balance** of \$30,000 was proposed to be applied to the tentative budget for Appropriations of \$293,938, less Revenues of \$65,664, to reduce the tax levy to \$198,274. This will decrease the implied tax dollars per thousand assessed value of property to approximately \$ .98 for the Highway Fund.

**b. GENERAL FUND:** Discussion was held on the amount to set for the Fund Balance application. The interest on the garage loan of \$21,360 can be taken from the fund balance as well as the Contingency Fund of \$25,000. The total to be used will be \$50,000 since the amount in the CLASS accounts is higher than the recommended maximum of 25% for fund balances.

## **2. PRELIMINARY 2007 BUDGET HEARING**

**Motion made by David Knapp, second by Sheila Delarm, to set the date of the Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2007 Budget on Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m. and allow the Town Clerk to make 10 copies (or more if needed) of the Preliminary 2007 Budget available to the Public. The Regular Monthly Board meeting will begin immediately following the close of the Public Hearing.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

## **3. PRELIMINARY 2007 BUDGET**

### **RESOLUTION # 83**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE PRELIMINARY 2007 BUDGET**

**Motion made by Lydia Wright, Second by David Knapp, To Wit:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Brighton Board accepts the amended Tentative 2007 Budget as the Preliminary 2007 Budget as follows (using a taxable assessed value of \$201,734,334 for General and Highway and \$202,165,559 for Fire):

**GENERAL FUND:** Appropriations of \$399,863, less Estimate Revenue of \$70,125, less Fund Balance of \$50,000, equals a Tax Levy of \$279,738 or \$1.38 per thousand of assessed property value

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**HIGHWAY FUND:** Appropriations of \$293,938, less Estimate Revenue of \$65,664, less Fund Balance of \$30,000, equals a Tax Levy of \$198,274 or \$.98 per thousand of assessed property value

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:** Appropriations of \$65,676, less Fund Balance of \$1,500, equals a tax levy of \$64,176 or \$.31 per thousand of assessed property value

**STREET LIGHTS:** Appropriations of \$750, less Fund Balance of \$350, equals \$400 (only for State Route 86 [Easy Street] Property Owners),  
and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the following salaries be set for certain Elected Officials: SUPERVISOR: \$10,492, TOWN COUNCIL: \$2,540 each, TOWN CLERK: \$8,835, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS: \$36,445

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

**RESOLUTION # 83 declared duly adopted.**

**4. RESCUE CONTRACT: Supervisor Peter Martin** attended a meeting on October 24 along with Steve Tucker and Sheila Delarm to discuss the Rescue Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake and other towns who contract with the Village for rescue services. The Village is not interested in reducing the projected cost to this Town, the cost is being determined by the assessed value of the Town. This year's portion would be \$31,000 and it increases to \$50,000 over three years. Currently the Town pays an average of \$401 per call based on an average of 47 calls to the Town. There is another meeting on Friday, Nov 3, at 3:30 p.m. at Harrietstown Hall to further discuss this contract.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn** at 8:25 p.m. **made** by Lydia Wright, **second** by David Knapp

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk