

Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, October 28, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Tebbutt

Council Members: David Knapp, John Quenell, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater – Town Clerk and Nik Santagate - Justice

GUESTS: None

RESIDENTS: There were three residents present

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2005 Preliminary Budget as approved at the October 25, 2004, meeting.

Notice of Meeting was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board, at three post offices and two businesses in the Town on October 22, 2004. Faxed a notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 21, 2004.

1. 2005 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – REVIEW:

- a. **David Knapp** said the total budget was not much higher than the 2004 Budget. Discussion was held as to what kept the budget down. The Highway Garage Project is not reflected in this budget, it should be near \$32,000 in the 2006 budget. John Quenell said reducing the landfill testing, contingency, and water testing at Highway Garage have realized saving.
- b. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the landfill monitoring variance reduction has been recommended; more information will be forth coming if it is approved.
- c. Town Law, Section 27, was distributed to the Town Board concerning compensation of Town officers and employees and changing salaries after they are posted for the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #110

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT 2005 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR DISTRIBUTION

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt, **second** by John Quenell, **To Wit:**

RESOLVED that the Town of Brighton Board approve the 2005 Preliminary Budget and submit it to the Town Clerk for distribution to the public for the Public Hearing on November 4, 2004.

1. APPROPRIATIONS:

NAME	CURRENT 2004	TENTATIVE 2005	PRELIMINARY 2005
General Fund	375,111	374,803	349,079
Highway Fund	274,073	283,073	282,542
Fire Protection	60,102	60,102	61,905
Street Lighting	700	700	700
TOTAL	709,986	718,678	694,226

2. REVENUES

NAME	CURRENT 2004	TENTATIVE 2005	PRELIMINARY 2005
General Fund	43,000	42,890	42,640
Highway Fund	49,702	49,702	60,806
TOTAL	92,702	92,592	103,446

3. TOTAL 2005 BUDGET (Appropriations Minus Revenues)

NAME	CURRENT 2004	TENTATIVE 2005	PRELIMINARY 2005
General Fund	332,111	331,913	306,439
Highway Fund	224,371	233,371	221,736
Fire Protection	60,102	60,102	61,905
Street Lighting	700	700	700
TOTAL	617,284	626,086	590,780

4. FUND APPLICATIONS:

NAME	CURRENT 2004	TENTATIVE 2005	PRELIMINARY 2005
GENERAL FUND			
Contingency A1990	25,000	0	25,000
Health Insurance A1990	20,000	0	0
Spill Testing A5132.41	5000	0	0
Landfill Testing	9670	0	5000
Dry Hydrant	0	0	1000
TOTAL	59,670	0	31,000
HIGHWAY FUND			
Heavy Machinery	20,000	0	31,000
Light Machinery	2000	0	2000
Debt Payment	20,000	0	0
Interest Payment	1504	0	0
Paving	0	0	8,300
TOTAL	43,504	0	41,300
FIRE DISTRICT	0	0	3000
STREET LIGHTING	0	0	350
TOTALS	103,174	0	75,650

5. TAX LEVY (Amount to be collected from tax payers)

NAME	2004	2005
General Fund	272,441	275,439
Highway Fund	180,867	180,436
Fire Protection	60,102	58,905
Street Lighting (Easy Street)	700	350
TOTAL	\$514,110	\$515,130
Assessment Base	\$117,578,354	\$118,005,837
Tax rate per thousand assessed value, excluding Street Lighting		
General Fund	2.3171	2.3341
Highway Fund	1.5883	1.5290
Fire Protection	.5079	.4960
TOTAL	4.3633	4.3591

6. FUND BALANCES

NAME	2004	2005
General Fund		
Beginning of year	204,000	187,800
End of year	187,800	156,800
Highway Fund		
Beginning of year	143,000	152,200
End of year	152,200	110,900

Roll Call Vote: Aye 5 (Knapp, Quenell, Tebbutt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0
Resolution #110 declared duly adopted.

2. OTHER:

- a. A presentation will be compiled for the Public Hearing. The Town Clerk was directed to make twelve copies of the 2005 Preliminary Budget available for the public.

- b. HUMANE SOCIETY:** The Humane Society can provide Shelter services and animal control services; they can also do an enumeration (dog census). Currently the Town of Franklin pays \$1800.00 for shelter and animal control services. The Town can collect a \$5 fee for each dog licensed from an enumeration. This will be considered when the contract is renewed in 2005.
- c. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Robert Tebbutt asked Steve Tucker to oversee the paving of the 2 new entrances to the cemetery in Gabriels being done by the State Highway Reconstruction Project.
- d. COURT GRANT:** The Town Justice received a grant for a computer and a credit card machine. The Court will receive a computer and the funds for a credit card machine will be sent to the Town.
- e. FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRACT:** Supervisor Robert Tebbutt received a letter from the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department asking for a 3.5% increase over the 2004 contract. He will send a letter requesting that Roger Smith, Fire Chief, attend the next monthly board meeting and present a contract to the Town. The Town must hold a public hearing with a ten-day notice before the contract can be approved.
- f. COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET:** John Quenell said the 2005 Tentative County Budget is showing a 24% increase for the residents of the Town of Brighton. Since the Town's equalization rate is low it has affected the increase for the residents. The tax levy from the County has doubled in the past 8 years.
- g. COMLINKS GLEANING REQUEST:** David Knapp spoke to Barbara Marshall from the Food Pantry. She recommends the Town support COMLINKS request for \$500. The gleaning of the fields is done by COMLINKS, the grocery stores gleaning is done by the stores themselves. This can be discussed at the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt thanked the Board and John Quenell in particular for the outstanding effort put into this budget.

Motion to Adjourn made at 6:30 p.m. by John Quenell, second by Steve Tucker

Roll Call Vote: Aye 5 (Knapp, Quenell, Tebbutt, Tucker and Wright), Nay 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk