

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING (BUDGET WORKSHOP) -TOWN OF BRIGHTON –
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The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 6:15 p.m. and adjourned to November 2, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Alicia Bodmer
Council Members: Linda Dobson
John Quenell
Steven Tucker

ABSENT: None

VACANT: Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk and Don Oliver-Superintendent of Highways

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present.

GUESTS: None

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Deputy Supervisor Alicia Bodmer at **6:19 p.m.** She stated **the Purpose for the special meeting was to continue discussing the 2003 Tentative Budget**

Public Notice: Notification was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Saturday October 26, 2002, and public notices were posted in the Paul Smiths, Gabriels, and Rainbow Lake Post Offices and on the Town Clerk Signboard

Discussion re-addressed several accounts that needed clarification. Account A5132.41 is being added to show Town Garage water-testing expenses for petroleum spill at \$5000.

John Quenell gave a briefing on comparison pricing for Health Insurance using HMO versus PPO program. Several options for reducing Health Care Insurance expenses were proposed, included eliminating the Dental and Optical Insurance for General Fund Employees except the Superintendent of Highways, requiring a 10% co-pay from Elected Officials and changing to a PPO, providing a 10% buyout for non-participating Elected Officials and increasing the drug co-pay to 10/25/40.

Highway Fund Account DA5130.2 (Machinery Equipment) was broken out into DA5130.20, .21 and .22 to differentiate between heavy equipment (trucks) and light equipment (loaders) and equipment reserve. The payments for the snowplow loan were shown in Accounts A9730.6 for \$20,000 and A9730.7 (Interest) for \$2,000.

John Quenell presented the Board with a list of “lumpy”(one-time) expenses the Town will be occurring in the future in totaling an estimate of \$600,000 for the new Town Garage, a Salt Shed, petroleum spill clean-up, and landfill water monitoring and loan repayment. He recommends the Town budget \$48,000 per year to finance bonds for these expenses over a period of time instead of all in one year.

Motion made by Linda Dobson to amend the purpose of the November 2, 2002 meeting to include a discussion on a Economic Development Zone request from a resident, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

Motion made by Linda Dobson to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting at 7:30 pm to November 2, 2002, at 8:30 a.m., second by Alicia Bodmer; Aye 4, Vacant 1(Supervisor)

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to Call the Meeting to Order at 8:34 am on November 2, 2002

Landfill payment due to Environmental Facilities Corporation in \$268,999.85. Town has to pay itself back an estimated \$51,000. There is \$271,535.30 in the Capital Project Account from the reimbursement of expenses by the Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act. The 1st reimbursement amount of approximately \$27,000 is not included in this amount. The amount needed to fund this can be taken from the unexpended fund balance in the General Fund.

No reply from New York State Retirement on the cost for 2002 or 2003. Using 2001 costs A9010.8 is set at \$1,400 and DA9010.8 is set for \$1850.

General Fund A1450.4 (Election Expenses) can be reduced to \$700 since there should not be a primary in 2003.

Concerning the Saranac Lake Free Library’s request for a donation to its Capital Fund- according to Municipal Law Article 8 Section 1, the Town cannot use taxpayers money to donate to non-profit organizations unless there is a contract showing what services the Town receives from the organization.

Need more information on Flex spending for Health Insurance. John Quenell said the administration of the program would run about \$1,300 a year and is probably not worth it. Option to eliminate Dental and Optical for General Fund employees except Superintendent of Highways, change to a PPO with 5/15/30 drug and charge a 10% co-pay for Elected Officials, and add a 10% buy-out for nonparticipating Elected Officials was used for budget purposes. Account A9060.8 is set for \$60,500 and DA9060.8 is set for \$37,100

A Capital Project Fund should be set up for the New Highway Garage now to record all expenses as they occur. An amount of \$20,000 could be set up to start. This will be addressed at the Regular Board Meeting on November 14, 2002.

Salaries are set so the Public Notice can be published.

Expenses for Code Enforcement Officer include his mileage, schooling, and phone expense from the Town of Santa Clara.

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There is an additional phone expense for the phone at the Town Hall. A new phone system for the Town needs to be looked into to reduce the number of lines.

A new Account for Records Management should be added to show expense for map cabinets. Use A1460.2 instead of A1410.2 for \$2800.

A revenue account for Park Use Fees should be added if Park Fees are going to be considered in 2003. Use A2001 (Park & Recreation Charges) and keep A2410 (Town Hall Use Donations) and split the \$100 (\$50 each).

Tax Collector request for Laptop and software was discussed. The laptop can be purchased but the software is too expensive (\$2000) for the return on investment. Tax Collector should get with other small towns and try to get a better deal for a combined price.

RESOLUTION #96

APPROVAL OF 2003 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to approve the 2003 Preliminary Budget (attached) for the Public Hearing on November 15, 2002, second by John Quenell, Aye 4, Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor	Vacant
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

RESOLUTION #96 declared duly adopted

Linda Dobson received an email from the resident who had requested the Board to review a request for an Economic Development Zone, the chances of getting approval from Franklin County are not good so she withdraws the request.

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:40 am, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk