

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Monday, November 18, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Alicia Bodmer
Council Members: John Quenell
Steve Tucker

ABSENT: Council Member Linda Dobson

VACANT: Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present

GUESTS: None

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Deputy Supervisor Alicia Bodmer at **6:31 p.m.** She stated the **Purpose for the Special Meeting was to vote on the 2003 Annual Town Budget**

Public Notice: Notification was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Saturday, November 2, 2002, and was published on Thursday, November 7, 2002. Public notices were posted in the Paul Smiths, Gabriels, and Rainbow Lake Post Offices, at local businesses, and on the Town Clerk Signboard.

John Quenell discussed the cosmetic changes he made to the 2003 Preliminary Budget, i.e., deleting the extra accounts, moving numbers to the proper lines as noted at the Public Hearing. He added a new account A9780.0 (Landfill EFC Loan Repayment) for the repayment of the Clean Air/Clear Water loan from Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for \$41,200. It was off set with a General Fund Application for the same amount. DA5130.21 (Heavy Machinery was changed to reflect the full cost of a new loader (\$76,122.00) with a Revenue Account DA2665 (Sale of Equipment) to show the trade-in value of \$22,000. These changes do not reflect a change to the Tax Levy.

Alicia Bodmer had some notes from the Public Hearing to discuss.

- 1. Account A1620.4 (Building CE):** Should this account be increased to include the stone pillars at the front of the Town Hall? No, the grant will be pursued again in 2003 for the money to repair the pillars; it doesn't need to be in this budget
- 2. The Saranac Lake Adult Center** request for funds? John Quenell suggested putting \$500 in A6772.4 (Programs for the Aging) and letting the Brighton Seniors request the money and then they can do whatever they want with it. If they want to give it to the Adult Center that would be their choice, not the Town Boards.
- 3. The Justice** asked for an increase of \$200 to A1110.4 (Justices CE) to cover increased activity and postage rates; increase to \$1,500.
- 4. Tax Collector** requested a reduction of \$250 for her A1330.4 (Tax collector CE) since she is expecting a grandchild and probably will not be able to attend the Tax Collector's Training, decrease to \$1,950
- 5. Health Insurance for Part Time Employees:** The last part-time employee will no longer be receiving insurance after January 1. The Compensation Committee did not recommend to all part time employees to receive insurance from the Town. The Board cannot offer Health Insurance to one part time employee and not offer it to all of them. The solution in the future would be to combine the Park, Cemetery, and Maintenance Positions and make a full time job so the employee would be covered under the CSEA contract with the Highway Department. This could not be done until the current Cemetery/Maintenance employee retires. Under IRS Section 125 health insurance could be offered if the employee was willing to pay for it. The Park employee is interested in obtaining health insurance at a reduced rate if the Town could help him out.
- 6. Water Testing at Park:** The expense of water testing every quarter (\$120) should be added to A7140.4 (Playgrounds/Rec CE), increase it to \$4,320
- 7. Supervisor Schooling** expense should be added to A1220.4, increase it by \$250 to \$825
- 8. Dog Control Officer:** The Tri-Lakes Humane Society can provide Dog Control Services if the Town would like to negotiate with them. It might make it harder to get the Dog Control Officer to respond to the Town. Will request the Dog Control Officer provide a monthly report to the Town Board in the future.

The Board took a break at 6:50 pm to plug in the numbers and reprint the 2003 Budget to see the affect on the Tax Levy. Resumed the meeting at 7:05 pm. Alicia Bodmer thanked the board for the hard work they did to create this budget. John Quenell said it was the most arduous budget he has worked on in 5 years.

RESOLUTION #106

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE 2003 TOWN OF BRIGHTON BUDGET

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer **to accept the 2003 Town of Brighton Budget (attached) as amended**, second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Absent 1 (Dobson), Vacant 1 (Supervisor)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #106 declared duly Adopted.

Motion made by John Quenell **to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m.**, second by Steve Tucker; Aye 3, Absent 1 (Dobson), Vacant 1(Supervisor)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk