

SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

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A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 3, 2013, 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 Shrope at 6:05 p.m.

“Pledge to the Flag” was recited.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brian McDonnell, Amber McKernan, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Crary – Superintendent of Highways, Richard Meagher – Bookkeeper, and Elaine Sater -Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There were no residents present

GUESTS: None

NOTICE OF MEETING: Notice of this meeting was posted on Thursday, September 26, 2013, on the Town Clerk’s Signboard and at three post offices in the Town. Notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, September 26 and October 3, 2013.

1) Tentative Budget for 2014:

- a) **Town Clerk** distributed the Tentative Town Budget for 2014 to the Board on October 1, 2014.
- b) **Richard Meagher** discussed the items submitted to him by Town officials for the General Fund, Fire Department, and Street Lighting District. Using fund balances he was able to keep the increase under the 1.66% tax cap. General Fund Expenses increased by \$13,072 and revenue increased by \$350.00. The rescue budget was just received and will lower the expenses by \$1,138. In the Highway Fund, expenses increased by \$10,601 and revenue decreased by \$4,366. A total of \$603,243 could be raised by taxes to stay within the tax cap.
- c) **General Fund:** Town Board discussed salaries and a cost-of-living increase around 2% was added to salaries. A raise in salary is proposed for the Justice, Town Board and Supervisor as those positions are losing health insurance in the next two years. The Justice works about sixteen hours a week, is required to attend training, is on call 24 hours a day for arraignments, and produces revenue for the Town. The rescue contract is reduced by \$1,158 to \$28,755. Discussion was held on the Town Park position of Park Attendant, the hours the park building is open has been reduced. The salary is reduced by \$6,751 to \$6,750 to show the reduction in hours. Expenses are reduced by \$2,000 to \$6,000.
- d) **Revenues:** Revenues for dog licenses was reduced by \$350 to \$400. Licenses are for multi-years so revenue is not stable.
- e) **Fire Department:** Discussion was held concerning the proposed budget and contract that asks for a 3% increase every year for three years. Steve Tucker will find out when the mortgage on the fire house will be paid; it still shows in the fire department budget.

2) Justice Court Assistance Program Grant 2013: Applications are due October 15 for the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). Nik Santagate is applying for grant funds for a new court computer, file cabinets and a rug for the new bench.

RESOLUTION #76

APPLICATION FOR JCAP FUNDS OF \$2,150

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, **second** by Lydia Wright,

WHEREAS, the Justice Court has grants available to town courts through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), and

WHEREAS the computer in the court was acquired in 2005 through JCAP and needs to be updated as the monitor is starting to show signs of wear and the backup system of using disks needs to be upgraded to using a flash drive, and

WHEREAS the records of the court are in need of more storage space, and

WHEREAS the Town Court was renovated in 2011 and the new bench needs a rug on the floor,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Brighton authorizes Town Justice Nik Santagate to apply for a grant in the amount of \$2,150.00 through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) 2013 administered by the Unified Court System of New York State to acquire a replacement computer, 2 file cabinets for records storage, and a rug for the new bench, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Supervisor Peter Shrope be authorized to sign the "Signature Page" for the grant application.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m. made by Amber McKernan, **Second** by Steve Tucker, **Aye 5** (McDonnell, McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), **Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC
Brighton Town Clerk