

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON – FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2012**

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**A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: David Knapp, Brian McDonnell (entered meeting at 6:15 pm), Steve Tucker, and Lydia Wright

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Blaine – Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Meagher – Budget Officer, and Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

**RESIDENTS:** There was 1 resident present

**GUESTS:** None

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Supervisor Peter Shrope said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Budget for 2013 and any other Town business that needs to be addressed.

**POSTING OF MEETING NOTICE:** The Town Clerk posted a public notice of this meeting on the Town Clerk's sign board and in the Town's Post Offices and businesses on September 27. Public Notice was also published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on September 27 and October 4, 2012.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2013:** Tentative Budget for 2013 was distributed to the Town Board members before the meeting.

**GENERAL FUND:** Discussion was held on the large increase in retirement expense and health insurance. A discussion on the health benefits will be held at the Regular Board meeting on October 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. The retirement amount is split 40/60 between General and Highway. Worker's Compensation is divided 50/50 between General and Highway. The Assessor asked for \$10,000 to do data collection in anticipation of a reevaluation of the Town's property assessed value. Cost of living increase was discussed for Town Board only, all employees, or not at all for anyone. Additional funds for maintenance were discussed as the roof is leaking on the Town Hall. Revenues were discussed; charging for use of the Park was discussed. The Board will need to cut about \$50,000 to stay under the 2% tax cap. Discussion of the Highway Fund Budget will be on October 18 at 6 p.m.

1. **Appropriation** accounts were tentatively changed as follows:

All .1 salaries reduced to 2012 levels

Assessor CE A1355.2 reduce by \$10,000 to \$6, 200

Buildings CE A1620.4 increase by \$1000 to \$9445

Dry Hydrants A3410.4 reduce by \$500 to \$500

Town Garage CE A5132.4 reduce by \$1000 to \$15,500

Joint Airport A5615.4 reduce by \$500 to \$1,000

Playground Equip A7140.2 reduce by \$1000 to zero

Playgrounds CE A7140.4 reduce by \$1,600 to \$8,000

Youth Programs CE A7310.4 reduce by \$500 to \$2800 (For SLAYP - \$1500 reduced to \$1000)

Refuse/Garbage CE A8160.4 reduce by \$1500 to \$1000

Cemeteries CE A8810.4 reduce by \$250 to \$250

2. **Revenue** accounts: The following were changed:

Dog Licenses A2544 reduce by \$300 to \$400; multiyear licenses were sold in 2011 and 2012.

Need to add an account for sale of cemetery lots, currently under Donations and Unclassified Misc. Income

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. made** by Brain McDonnell, **Second** by Supervisor Peter Shrope; **Aye 5 (Knapp, McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, Brighton Town Clerk