

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON – FRANKLIN COUNTY- NEW YORK
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 2012**

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A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 18, 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 6:13 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Brian McDonnell, Steve Tucker (entered meeting at 6:25 pm), and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Member David Knapp

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Blaine – Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Crary – Superintendent of Highways, Richard Meagher – Budget Officer, and Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: There were 2 residents present

GUESTS: None

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Supervisor Peter Shrope said the purpose of this meeting is to hold a hearing for the property owner of 652 Keese Mills Road, 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.

1. **HEARING FOR 652 KEESE MILLS ROAD PROPERTY – Supervisor Peter Shrope opened the Hearing at 6:14 p.m.** He stated he sent a letter of notification of the hearing to the property owner who received it on October 9, 2012 as evidences by Return Receipt through the mail. The letter was also filed with the Franklin County Clerk's Office on October 5, 2012. Paul Blaine, Code Enforcement Officer, said he inspected the property earlier in the day and the majority of the structure and debris are still on the lot as it was in May when he first inspected. A scaffold has been put up. In his opinion the structure should be removed. The property owner did not show for the hearing.

MOTION MADE TO CLOSE THE HEARING at 6:20 p.m. by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Lydia Wright, **if the owner should appear at a later time the Town Board will hear what the owner has to say.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (McDonnell, Shrope, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Knapp, Tucker)

2. **TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2013:** Tentative Budget for 2013 was distributed to the Town Board members. The Board still needs to cut \$37,248 to get to the 2% tax levy cap. New numbers were received from the health insurance company showing a 15% increase in premiums.
 - a. **GENERAL FUND:** A9060.8 Health Insurance decrease by \$1,908, from \$60,864 to \$58,956, one buyout removed based on new policy.
 - b. **HIGHWAY FUND:** Discussion was held on where funds could be cut to get to the 2% tax levy cap. There will be no salary increases, part time person may not be hired, machinery equipment reduced by \$10,000 as new truck funding will come from 2012 fund balance and chips funds.

Appropriations:

 - DA5110.1 General Repairs Salaries decrease to 2012 figure \$50,015
 - DA5130.2 Machinery Equip decrease by \$10,000 from \$40,000 to \$30,000
 - DA5142.1 Snow Removal Salaries decrease to 2012 figure \$31,216
 - DA9060.8, Health Insurance: Increase by \$599 from \$43,354 to \$43,953
 - c. **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND:** No budget received, just a letter with a request for an increase of 2% to \$79,193 and a three year contract with a 2% increase each year. The mortgage should be paid off soon.

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- d. **STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT - EASY STREET:** No changes made
- e. **FUND BALANCES:** Will use fund balances of \$25,669 for General Fund and \$20,292 for Highway Fund to meet the 2% tax levy cap mandated by the State of New York.

RESOLUITON #96

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2013

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts the 2013 Preliminary Budget with no change in elected officials' salaries from 2012 and as follows:

GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 422,419
REVENUES:	\$ 52,884
FUND BALANCE:	\$ 25,669
TAX LEVY	\$ 343,866

HIGHWAY FUND:

APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 278,351
REVENUES:	\$ 90,282
FUND BALANCE:	\$ 20,292
TAX LEVY	\$ 167,777

FIRE DISTRICT

TAX LEVY	\$ 79,193
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STREET LIGHTS

TAX LEVY	\$ 900
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TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$ 591,736
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be three public hearings during the Regular Town Board meeting Thursday, November 8 starting at 6 p.m. for the Fire Protection District Contract, Rescue Service Contract, and the 2013 Preliminary Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Knapp)

RESOLUTION # 96 declared duly adopted.

3. TOWN HALL PROJECT:

- a. **BAN Payment:** Payment from Grant has not been received yet. \$3,339 in interest is due on November 16 and it will have to be refinanced or use the funds in the bank to pay it all off. Only \$1,700 was projected for interest. This will be discussed further at the November 8 Regular Meeting.
- b. **Direct Deposit Funds:** There was some money put in the Town Hall project account from the State by direct deposit in the amount of \$11,184, Supervisor Peter Shrope called the Comptroller's Office to determine what these funds were for as they did not match the grant requests. These funds are for State Aid per Capita and are in the General Fund revenue. The State only allows one direct deposit account and the Town Hall Account was used to receive the grant funds. These funds will be transferred to the General Fund Account.
- c. **Boiler Inspection:** Hyde-Stone came by to see if preventive maintenance had been done on the boiler, if the work is not done it may compromise the warranty. They provided a quote for the work.

RESOLUITON #97

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR BOILER IN TOWN HALL

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to hire Hyde-Stone of Potsdam to complete preventative maintenance service for the winter season on the boiler in the Town Hall since they are the one who installed it in January 2012 and it is still under warranty for the amount of \$337.94.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Knapp)

RESOLUTION # 97 declared duly adopted.

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- 4. TOWN GARAGE BOILER:** We have been paying Griffith Energy for a maintenance agreement; they refuse to provide maintenance on the boiler since they do not provide the heating fuel for it. Adirondack Energy brings the fuel because they are on State Contract starting January 2012. Griffith Energy will credit the account for vehicle fuel that they do provide. An accounting adjustment will have to be made from the Highway Fund and General Fund when the credit is received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:35 p.m. made by Lydia Wright, Second by Supervisor Peter Shrope; Aye 4 (McDonnell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1(Knapp)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, RMC
Brighton Town Clerk