

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY
December 10, 2009

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor David Knapp at 7:03 p.m.
The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag was recited.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor David Knapp, Council Members: Sheila Delarm, Jeffrey Leavitt, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk, Nik Santagate - Town Justice, and Andy Crary - Superintendent of Highways

RESIDENTS: Three people were present

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Public Hearing 2010 Rescue Service, November 5, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2010 Rescue Service Contract held on November 5, 2009, as written.**

Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

- Public Hearing 2010 Fire Service, November 5, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2010 Fire Service Contract held on November 5, 2009, as written.**

Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

- Public Hearing 2010 Preliminary Budget, November 5, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2010 Preliminary Budget held on November 5, 2009, as written.**

Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

- Regular Board November 12, 2009

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on November 12, 2009, as written.**

Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of November 30, 2009 was \$ 328.70

14 Dog Licenses Renewed

3 Building Permits (#09-42 thru 44)

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1. Received notice from the Franklin County Board of Elections, Re: Official Result of Election of November 3, 2009. Total votes counted was 288. Supervisor: John Quenell 153, 50 Write Ins; Council Members: Peter Shrope 188, Steve Tucker 236, 5 Write-Ins, Superintendent of Highways: Andy Crary 241.
2. Sent information on training classes to the elected Town Officials: A Teleconference was held on December 8 at the County, Newly Elected Officials School, January 5 to 7 in Albany, and Association of Towns Annual Conference

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and Meeting in New York City in February 2010.

3. Received Notice of Issuance of Magazine Certificates for Explosives and Detonators dated November 10, 2009, from the Department of Labor for Peter Henry.
4. The Honorable Nik Santagate, Town Justice, has filed a Certificate of Completion for Continuing Judicial Education Program for 2009.
5. Would like to attend the New York State Association of Towns Annual Conference in New York City, February 14 to 17, 2010. A voucher has been submitted for registration and hotel reservations due to the deadline being January 22.
6. REQUESTS FOR TOWN BUILDING USE:
 - a. TOWN HALL: Leavitt - Friday, Dec 4 - 10 a.m.
 - b. TOWN PARK: None
7. RECORDS MANAGEMENT: All official Town records stored at people's homes should be turned in to the Records Management Officer for storage. Copies should be destroyed by shredding.

SUPERVISOR FINANCIAL REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- a. Distributed **Budget** and CLASS reports as of November 30, 2009 to the Board
- b. **CLASS interest** is \$32.50 for General and \$11.78 for Highway, Total CLASS balances are \$159,746.87 for General and \$39,787.75 for Highway, total is both account is \$199,534.62
- c. **Budget Amendments #3 Highway Fund 2009:** Changes to redistribute funds to cover snow removal.

HIGHWAY FUND 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Sheila Delarm, **To Wit:**

RESOLVED that the 2009 Highway Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Transfer: \$ 7,500.00 from Account DA5110.1 General Repairs PS (Salary)
\$ 8,600.00 from Account DA5130.2 Machinery (Equipment)
as follows: \$ 7,500.00 to Account No. DA5142.1 Snow Removal PS (Salary)
\$ 600.00 to Account No. DA5110.4 General Repairs CE (Expense)
\$ 5,000.00 to Account No. DA5130.4 Machinery CE
\$ 3,000.00 to Account No. DA5142.4 Snow Removal CE

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

HIGHWAY FUND 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 declared duly adopted.

- d. **SIGNATURES FOR 2010 BANK ACCOUNTS:** Signatures for 2010 need to be approved so checks can be signed in January 2010 at NBT Bank and Community Bank

RESOLUTION #93

SIGNATORY ON TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **Second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the term for Supervisor David Knapp ends on December 31, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the duly elected Supervisor is John Quenell who's term starts on January 1, 2010,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes John Quenell to be the signatory on the following Town of Brighton accounts at NBT Bank: Fire District Fund, General Fund, Highway Fund, Trust and Agency Fund, Street Lighting District Fund and NYCLASS: General and Highway Funds

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #93 declared duly adopted.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **CSEA Retiree Dental Plan:** Sent letter dated November 15, 2009 and Memorandum of Agreement to Colleen

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- Foley for the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund Retiree Dental Plan.
- b. **CSEA Highway Union Local 1000, Unit 6870:** Sent letter dated November 15, 2009, to Brian Paige, CSEA Labor Relations Specialist, Re: Town's response to his letter dated November 4, 2009. Received reply from Brian Paige. See Highway Report.
 - c. **Town of Harrietstown Airport:** Sent letter dated 17 November 2009, to Larry Miller of the Town of Harrietstown in support of Cape Air for air service.
 - d. **Broadband Telecommunications:** Sent letter, dated 10 November 2009, to Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) in support of expanding broadband coverage in the area.
 - e. **Sunchaser Challenge:** At the last meeting Sylvia Nelson, Executive Director, of the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce gave an overview of the Sunchaser Challenge to be held on May 22, 2010 in the area. She asked for Town support for the project.

RESOLUTION #94

SUPPORT FOR SUNCHASER CHALLENGE ON MAY 22, 2010

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **Second** by Sheila Delarm, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the Sunchaser Challenge 2010 will be conducted in the Town of Brighton on May 22, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Sunchaser Challenge will have an economic impact on the region,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board supports the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to pursue promoting the Sunchaser Challenge to be held on May 22, 2010 in the Town of Brighton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #94 declared duly adopted.

- f. **Landfill Post Closure Monitoring:** Received report from FX Browne, Inc. for the annual Post-Closure Monitoring of the Landfill. The cap should continue to be carefully observed and mowed regularly with light equipment to make sure the vegetation continues to prosper. All the large signs warning all motorized vehicles to stay off the cap have fallen down again, but there was no sign of ATV riding on the landfill cap. The Town should work with the owner of the landfill access road to make sure that access to the landfill is maintained and a key to the gate is made available. It has been a year and this situation has not been resolved. The next monitoring event should take place in August or September. Andy Crary said there is no lock on the gate. Someone will have to contact Tom Bell, the owner of the property.
- g. **Senior Housing Projects:** Received a letter from the Empire State Association of Assisted Living concerning building projects for seniors. A special license is needed if building projects are more than just senior housing; questions should be asked of the building permit requestor. Will pass the letter on the Code Enforcement Officer so he is aware of the requirement.
- h. **Census Bureau:** Received a notice of workshops for Federal 2010 Census workers, the closest workshop is in Maryland.
- i. **Grant Assistant Program:** Received a letter from Laberge Group dated November 30, 2009, Re: Notice of Funding Availability for Technical Assistance grants will be released by the Office of Community Renewal in the next few weeks. They offer their services is apply for the grants.
- j. **Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages:** Received notice for payment of dues to join the organization. Town has not been a member in the recent past.
- k. **Equipment Financing:** Received a notice from 1st Niagara, they will help with equipment financing.
- l. **Adirondack Park Agency (APA):**
 - i. Received notice from the APA, dated December 2, 2009, Re: Resolution (2009-7) adopted by the APA recommending enactment of statewide legislation to prohibit the transport of aquatic invasive species on water craft.
 - ii. Received letter, dated November 5, 2009, Re: Reforming the Adirondack Park Act from 30 years ago. There is a survey to be filled out by the Town Board. Copies were distributed to the Board for next meeting. Recently a long time promoter of the Park Clarence Petty died, he stated that "growth and

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development must be restricted if wilderness is to be kept”.

- m. **Transfer of County Property to Municipalities:** Received a MEMO from the Franklin County Legislature dated October 26, 2009, Re: Methods to transfer property from the county to municipalities, especially during tax sales.
- n. **Fire Department Budget for 2010:** The Fire Department said an error was made by the Fire Department in the amount they wanted to request for the 2010 Budget. The Fire Department approved \$72,794 but the contract that went to Public Hearing was written for \$70,826. The public hearing has already been held so the contract is not going to be changed. The Board should keep this in mind for the 2011 contact.

John Quenell, Treasurer for the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department, said the error of \$1,968 was made by him and he would cover the error for the Fire Department. He also said there was a problem with the amount of insurance the Fire Department was carrying and this needs to be addressed in the 2010 contract. The current contract says the Fire Department has to carry \$2 million in insurance coverage and they only carry \$1 million. It will cost the Fire Department \$750 to get the extra 1 million coverage.

Lydia Wright asked if another Public Hearing would have to be held to address this change.

Supervisor David Knapp asked if anyone knew what other Fire Departments carried for insurance and what was required by law. The Town needs to contact the Association of Towns, as well as the Attorney for the Town, to find out how to address this change.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. HIGHWAY- Andy Crary:

- a. **Report:**
 - i. Fixed broken step at Town Hall
 - ii. Made dump runs
 - iii. Helped food pantry set up
 - iv. Cut dead trees in cemetery
 - v. Started sanding and plowing season
 - vi. Purchased a cell phone for the on-call weekends
 - vii. Truck broke down and needed parts to fix
 - viii. Employees are using accumulated time
 - ix. Art Leavitt has been employed as part time for the afternoon shift
- b. Sheila Delarm said the school bus now turns around using the Sunny Side Road
- c. **Roof on Garage:** Andy Crary needs to contact Joe Garso of North Woods Engineering to contact the contractor Conroy and Conroy, Inc. to get the roof fixed under the 10 year warranty.
- d. **CSEA Union Contract:** Supervisor David Knapp received a letter from Brian Paige, CSEA Rep, to ask for a meeting with the Board to discuss the mandatory topic wages of the Highway Employees.

Supervisor David Knapp set a meeting for Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 5 p.m. to discuss the CSEA Union contract. He will contact Brian Paige to see if this date is acceptable to him. Newly elected officials and the Superintendent of Highways are invited to attend the Executive Session to discuss the contract and the increase in cost of health premiums.

- e. **Snow Removal and Sanding of County Roads:** Received Franklin County contract for Snow Removal and Sanding for 2010, there is a 2% increase for miles plowed.

RESOLUTION #95

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR 2010

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Association of Superintendents of Highways agreed to accept the increase of 2% for payment per mile for snow removal and sanding of County Roads in Franklin County for 2010,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the Agreement and authorizes Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary to sign the Agreement with Franklin County Superintendent of Highways Gary Lewis to provide for the removal of snow and sanding 7.96 miles of County Roads 55, 60 and 31 within the Town of Brighton during 2010, at a rate of \$4,966.00 per mile, for a Total of \$39,529, to be paid ½ by February 15 and in full by July 15, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #95 declared duly adopted.

- f. **White Pine Road Bridge:** Franklin County Legislature Gordy Crossman called David Knapp to discuss the cost of repairing the bridge. Gordy Crossman will contract County Superintendent of Highways Gary Lewis to discuss it further.
2. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Tri-Lakes Humane Society):** Received report prior to meeting During November handled a total of 5 calls, 1 call in regards to a stray cat that needed to be given to the shelter and 4 calls in regards to a stray dog found in Bloomingdale. The owner of the dog lives in Gabriels and needed to claim the dog. Transported this dog to the veterinary clinic to meet owner to get a current rabies vaccination for dog and to obtain a NYS Dog License.
3. **ASSESSOR - Doug Tichenor:** Received Report prior to meeting
 - a. Preparing to mail renewals for the Senior Star Exemptions
 - b. List of Sales from January 2009 to present. Five sales took place in the Town: Arnold Fromme to Robert Tebbutt, Camp 15 LLC to Ambassador Developm, Lyle Bivens to Joseph Barra, John Rovito to James Braley, and Eric Holmes to John Minutilli.
 - c. Town Clerk received request from the County Real Property Tax office to update the Board of Assessment Review members, this has been returned to the Office of Real Property with the updates.
4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) - Paul Blaine:** Report received prior to meeting
 - a. **Report:**
 - i. Collected \$280.75 in fees for permits during November
 - ii. Issued three building permits #09-042 to 044
 - iii. Issued one Certificates of Compliance for Bldg Permit #09-044
 - b. **Avoidable Alarm Complaints:**
 - i. During November there were 5 Avoidable Alarm complaints reported and the status on one (#09-040) is completed and four (#09-041 to 044) are open.
 - ii. A summons and complaint was filed by the Attorney for the Town Scott Goldie with Franklin County Clerk to be served on Paul Smith's College
 - c. **Adirondack Park Agency (APA):** An email, dated December 9, 2009, was sent by the CEO Paul Blaine to the Town Board concerning the accumulation of unlicensed vehicles on the Fuller property. Mr. Fuller has returned a signed settlement agreement to the APA; the deadline for compliance is June 2010.
5. **TAX COLLECTOR - Amber McKernan:** Report submitted prior to meeting
 - a. Received 5 phone call requesting tax information since last Board meeting.
 - b. Received request list for tax bills from lending institutions and Tax Servicing Organizations in anticipation of the coming collection season
 - c. As of this date, have not received any information from the Franklin County Treasurer's office regarding implementation of their proposed changes for this 2010 collection year. To the best of her knowledge, the Town of Brighton Supervisor has not received any further information from the Treasurer's Office in regards to those proposed changes.
6. **TOWN JUSTICE- Nik Santagate:** Report received prior to the meeting

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Disposed of 66 cases and distributed \$6,122.50 to the Supervisor

- 7. HISTORIAN - Mary Ellen Salls:** No report submitted
Supervisor David Knapp said he received an annual report from the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Association

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. PARKS AND RECREATION - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt:**
- a. Batter boards are up for the ice skating rink. Waiting for cold weather to make ice.
 - b. The doors work on the buildings, equipment can be stored in garage.
- 2. INSURANCE/INVESTMENTS - Sheila Delarm and Lydia Wright:**
- a. **Health Insurance:**
 - i. Lydia Wright said she has sent the spread sheets on current health insurance from Burnham to Empire for comparison, she has not heard back from Empire
 - ii. CSEA dental and vision premiums are increasing in July 2010.
 - b. **NYMIR:**
 - i. Sheila Delarm said the renewal application has been completed. Jeffrey Leavitt had some questions about certain vehicles not listed on the application such as the John Deere tractor; other equipment was also discussed. A complete list of equipment needs to be determined. The dollar amount of the contents in the buildings seems to be low. A Risk Management and Loss Control review needs to be completed. Karen Buckley has scheduled a visit to the Town in January. Jeffrey Leavitt said he would like to be appointed to the Insurance Committee.
 - ii. Survey for Health Care Facilities does not apply to the Town
 - c. **Work Place Violence Prevention Policy/Training:** Public Sector HR Consultants, Chris Nickels, requested more information before the draft policy can be finalized.
 - d. **NYCLASS Investments:** Lydia Wright and Elaine Sater attended a seminar on December 10, 2009, in Lake Placid sponsored by NYCLASS. The fund continues to do poorly but the NYCLASS board has guaranteed an interest payment of .25%, other investments are not paying anything. They will no longer be using the MBIA name, just NYCLASS. MBIA is an insurance company and NYCLASS is an investment company.
- 3. CEMETERY - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt:**
- a. Trees at the cemetery were removed
 - b. Need to speak with Ron Keough about installing a stone.
 - c. There is a large rock that needs to be removed from the driveway.
 - d. Rules and regulations were distributed to the Board. It was noted that corner markers are not being installed by the Town to define plots. Section 3 has corner markers for the whole section, not individual plots. The definition of a "senior citizen" needs to be added to the rules. There is no longer a charge to dig the graves because the funeral home makes the arrangements with the families. A further review of the rules and regulations is needed.
- 4. TOWN BUILDINGS - Steve Tucker and Jeffrey Leavitt**
- a. **Town Hall:**
 - i. **Town Hall Restoration Project (Lydia Wright):** Proposal needs to be forwarded to Gayle Underhill-Plum for review. Supervisor David Knapp will get it to her.
 - ii. **Maintenance**
 - (1) **Furnace:** Supervisor David Knapp said Griffith Energy will provide kerosene at the State Contract price which is currently \$2.59 per gallon. They have a furnace service for \$219.95 per year that will cover a cleaning and some parts as well as a 24-hour emergency contact for emergencies. Hyde Fuel

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doesn't have a service contract, service is included when fuel is purchased at 38 cents over market price.

RESOLUTION#96

FURNACE SERVICE CONTRACT AND KEROSENE FOR TOWN HALL

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, To Wit:

WHEREAS, the current kerosene provider, Arnold Oil, does not provide furnace cleaning service or emergency repairs, and

WHEREAS, quotes from Hyde Fuel and Griffith Energy were obtained for kerosene and furnace service, and

WHEREAS, Hyde Fuel does not provide for a furnace service contract and Griffith Energy does provide an annual contract for furnace service and will meet the State Contract price,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor David Knapp to sign an agreement with Griffith Energy to provide emergency furnace service on a 24-hour basis, as well as a cleaning for an annual fee of \$219.95, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Griffith Energy will provide kerosene for the Town Hall furnace at the State Contract cash price.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #96 declared duly adopted.

- (2) **Septic Tank:** Andy Crary determined that the septic tank does not need to be pumped out
- b. **Inactive Records Storage in Highway Garage:** Supervisor David Knapp received one quote for his "Request for Proposal".

RESOLUTION #97

INSTALLATION OF WALL FOR INACTIVE RECORDS STORAGE ROOM

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, second by Jeffrey Leavitt, To Wit:

WHEREAS, two "Requests for Proposal" for installing a wall in the Town Garage for the inactive records storage room were given out to contractors, and

WHEREAS, only one "Request for Proposal" was received from T. Mark Miller of Onchiota,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor David Knapp to sign an agreement with T. Mark Miller of Onchiota to install a wall in the town Garage to create an inactive records storage room for the amount of \$2,500; work to start on December 15 and finish by December 30, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

RESOLUTION #97 declared duly adopted.

5. **WEBSITE - Sheila Delarm:** Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

1. **FIRE ADVISORY BOARD (FAB) UPDATE:** Sheila Delarm attended a meeting on Tuesday, December 8. The payment percentage increase amount to the Village was discussed. The payment of the deficiency of funds was acceptable to the other towns. The towns said they would pay the new percentages even if an EMT is not in place by February 28, 2010. The Fire Department is still in the process of applying for a separation of the Rescue Service. There are two companies that are interested in the third party billing contract. There is now \$100,000 paid to the Village for an EMT, in 2010 the amount will be \$50,000 more. The Village wants the funds available before they hire an EMT. The Addendum has not been approved by the FAB yet for the contract. There will be a letter sent around for towns's approval to send to the Village. Sheila Delarm noted that the Village is trying to reduce it's expenses by putting more onto the neighboring towns who contract with the Village for fire and rescue services. **Supervisor David Knapp** will sent the 2010 Rescue Contract to the Attorney for the Town, Scott Goldie, for review.

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The Comptroller's Office will be contacted to discuss paying for an EMT service that is not being provided. Supervisor David Knapp will contact the Town of Harriestown's Supervisor Larry Miller about the Town's portion of the contract.

RESOLUTION #98

PAYMENT OF RESCUE SERVICES

Motion made by Jeffrey Leavitt, **second** by Steve Tucker, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS the Fire Advisory Board (FAB) agreed to increase its payment percentage of the Rescue Contract for 2010 if the Village of Saranac Lake hired an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for its rescue services by February 28, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the FAB representatives said their towns are planning to pay the Village of Saranac Lake the increased percentage for 2010 without the EMT being hired,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board agrees to pay the 2009 Rescue Contract rate of \$35,299.74 if the Village of Saranac Lake has not hired an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) by February 28, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 2 (Leavitt, Tucker), Nay 2 (Delarm, Wright), Abstain 1 (Knapp)

RESOLUTION #98 declared not adopted.

2. **CELL PHONE TOWER:** Jeff Leavitt said that Verizon called him at 4:23 p.m. on November 23 to tell him that the cell phone tower was turned on. It only covers a ½ mile area, mostly Paul Smith's College campus. He met with representatives from Senator Betty Little's office, the towns of Santa Clara and Duane, and a Franklin County Legislature on Friday, December 4. They observed the cell tower at Paul Smiths College and discussed its inability to cover the area because is was reduced by 30 feet. They discussed getting coverage for the area to the north and east of the Town. There are private individuals interested in setting up a tower on their land to provide more extended coverage. The APA permit for the Duane tower has been delayed for another 30 days by the Adirondack Park Agency.
3. **CAMP GABRIELS ADAPTIVE REUSE PLAN:** Supervisor David Knapp contacted Chuck Schefer of OGS who said the Department of Corrections (DOC) has issued a transference to OGS under abandonment, but it has not been accepted yet. Erik Crist in Public Relations at DOC said they are still looking into legitimate users for the Camp. Sheila Delarm would like the Town to set up a committee to have a say in what happens with Camp Gabriels. There are people from the area who are interested in being on a committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2010:** The meeting will be held on January 14 at 6 p.m. The Regular monthly meeting will follow immediately afterwards. Two newly elected officials are interested in attending the New Officers Training in Albany January 5 to 7.
2. **EMERGENCY TOWING OF TOWN SNOW PLOW:** The Highway Department had an emergency with the snow plow at 8:15 a.m. on December 9, during a snow storm. 86 Towing was called to move the truck from the middle of an intersection to the Town Garage. The snow plow had two flat tires and was stranded in the intersection of County Route 60 and 31. Council Member Jeffrey Leavitt is the owner of 86 Towing, that specializes in heavy vehicle towing. General Municipal Law allows for up to \$750 a year to be paid to a contractor that a municipal officer has an interest in according to Article 18, Section 802, Para 2e.

RESOLUTION #99

PURCHASE OF TOWING SERVICES FROM 86 TOWING FOR AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Supervisor David Knapp, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, at 8:15 a.m. Council Member Jeffrey Leavitt, owner of 86 Towing in Gabriels,

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received a call to remove a stranded Town of Brighton snow plow from the intersection of County Road 31 and County Road 60, and

WHEREAS, 86 Towing specializes in heavy equipment towing, and

WHEREAS, the two rear tires of the snow plow were flat due to a problem in the rear axle and the vehicle could not move out of the intersection, and

WHEREAS, there was a snow storm and the snow plow was needed to clear the roads as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS, three Town Board members were notified of the need to use the services of 86 Towing to move the snow plow and verbally agreed to pay 86 Towing to move the snow plow to the Town Garage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to pay 86 Towing in Gabriels the amount of \$326.25 for emergency towing services on December 9, 2009, to remove the Town's disabled snow plow from the intersection of County Roads 31 and 60 and take it to the Town Garage on County Road 31 where it was repaired.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Leavitt)

RESOLUTION #99 declared duly adopted.

3. **APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR DAVID KNAPP:** Sheila Delarm thanked David Knapp for his service to the Town for stepping forward to help a floundering Board. He far exceeded the Board's expectations when he stepped in as Supervisor. The Board voiced their appreciation for the work he accomplished. Supervisor David Knapp thanked the Board and said he would be meeting with the next supervisor John Quenell to discuss items that still need to be addressed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTION #100

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Sheila Delarm, To Wit:

RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the audited vouchers as listed on the abstracts as follows:

PREPAID FUNDS: Abstract #12 for Voucher #12A through and including 12B for 2009 General Funds in the amount of \$ 350.55 and 2009 Street Light Funds in the amount of \$59.53

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #12 for Voucher #289 through and including #309 for 2009 General Funds in the amount of \$13,507.79

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #12 for Voucher #121 through and including #126 for 2009 Highway Funds in the amount of \$2,106.34.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Leavitt)

RESOLUTION #100 declared duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 9:55 p.m. made by Supervisor David Knapp, **Second** by Lydia Wright, **Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk