

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Christopher Leifheit  
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer  
Linda Dobson  
John Quenell

**ABSENT:** Council Member Roger Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Don Oliver-Superintendent of Highways, Tom Willis-Historian, and Amber McKernan-Tax Collector

**RESIDENTS:** There were 7 residents present

**Regular Board Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Board Meeting and Public Hearing on June 14, 2001, with the following correction: Page 3, Paragraph b (6), Line 2: Change “Long Lake Construction” to read “Finger Lakes Construction”, second by John Quenell; Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing for June 26, 2001 as written, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to accept the minutes of the Special Town of Brighton Board Meeting for June 29, 2001 as written, second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Abstain 1 (Dobson), Absent 1 (Smith)

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of JUNE 30, 2001 was \$ 214.50:

- 1 DEC Sport License
- 10 Certified Copies
- 6 Dog Licenses
- 5 Building Permits (BRI2001-12 through 16)
- 1 Copier Use

1. June 20: Mailed Local Law #1 for the Year 2001 (Residency Requirement for the Code Enforcement Officer) to Janet Bliss, Attorney for the Town; it was mailed to the Department of State on July 10, 2001.
2. June 22: Mailed Local Law #2 for the Year 2001 (Administration and Enforcement of NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code) to Janet Bliss, Attorney for the Town.
3. July 1: Received completed Assessment Role for 2001 from Assessor, Public Notice was published in Adirondack Daily Enterprise on July 2, 2001
4. A baseball league from Saranac Lake is using the Park according to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, no Park Use Form on file and no insurance
5. Town Hall Schedule: Rainbow Lake Association: Saturday July 14 and August 11, Rainbow Lake Water District: August 21, 2001 and March 9, 2002
6. Park Use: Lacey: Saturday- June 24, Martin-Patnode: Saturday- July 14, Adelpia Cable: Saturday-July 28, Skiff Family-Saturday Aug 4

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

*BUSINESS AT HAND:*

1. Balances of Accounts as of July 12, 2001 were available and are attached to these minutes
2. HUD program Administration Costs for 2001

**RESOLUTION # 57**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPENSE GENERAL FUNDS OF \$4,366.47 FOR HUD ADMINISTRATOR**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize expenditure of General Funds (A6460.4) of \$4,366.47 to Friends of the North Country for HUD Administration covering the period January to May 2001, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #57 declared duly adopted.**

**RESOLUTION #58**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET (#4-01)**

**Motion made** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize Budget Amendment #4-2001 to transfer \$4,366.47 from General Fund Account A1990.4 (Contingent) to General Fund Account A6460.4 (HUD Agency), second by John Quenell, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #58 declared duly adopted.**

- 3. Village of Saranac Lake Rescue Invoice:** Would like to pay since services are being rendered, Comptroller's Office will approve eventually

**RESOLUTION #59**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND \$17,082.96 FOR RESCUE SERVICES**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize expenditure of Special Funds (SF3410.5) of \$17,082.96 to the Village of Saranac Lake for Rescue Services for the Year 2001, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #59 declared duly adopted.**

- 4. Proposed Local Law #4-2001(Litter Law):** Definition of Junk Boat was added to the law, will become Local Law #3 for the Year 2001.

**RESOLUTION #60**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #3-2001 (Prohibiting Clutter, Litter and Debris)**

**Motion made by John Quenell to adopt Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2001, Prohibiting Clutter, Litter and Debris, (attached) second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #60 declared duly adopted.**

- 5. Youth Program of Saranac Lake:** Received letter from Area Youth Program for funds

**RESOLUTION #61**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND GENERAL FUNDS OF \$1,000 FOR SL AREA YOUTH PROGRAM**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 of General Funds Account A7310.4 (Youth Programs) to Village of Saranac Lake for the Saranac Lake Area Youth Program for the Summer of 2001, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #61 declared duly adopted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. PARK GARAGE DOOR:** Received quotes for an overhead door for the Park Garage.

**RESOLUTION #62**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND GENERAL FUNDS FOR AN OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR**

**WHEREAS** the following quotes were obtained for an overhead garage door for the Park Garage:

- 1. Overhead Door Co. of Plattsburgh:** \$540 (insulated, steel reinforced, installed)
- 2. Chazy Hardware:** \$290 (insulated, reinforcement unknown, not installed)
- 3. North Country Garage Doors:** \$445 (Insulated, installed [less \$100 if not installed], steel reinforced)

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Brighton Town Board that the North Country Garage Door quote of \$345 be accepted as the door is insulated and steel reinforced and the Highway Department can install the door in the Park Garage. The reinforcement on the lowest quote is not available.

**Motion made by Alicia Bodmer, second by John Quenell, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Smith)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #62 declared duly adopted.**

- 2. Steven Tucker requested to speak to the Town Board:** Gave an update on Paul Smith-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department's (PSGVFD) activities (attached-PSGVFD Work Details-Winter 2000/2001) for the Boards' information. Upcoming events include Brighton History Day Cookout on July 15, 2001. Tom Tucker is now a certified State Fire Instructor. Dave Kirstein is leaving the area and was replaced by George Hare as Treasurer of the PSGVFD. Elton Cappiello retired in June as Fire Coordinator for Franklin County and Malcolm Jones was appointed as the new Coordinator on July 1, Mr. Cappiello will be the Deputy Fire Coordinator. Mr. Jones was working with the 911implementation program for Franklin

County and will be replaced. It will take two more years to finish 911 in Franklin County. There will be two dispatch offices, one in Saranac Lake and one in Malone.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**1. John Quenell-**

- a. Janet Bliss Invoice: Has it been paid yet? Supervisor Christopher Leifheit stated that the invoice from Janet Bliss would be paid at \$75.00 per hour and an increase can be discussed at budget time.
- b. Stebbin's request for No passing Zone on Easy Street: Letter sent to the Department of Transportation, reply not received from Jeffrey Smith yet per Supervisor Christopher Leifheit.
- c. Equipment Reserve Fund? Not set up yet per Supervisor Christopher Leifheit
- d. Adelpia Letter Sent? Yes per Supervisor Christopher Leifheit
- e. Brighton Bulletin: Can no longer be left in the local Post Offices for distribution. Could it be bulked mailed to residents of the town? Will be discussed at budget time.

**2. Linda Dobson- Brighten Brighton Project:** Received last invoice from landfill for clean up. Supervisor Christopher Leifheit needs to complete final report for grant funds.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Residents of the Evergreen Trailer Park asked to speak to the Board.**

1. Diane Boyer- Evergreen Trailer Park Resident: There are four water violations at the trailer park according to the Department of Health (DOH) and the owners have been fined. Can the Town help make the owners fix the violations so the 12 families residing in the trailers can continue to live there? The DOH held a hearing and will close the trailer park if the violations are not fixed in 30 days. In 1999 a boil order was put on the park by the DOH and nothing has been done to fix the water problem. In April 2001 water was pumped directly from the stream to the trailers. Children are getting sick. Paula Lavoy who collects water fees of \$35.00 per trailer owns the property across the road from the trailer park where the water pump and well are located. Three trailers are abandoned and should to be removed from the park; one is full of garbage. There are two farms next door and they spray their fields and trees, are pesticides getting into the water? The trailer park owners have not paid taxes for the past two years.
2. Kim Boyer- Evergreen Trailer Park Resident: Can the Town make the residents move if the park is closed?
3. Mark Bullis- Evergreen Trailer Park Manager and Resident: Contacted Trudeau to get an estimate to fix a septic tank that is now exposed because the top caved in. Trudeau will not work until money is paid up front because the owners have not paid bills in the past.
4. Florence Tyler spoke for Alice Kennedy- Evergreen Trailer Park Resident: Alice Kennedy is too upset about the problem to come to the meeting; she lives in the trailer with the septic tank problem. The septic top has caved in and the tank is half under the trailer. No one has come to fix the problem.
5. Kathy Bullis- Evergreen Trailer Park Resident: What happens if the owners don't pay their taxes?

Discussion was held on what happens if the taxes are not paid. After three years of non-payment of taxes the land goes up for auction by the County and anyone can bid on it.

**Supervisor Christopher Leifheit said he would check into seeing what the Town of Brighton can do for the residents of the Trailer Park to fix the septic tank. He will seek advice of Counsel to determine if the Town can do anything.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. JUSTICE- Nik Santagate:** 22 Cases disposed \$1,111.00 sent to the Comptroller's Office

**2. HIGHWAY – Don Oliver:**

- a. Cut brush on some roadsides
- b. Two men on vacation this past week
- c. Metal from the Town Clean-up is all gone- the job is completed
- d. Dug a new drainage ditch on Keese Mills Road next to college parking lot, put in shot rock so water will not wash sand into culvert. Will finish on Friday, July 13.
- e. John Deere Loader needs pins and bushing in bucket and Z-bars, they are badly worn, approximately \$5,200.00 to repair, loader is 13 years old

**Council Member Linda Dobson left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

- f. Roadside grass cutting is nearly completed
- g. Need to start thinking about a new plow truck for 2002 (Highway Committee to meet and discuss)

**RESOLUTION #63**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS AND REPAIR THE JOHN DEERE LOADER**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize Superintendent of Highways, Don Oliver, to expend Highway Funds NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 to have NORTRAX of Plattsburgh (only source) repair the bushings, pins, and Z-bars on the John Deere Bucket Loader, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 3, Absent 2 (Smith & Dobson)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Absent
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #63 declared duly adopted.**

**3. TAX COLLECTOR- Amber McKernan:**

- a. June has been quite, met with auditor and he found accounts in order

- b. Received calls from realtors and other agencies requesting status of current tax bills
- c. Handling “Good Neighbor” calls: Requests for information from Court dates to County transfer station hours not related to taxes
- d. Back up Disk of “Tax Year 2001” is in the Town Hall Vault, Password for file is in an envelope in the Vault

- 4. **INSURANCE - John Quenell:** Nothing to Report
- 5. **ASSESSOR- Doug Tichenor:** No Report
- 6. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-Ed Lagree:** No Report, mileage logs are available for review
- 7. **CEMETERY-Linda Dobson:** Nothing to Report
- 8. **PARK-Alicia Bodmer:** Dan Spencer says the Park is quite and being well used

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Tom Willis-Garondah Road:**

- a. Brighton History Day: Sunday, July 15, 2001, at Asplin Tree Farms. The Brighton 2000 Project will be previewed.
- b. Public Hearing for Local Law on Litter: The public didn’t read the law before they came to the hearing and asked questions that were already addressed in the law. Suggested that at the next hearing a brief summary of the law should be presented before questions are asked. John Quenell is already planning a slide show and presentation for the next Public Hearing.
- c. Brighton Year 2000 Project: Voucher for \$500 was submitted, can it be paid? Yes.
- d. Veteran’s Account? What is it? It’s a checking account with no checks but not part of budget.
- e. Landfill cap completed? When do we get reimbursement Funds? Supervisor Christopher Leifheit will submit for reimbursement after all the bills are in. Prior reimbursement was turned around fairly quickly, submitted in August 1999 and paid in November 1999.
- f. Brighton Brighton Project: There were still 8 cars to be cleaned up, were they ever removed? No.
- g. Lake Champlain Basin committee did not give the Rainbow Lake Association grant money for 2001.
- h. HISTORY LESSON: Town of Brighton got its name from Brighton, England. Before 1850 it was a resort town, in 1850 the train came in and so did everyone else. Mr. Constable named the surrounding Towns after his family members and friends.

**RESOLUTION # 64**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND GENERAL FUNDS OF \$500 FOR THE YEAR 2000 PROJECT**

**Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit to authorize the expenditure of General Funds of \$500 from Account A7510.4 (Historian) to Tom Willis of the Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee (BAHC) for the Brighton Year 2000 Project, second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Absent 2 (Dobson & Smith)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Absent
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #64 declared duly adopted.**

**RESOLUTION #65**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ALL BILLS LISTED ON ABSTRACTS**

**Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to pay the vouchers as listed on the abstracts attached to these minutes as follows:**

**ABSTRACT #7–All Funds: Pre-Paid Voucher #7A through and including 7B as follows: General Funds \$4,649.79**

**ABSTRACT #7-General Fund: Voucher #116 through and including Voucher #138 as follows: \$5,571.41**

**ABSTRACT #7-Highway Fund: Voucher #84 through and including Voucher #100 as follows: \$4,211.18**

**ABSTRACT #7–Street Lighting District: Voucher #7 for \$45.12**

**ABSTRACT #4-Special Funds: Voucher #5 for \$17,082.96**

**Second by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit, Aye 3, Absent 2 (Smith & Dobson)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Absent
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Absent

**Resolution #65 declared duly adopted.**

**Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m., second by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit; All Aye**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk