

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, August 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Christopher Leifheit
Council Members: Linda Dobson
John Quenell
Roger Smith
Vacant

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Arlene Hogan-Tax Collector, Nik Santagate-Justice, Tom & Pat Willis-Historians

RESIDENTS: There were several residents present.

GUESTS: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Linda Dobson to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Meeting on July 13, 2000, with the following change: Page 2, Supervisor's Report and Correspondence, Para 6, Line 4, "picked on" change to "picked up"; second by Roger Smith; Aye 4, Vacant 1

Motion made by Supervisor Leifheit to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing (Fire Contract) held on July 13, 2000, with the following change: Page 2, Paragraph 1, Delete last sentence. Second by John Quenell, Aye 4, Vacant 1

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of JULY 31, 2000 was \$ 108.33

2 DEC Sport License
1 Certified Copy
2 Notary Fee
9 Dog Licenses
2 Building Permits (BRI2000-16 through 17)
1 Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request
7 Copier Use

1. August 1, 2000 sent Sport Licenses to Department of Environmental Conservation by Certified Mail, received notice of receipt on August 8, 2000.
2. Received letter dated July 18, 2000 from the Office of the State Comptroller, Re: Fourth Notice for Annual Financial Report being late, copies sent to Board Members.
3. August 3, 2000 sent letter to Supervisor and Board Members, Re: Resolution for Postage for NYSTCA Director for District 9, from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 used \$17.55, Requesting \$50 for 2000/2001

RESOLUTION #68

AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN CLERK TO EXPEND \$50 FOR NYSTCA DIRECTOR DUTIES

Motion made by Supervisor Leifheit to authorize Town Clerk, Elaine Sater, to expend funds Not to Exceed \$ 50.00 for postage, copier and fax machine use to accomplish her duties as Director of District 9 (Franklin, Clinton, & Essex counties) for the New York State Town Clerk's Association for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. Second by John Quenell, Aye 4, Vacant 1

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye
VACANT	

Resolution #68 declared duly adopted.

4. August 3, 2000 gave copy of Food Pantry contract to Barbara Marshall, expired on June 30, 2000. Insurance papers are available and Fr. Flynn of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomingdale has signed the contract.

RESOLUTION #69

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN FOOD PANTRY AGREEMENT WITH ST. PAUL'S/ASSUMPTION

Motion made by Roger Smith to authorize Supervisor Chris Leifheit to sign the Food Pantry Agreement with St. Paul's/Assumption Church for the period of 1 year (July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001) (attached), second by Supervisor Leifheit, Aye 4, Vacant 1

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Roger Smith	Aye
VACANT	

Resolution #69 declared duly adopted.

5. August 24, 2000 I will be attending a class in Malone for Indexing of Minutes from 9 to 1 p.m., will open up Clerk's Office when I get back at 1:30 p.m.

Town Hall Schedule: Rainbow Lake Association, Inc.- Saturday, August 12, 9-12 noon.
Park Use: Relyea Family Picnic, August 15, 2000

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS AT HAND

1. **TOWN BOARD VACANCY:** Three letters of application have been received for the position of Town Council Member. Supervisor Leifheit opened the floor for nominations for the position until December 31, 2000 from the Town Board. The position will be on the November Election Ballot open to any one who qualifies.

NOMINATIONS made were for Alicia Bodmer, Steven Tucker, and Dora J. Mose.

Chris Leifheit Closed the Nominations.

An oral vote was taken from the Board. Each Board Member can vote for one nominee. Three votes determine the winner.

John Quenell voted for Alicia Bodmer.

Linda Dobson voted for Alicia Bodmer.

Roger Smith voted for Alicia Bodmer.

Chris Leifheit voted for Alicia Bodmer.

Alicia Bodmer is appointed as Town Council Member for the term of August 10 to December 31, 2000.

A brief recess was taken at 7:20 p.m. for Alicia Bodmer to be sworn in by Judge Santagate.

Meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

2. **LANDFILL CLOSURE** Project Status:
- a. Agreement with landowner has been signed and sent to the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and Griffin International. All funding documents have been submitted. Closure date is August 24, 2000 for funding the construction of the cap.
 - b. Bid packages are ready to be sent out by Griffin International.
 - c. Received a letter dated August 8, 2000 from Janet Bliss, Re: Litigation for Town, sent a draft letter dated August 24, 2000 for EFC stating there is no litigation against the Town that would affect the loan.
 - d. Received letter dated August 8, 2000 from Walsh & Walsh, Re: Funding Documents for Loan, signed by Supervisor Leifheit and notarized by Town Clerk: Original Note, Project Financing and Loan Agreement, and Certificate of Determination. Town is responsible to pay \$18,600.00 if the short-term note is still outstanding after two years.
3. **HUD** Project Status:
- a. 1994 HUD GRANT: Thirteen applications were completed, thirteen were approved, four are under construction and nine are closed out.
 - b. Scott Campbell of Friends of the North Country made a site visit to Project BRI-T6-94; progress has been made on framing and electrical work. Called client about a Notice of Cancellation effective 9/1/00 on his insurance policy for the rental property, no response received.
 - c. Mortgage Discharge: Indenture of Mortgage is paid on HUD Project BRI-25-94
 - d. Received voucher for July 2000 monthly charges, payment has not been made on several past vouchers from the HOME account. Roger Smith said he received a letter to certify Debra Meyer and he removed her from the list. Another person needs to be added to certify Roger Smith on the account. There was a recent change to the funding for the HUD HOME program so the account was not accessible for a period of time. Supervisor Leifheit will look further into this matter.

RESOLUTION #70

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND HOME FUNDS OF \$764.64 FOR HUD ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Supervisor Leifheit to approve the expenditure of HUD HOME funds of \$764.64 to Friends of the North Country to pay for Administration Costs for the month of July 2000, second by John Quenell, All Ayes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #70 declared duly adopted.

4. **SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:** At the July Board Meeting the Ruffrider's Club petitioned the Town Of Brighton for a special events permit for Saturday September 9, 2000 to allow the ATV Ruffrider's Club permission to cross the Keese Mills Road in the Town Of Brighton from 12:00 noon to 5 p.m. A map was requested and received showing the complete trail for the event. Supervisor Leifheit gave an overview of the situation. Keese Mills is not a legal road for ATV's to use for travel but could be opened for a Special Event. A "Special Event" as it pertains to ATV's is: "an organized

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Pat Willis-Rainbow Lake Association: The survey of Rainbow Lake has been completed and no Eurasian Water Milfoil was found. Training will be conducted on Saturday, August 12 then the project for this summer is completed. A report will be submitted to the Town Supervisor to be forwarded with the invoice for \$975 to the Lake Champlain Basin Program for the grant funds (Resolution #54-2000).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HIGHWAY:

- a. Ford L9000 is at Bailey Ford being repaired
- b. Oshkosh Plow Truck is at Bob's Truck Repair for repair work
- c. There have been several washouts on road shoulders
- d. Beaver are plugging the culverts on Keese Mills Road
- e. Fire Department cleaned out a culvert on Hoyt Hill using 4,000 gallons of water, Thank You for the help

RESOLUTION #73

AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND FUNDS TO SCREEN SAND

Motion made by Roger Smith to authorize Superintendent of Highways, Don Oliver, to expend Highway Funds to hire Trudeau Sand & Gravel to screen road sand, second by Supervisor Leifheit, All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #73 declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #74

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTACT PERSON FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SERVICE

Motion made by John Quenell to appoint Roger Smith as Point of Contact for Employee Assistance Service (EAS) for drug testing notification, second by Supervisor Leifheit, All Aye

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #74 declared duly adopted.

2. **PARK:** Nothing to report. Dan Spencer will be asked to submit a monthly report; this will be added to his job description.
3. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Sent a letter dated August 9, 2000 to occupant Ann Callaghan, Re: Code Violations, follow up to site visit to the residence on Route 86 in Gabriel's, NY. Supervisor Leifheit read the letter addressing the Code Violations 900.1(a), 900.1(b) and 1242.8 9(a). The Board would like to see the documentation supporting the occupant's claim that the water is safe to drink and the wastewater treatment is of sufficient size and is capable of handling any effluent disposed of from the premise. The owner of the property who lives in Port Lyden, NY, has never responded to the initial letter from the Code Enforcement Officer. **Supervisor Leifheit will send a letter to the Code Enforcement Officer Ed Randig addressing the Board's concerns.**
4. **CEMETERY:** Nothing to Report
5. **TAX COLLECTOR:**
 - a. School Tax collection is coming up in September. Receiving phone calls for address changes. Tax Collector for School Taxes is the Saranac Lake Central School District at 891-5460. Tax bills will be mailed the first week of September.
 - b. Waiting for one more outstanding check from the bookkeeper for a penalty collection, it was deposited late in July. The Supervisor should be depositing the checks received from the Tax Collector.
 - c. Appointing Barbara Marshall as Deputy Tax Collector, no compensation is needed at this time.
6. **ASSESSOR:** Received letter dated August 2, 2000 from Janet Bliss, attorney for the Town Of Brighton, addressed to John T. Wilkins, Esq., Re: Tax Certiorari actions for 1998 and 1999; Town will settle on 1998 action that was proposed, but will not accept 1999 proposal since the 1999 petition was untimely and the matter is subject to dismissal.
7. **COURT:**
 - a. 15 Cases were processed and \$1,460.00 was sent to the State Comptroller.
 - b. Thank you to jurors who showed by for the trial on August 4, 2000, twenty jurors were called and 18 showed up. Six jurors and 1 alternate were selected. Many thanks to those who gave up their day to come and serve justice.
8. **INSURANCE:** Nothing to report.

