

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, September 14, 2000 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  
Roger Smith

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Don Oliver- Superintendent of Highways, Arlene Hogan-Tax Collector, Nik Santagate-Justice, Tom & Pat Willis-Historians

**RESIDENTS:** There were several residents present.

**GUESTS:** Joseph Pickreign-Supervisor, Town of Harrietstown

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor Leifheit **at 7:05 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made** by Roger Smith **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Meeting on August 10, 2000, as written;** second by Linda Dobson; All Aye

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of August 31, 2000 was \$244.18

5 DEC Sport Licenses

1 Certified Copy

1 Impound Fee

23 Dog Licenses

4 Building Permits (BRI2000-18 through 21)

1 Donation for Town Hall Use

2 Copier Use

1. Thank you for the flowers from the Town Of Brighton when Town Clerk was in the Hospital
2. August 17, 2000, Nancy Weiss from MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation visited Town Hall. She left forms to delete people who have left and add new people to CLASS account. Updated CLASS books and discussed where documentation should be filed. 1997 and 1998 information has been filed in the books. Nancy would like to address the Town Board and explain CLASS investment program.
3. Received information Re: Local Government Conference, October 3, 2000 at SUNY Potsdam, Deadline is September 26 for \$25.00 registration fee, \$30 afterwards
4. Did not attend class in Malone on August 24 for Indexing of Minutes due to surgery, closed Town Hall for the week
5. Received information Re: Retirement Benefits Satellite Teleconference on Tuesday September 19,2000, registration fee is \$10.00
6. Sent letter dated September 12, 2000 to Adirondack Park Agency, Re: Resolution #35-2000, sent copy of resolution to Thomas Saehrig concerning the Adrien Girouard Project Notice 2000-54, copy to board members
7. Primary Day was held on September 12, 2000 at the Town Hall, vouchers are in for payment
8. Town Hall Schedule: Republican Caucus, Friday September 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.; Democrat Caucus, Monday, September 18, 8 p.m.; Registration Days will be held Saturday, October 7 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
9. Park Use: No Requests

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BUSINESS AT HAND**

1. **APA Notice:** Project Notice 2000-54: **Adrien Girouard property;** an appraiser is being sent to look at the property so that New York State can make an offer on the property, it should take 45 to 60 days to advise on the purchase offer. The application is complete at the APA; September 21, 2000 is the deadline for comments on the project.
2. **LANDFILL CLOSURE** Project Status: Bid packages are ready to go out. The question is whether to start now or wait for Spring 2001, waiting for Griffin International to give guidance.
3. **SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:** In August the Town Board denied the Special Events Permit to the "Ruff Riders" ATV Club. The Club held the event anyway and about 100 ATV's drove down Keese Mills Road on September 9, 2000. The State Troopers were not available to enforce the law. Supervisor Leifheit was in contact with Major Warburton and the Major forgot to notify his zone officer about the event. The Board would like to meet with the State Troopers, the "Ruff Riders", and any other interested parties to determine if an alternative route is available for ATV use. The Town Board is disappointed that the "Ruff Riders" requested a decision from the Town then did not abide by the Town's decision. Supervisor Leifheit will write a letter expressing his disappointment to the "Ruff Riders" for not abiding by the Town's decision.
4. **Paul Smith's College Correspondence:** Sent a letter dated August 31, 2000 to Paul Smiths College, Re: Truck traffic on Route 86, the residents are concerned with the speed of the trucks, especially in the reduced speed areas of the Town. George Miller, President of Paul Smith' College, answered with a letter

dated September 4, 2000, apologizing for not adequately alerting local residents to the commencement of the construction. The volume of trucks should diminish substantially over the next few weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Adirondack Regional Airport: Joseph Pickreign, Jr.- Supervisor, Town of Harrietstown**  
Discussed reasons why the Town Of Brighton should support the Airport, noticed the Town did not contribute last year. Passed out the Supervisor's Report for the Airport as of August 31, 2000. Would like to see the Town contribute \$1,200 to \$1,500 for next year. A Town Of Brighton resident purchases ¼ of the gas sales at the airport. Supervisor Pickreign would like to send monthly reports to the Town and hold meetings with the Supervisors from the surrounding towns to keep them updated on the Airport. Roger Smith stated that the Town gave \$1,850 each year but no one could say what the Town received for the funds so the Board decided not to send any more money.
2. **APA Notice: Project 2000-224** (Bickford-92 foot generator) Questions were asked if the tower would be in the flight path of the Airport or planes from Rainbow Lake. It doesn't appear that it would. The Industrial Development Agency for Franklin County also sent a notice. No action taken
3. **Town Ordinances:** Noise Ordinance is pending a public hearing, John Quenell would like to go ahead and hold the hearing at the same time as the litter ordinance.
4. **Brighton Year 2000 Project::** Received letter dated September 12, 2000 from the Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee (BAHC), Re: Grant for 2001, Arts Council has advised requesting another grant to cover expenses for 2001 when CD and books will be published. The BAHC would like the Town to act a conduit again.

**RESOLUTION #76**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACT AS CONDUIT FOR GRANT FROM ADIRONDACK ARTS COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Of Brighton acted as a conduit for the Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee (BAHC) for a grant in 2000 of \$3,000 to cover expenses for the Brighton Year 2000 Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the BAHC will have further expenses in the year 2001 to create a record of the Town Of Brighton in this millennium year to be produced in book and CD form and placed in local libraries for all to enjoy,

**THEREFORE, Let it be Resolved that the Town of Brighton act as a conduit for the Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee (BAHC) to receive grant money to be turned over immediately to the BAHC for expenses for the Brighton Year 2000 Project. The BAHC will be responsible for all reports required for accepting the grant money.**

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer, 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 #76 declared duly adopted.**

5. **CLASS Account-** Nancy Weiss of MBIA will brief the Supervisor, any interested board member, and the bookkeeper on the CLASS investment program at 6:00 pm before the board meeting on October 12, 2000, a public notice will be placed in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise
6. **Town Bookkeeper position:** The bookkeeper will be tendering his resignation when the budget process is over. The 1999 actual expenses are not completed yet. They should be within two weeks. The bookkeeper is still trying to pick up the pieces from a former bookkeeper.
7. **Osgood Pond Association Petition:** Received petition dated September 14, 2000 from the Osgood Pond Association Re: Banning use of Personal Water Craft (PWC) or "Jet Skies" on Osgood Pond, gave reasons for not wanting PWC's on Osgood Pond with 66 signatures. The Town Of Brighton must wait for the 60-day period before the law authorizing towns to make decisions for PWC's on town lakes takes effect. Model legislation will be coming from Peter Bower and the town will wait for the correct wording. The "Proposed Law" will have to be introduced by a Board Member. Supervisor Leifheit will send a letter acknowledging the receipt of the Osgood Pond Association petition.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. MAINTENANCE: Robert Byno**

- a. Would like the Town to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Murphy at Camp Gabriel's for the work crews
- b. Would like a new lawn mower and a replacement for work crew use, can get two from Sturdy's for \$700

**RESOLUTION #77-2000**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO LAWN MOWERS FOR \$700**

**Motion made by Supervisor Leifheit to authorize Robert Byno to purchase two lawn mowers for use by the Camp Gabriel's work crews for the Cemeteries and Town Hall from Study's Supply and Rental and to expend General Funds of \$700.00, second by Alicia Bodmer, All Aye.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit	Aye
Council Members: Linda Dobson	Aye

John Quenell                   Aye  
Roger Smith                   Aye  
Alicia Bodmer                Aye

**Resolution #77 declared duly adopted.**

- c. **Junk Yard Pick Up:** Linda Dobson was not able to get information over the phone about the grant for the Junk Pick-Up Day. A committee will be needed to divide up the work to get the project completed; the Highway Department will also help.
- d. Mr. Byno thanked the Highway for helping with clean up at the Park.

**2. COURT:** 23 Cases were processed and \$1,465.00 in fines was sent to the State Comptroller. Since August 31, 2000 there have been 30 cases, truck traffic tickets have been for over weight loads not speeding.

**3. HIGHWAY:**

- a. Getting equipment and vehicles ready for winter
- b. Put crusher run on base fill on shoulder washouts on Garondah Road, Hobart Road, and Wardner Road
- c. Ordered 170 ton of salt for winter

**4. PARK:** Nothing to report.

**5. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Supervisor Leifheit sent a letter to Ed Randig, Re: Written documentation for corrections on Callaghan property in Gabriel's, no response received

**6. CEMETERY:** Received a number of requests for information on plots.

**7. TAX COLLECTOR:**

- a. Turned-in competed budget request for 2001
- b. Updated Fixed inventory

**8. ASSESSOR:** No Report, Supervisor Leifheit received Notice of Tentative State Equalization Rate for the 2000 Assessment Roll, as of September 8, 2000: 100%. Assessments in the Town are in-line with the State values.

**9. INSURANCE:** Nothing to report.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Tom Willis-Garondah Road:** Is there any word on an alternative Rescue Service for the Town? Nothing definite.

**Arlene Hogan-Rainbow Lake Road:** There should be information available from previous discussions on the rescue contract. It was heavily discussed year ago.

**Roger Smith-Fire Chief:** The Fire Department has looked into setting up a service but it is much more expensive to start-up a service than to use the rescue service from the Village of Saranac Lake.

**Ed Rogers-Keese Mills Road:** Is 911 available yet? No, the money collected by the phone company is being used to set up the Enhanced 911 program in Franklin County.

**Tom Willis:** Are new owners assessed at the value they pay for their property? Our Assessor Doug Tichenor doesn't use "outlander" sales for assessing property he uses reasonable sales to determine assessments.

**Traci Santagate- McColloms:** Could assessor come to meeting and answer questions from residents?

**Pat Willis - Garondah Road:** Are individuals who use the Airport going to be approached for more contributions? No one knows. Did Supervisor Leifheit send in request for funds from Lake Champaign Basin Program for Euro Milfoil Water Project? Yes it was sent in last week.

**Balances of Accounts as of August 31, 2000** were available and are attached.

**RESOLUTION #78-2000**

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

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to pay all the vouchers audited by the Town Board and listed on the abstracts attached to these minutes as follows:**

**ABSTRACT #9 - All Funds: Pre-Paid Voucher #9A through and including Voucher #9I as follows:**

**General Fund -\$962.18, Highway Fund -\$1,778.04, Street Lighting-\$52.32, Total Pre Paid- \$2,792.54**

**ABSTRACT #9 - General Fund: Voucher #164 through and including Voucher#186 as follows: \$5,457.17**

**ABSTRACT #9 - Highway Fund: Voucher #105 through and including Voucher #113 as follows: \$5,038.14**

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 #78 declared duly adopted.**

**Motion made by Linda Dobson to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m., second by Roger Smith, All Aye**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, Brighton Town Clerk