

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Roger Smith
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer
Linda Dobson
John Quenell

ABSENT: Supervisor Christopher Leifheit

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Tom Willis-Historians and Doug Tichenor-Assessor

RESIDENTS: There were three residents present.

GUESTS: None

Meeting Called to Order by Deputy Supervisor roger Smith at **7:05 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer **to accept the minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Board Meeting on November 9, 2000 as written**, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Motion made by Linda Dobson **to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting (Landfill Cap Construction) of the Town Of Brighton on November 20, 2000, as written**, second by John Quenell, Aye 3, Abstain 1 (Smith), Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Motion made by Linda Dobson **to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing (2001 Budget) on November 1, 2000 as written**, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent (Leifheit)

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of November 30, 2000 was \$39.30

1 DEC Sport Licenses
2 Copier Use
2 Dog License
2 Building Permits (BRI2000-28 through 29)
2 FOIL Requests
1 Notary Service

1. Received letter dated November 21, 2000 from NYS Assembly, Re: Received Resolution #80-2000 in support of Rediscovering New York History and Cultural Initiative
2. Received letter dated November 24, 2000 from the NYS Office for Technology, Re: Open House in Albany, scheduled for January 31, 2001 for the purpose of communication information and sharing ideas. Sent copies to Board members.
3. Received notification dated November 28, 2000 from the Board of Elections, Re: Election results, Christopher Leifheit was elected for a one year un-expired term as Supervisor and Alicia Bodmer was elected to a 3-year un-expired term as Councilwoman.
4. Excess Equipment: Computer, vacuum cleaner, and file equipment. Board agreed that computer could go out for bid. Roger Smith will talk to Housekeeper about vacuum and file equipment can go to the dump.
5. Town Hall Schedule: Food Pantry Dec 21, DEC/APA Joint Public Hearing, Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.
6. Park Use: No requests

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS AT HAND:

1. **Goetzmann Certiorari Proceeding:** Doug Tichenor briefed the board on the history of the Goetzmann property. This property consists of three lots of which 2 are empty and not buildable. The owner filed a grievance in 1998 and 1999 on Grievance Day, but did not have proof of the not buildable claim. Proof has since been submitted to the assessor and the assessment was reduced in 2000 and no grievance was filed. The two lots were assessed as part of the third lot. One lot went from \$210,000 to \$32,400 and the second lot went from \$268,000 to \$52,900. The attorney for the Goetzmann's would like to settle the 1998 claim. The 1999 claim was not filed in a timely manner and probably will be dismissed. Two letters from Janet Bliss were received, one to Douglas Tichenor dated May 23, 2000 and one to Christopher Leifheit dated December 4, 2000 referring to this case. The offer currently on the table is \$12,577.84 plus penalties and interest. Otherwise the Goetzmann will order an appraisal of the property and the Town will be forced to answer with an appraisal of its own.
2. **HUD PROJECT UPDATE:** Project BRI 94-T6 did not meet the conditions to receive the first payment of \$9,000 approved at the November 9, 2000 Town Board meeting.
3. **TAX COLLECTOR:** Received letter of intent to retire dated December 4, 2000 from Arlene Hogan effective December 31, 2000. Also received a letter of resignation from Barbara Marshall, Deputy Tax Collector, dated December 5, 2000. She requests the Town compensate her for work done as Deputy Tax Collector. This issue was tabled until next meeting. Another Tax Collector needs to be appointed as of January 1, 2001 to fill a one-year un-expired term. A letter of interest dated December 4, 2000 from Amber McKernan is the only letter received by the Town Board for the Tax Collector position.

RESOLUTION #94

APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Motion made by John Quenell to appoint Amber McKernan as the Town Tax Collector for the period of one year from January 1 to December 31, 2001 and she will act in the capacity of the Tax Collector until December 31, 2000 in the absence of the Tax Collector and the Deputy Tax Collector.

Second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #94 declared duly adopted.

Amber McKernan was sworn in as Tax Collector.

4. **GIROUARD PROPERTY STATUS:** A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 8, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. An issues conference will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Guest Speaker Mary Jane Conors** did not show up, she will be invited again next month
2. **Personal Water Craft Proposed Legislation:** John Quenell read a letter dated October 10, 2000 from the St. Regis Property Owners Association, Re: Personal Watercraft (PWC's), Association would like PWC's prohibited on those portions of the St. Regis River, Lower St. Regis Lake, Spitfire Lake and Upper St. Regis Lake which lie in the Town Of Brighton. The letter addressed the capabilities of the PWC's and the vulnerabilities of the lakes, specifically the canoe and kayak traffic, hand-powered craft, sailboats and fishing boats, as well as the nesting birds and other ecology of the lakes.

RESOLUTION #95

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC'S) REGULATION ZONE

Motion made by John Quenell to propose a draft local law to establish a personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft regulation zone in the Town Of Brighton (attached) and refer this local law to the attorney for the Town, Janet Bliss, for review, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #95 declared duly adopted.

3. **Snow Barricade on Potato Fields:** Alicia Bodmer asked if snow barricades could be put up where the snow drifts onto Route 86 in Gabriel's near the potato fields. The snow drifts cause hazardous driving when the rest of the road is clear. Deputy Supervisor Roger Smith told her the fields belong to the Leavitt Farm and are private property. Alicia will pursue this problem with Supervisor Leifheit and Don Oliver, Superintendent of Highways.
4. **Organizational Meeting for 2001:** Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at the Regular Town Board Meeting
5. **Saranac Lake Youth Program:** John Quenell received a letter from Paul Leahy concerning a meeting on January 2, 2001. He would like a representative from the Town Of Brighton to attend. Alicia Bodmer volunteered to attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **COURT:** 45 Cases were disposed and \$2,711 in fines was sent to the State Comptroller
2. **HIGHWAY:**
 - a. Plowing snow from the latest snowstorm
 - b. Alicia Bodmer asked about snowmobile signs to post the town roads open to snowmobiles. John Flynn asked her about them so the new troopers will know which town roads are open. Question will be referred to Don Oliver
3. **PARK:** The Fire Department will be putting ice down when it gets cold for a few days in a row
4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No Report
5. **INSURANCE:** Nothing to report
6. **CEMETERY:** Nothing to report
7. **TAX COLLECTOR:**
 - a. Would like to acquire a Tax Collector sign for her house, will purchase it and get reimbursed
 - b. Would like hours posted in the Brighton Bulletin
 - c. Sentry Group in Rochester will send combination to safe for a fee of \$6.00

8. **ASSESSOR:** Town received Maintenance Aid of \$2,024 for 1999. Assessments should be within 20% of sale price or the maintenance aid will not be paid. Update needs to be approved by board at January meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Tom Willis-Garondah Road: In view of the fire in Saranac Lake caused by a village employee, is there a Town policy on using Town equipment for personal use? There is no policy in place. The highway employees are allowed to use the town equipment to plow their driveways on occasion so they can get to work.

Balances of Accounts as of October 31, 2000 were available. Linda Dobson asked if the date was incorrect since they should have been November 30, 2000 and one date was still from August 31.

RESOLUTION #96-2000

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ALL VOUCHERS LISTED ON ABSTRACTS

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

ABSTRACT #12–Pre-Paid Vouchers #12A through and including Voucher #12K: Total Pre-Paid: \$6,151.54

General Fund \$ 4,263.17, Highway \$1,831.07 and Street lighting \$ 57.30

ABSTRACT #12-General Fund: Voucher #225 through and including Voucher #236: \$1,752.63

ABSTRACT #12-Highway Fund: Voucher #141 through and including Voucher #152: \$ 2,109.90

ABSTRACT #5–HUD DHCR HOME Funds: Voucher #5: \$ 296.04

Second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution #96 declared duly adopted.

Motion made by Linda Dobson to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:55 p.m., second by Deputy Supervisor Roger Smith, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Leifheit)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk