

DRAFT MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF BRIGHTON
6 OCTOBER 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Peter Shrope followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope, Councilpersons Steve Tucker, Brian McDonnell, Amber McKernan.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Lydia Wright, Town Clerk Elaine Sater

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Meagher, Accountant for Town of Brighton

MOTION by Peter Shrope: Appoint Councilwoman Amber McKernan as note taker for the meeting. Second, Brian McDonnell. VOTE: All Aye by acclimation.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Supervisor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

GENERAL: Each line item was discussed by the board members and the town's accountant and adjusted as necessary.

FIRE DEPT: It was stated by Councilman Tucker, a member of the Fire Department, that the department has many Paul Smiths students as members. Some have their own gear; those without must be equipped, adding to their operating costs. The Fire Department is looking into insurance costs.

It was suggested that rather than a 2% Cost of Living increase in the Personal Services (the Axxxx.1 accounts) there should be a bigger increase. After discussion, it was agreed upon that there will be a 3% increase in those accounts.

Our accountant stated that our budget is well within our tax cap, and the Town is "in good shape". The changes made at this workshop will be included in a new preliminary budget with the new figures as amended at this meeting. The board wishes to thank Dick for his services and expertise.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Peter Shrope; Second by Brian McDonnell. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,
Amber McKernan
Councilwoman, Town of Brighton