

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held Thursday, October 18, 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
Roger Smith

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk and Don Oliver- Superintendent of Highways

RESIDENTS: There was one resident present

Meeting was **Called to Order** by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit at **7:03 p.m.** He stated **the Purpose for the special meeting was to discuss the 2002 Tentative Budget. This meeting was adjourned to October 25, then to October 30, then to November 8, 2001.**

Public Notice: Notification was made by Fax to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 11, 2001 and was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Monday, October 15. Public notices were posted in the Paul Smiths, Gabriels, and Rainbow Lake Post Offices, local businesses and on the Town Clerk Sign Board on October 12, 2001. Additional notices were faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 18, and October 25 for information purposes. Notices were also posted in local post offices, businesses and on the Town Clerk Sign Board.

COMMENTS:

Supervisor Christopher Leifheit contacted Brian Paige, CSEA Representative to determine the date of the last CSEA contract he was using. The CSEA contract expired on December 31, 2000. He also contacted the Attorney for the Town, Janet Bliss, to determine what to do about an expired contract. She advised to just renegotiate for a new contract starting in January 2002. Supervisor Christopher Leifheit will contact Brian Paige with a counter-offer using the salary from 2001 of \$11.26 per hour. Counter-offer was accepted by Union.

Council Member John Quenell contacted other Towns of similar size as Brighton and compared salaries and benefit packages. We are not out of line with other towns for salaries, but are the only one to offer full benefits paid by Town. The 2000 census shows 1682 people in the Town but only 784 live in households, 898 live in group quarters (Camp Gabriels and Paul Smiths College)

Motion made by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit **to hold the Public Hearing for the 2002 Preliminary Budget on November 8, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.**, second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Dobson) (**Note:** Legal Notice was not published within the legal timeframe and Public Hearing was changed to November 15, 2001)

This is a summary of the changes made to the 2002 Tentative Budget:

GENERAL FUND-APPROPRIATIONS

A1010.4 - Town Board Contractual Expenses (C.E.): Increase by \$400 to \$400 for training of new Council Member
A1220.1 – Supervisor Personal Salary (P.S.): Decrease by \$4,000 to \$8,000, request withdrawn by Supervisor
A1220.4 – Supervisor C.E.: Increase by \$250 to \$500
A1310.1 – Bookkeeper P.S.: Decrease by \$2,000 to \$8,000, to keep taxes lower
A1310.2 – Bookkeeper Equipment (EQ): Decrease by \$1,500 to \$0, computer available in Town Hall
A1420.4 – Attorney C.E.: Decrease by \$3,000 to \$2,500, less work expected in 2002
A1450.4 – Elections C.E.: Decrease by \$800 to \$1000, one Primary and one Election Day in 2002
A1910.4 – Unallocated Insurance C.E.: Increase by \$950 to \$12,500, increase in premium
A5010.1 – Deputy Superintendent P.S.: Decrease by \$100 to \$500, no change in duties
A5010.4 – Hwy & St Admin C.E.: Increase by \$200 to \$850
A5132.4 – Town Garage C.E.: Increase by \$50,000 to \$55,000 for Town Garage Plans
A6460.4 – Agency HUD: Increase by \$5,000 to \$5,000
A7310.4 – Youth Programs: Decrease by \$4,500 to \$3,300, keep payments the same as last year for Civic Center
A8160.4 – Landfill C.E.: Increase by \$400 to \$2,000
A8160a.4 – Community Enhancement Program: Increase by \$6,000 to \$6,000
A9055.8 – Disability Insurance: Decrease by \$500 to \$200
Add to General Fund from Fire Protection Fund
A3410.4 – FREMSA: \$1,250
A3410.5 – Rescue: \$17,425
A3410.5 - LifeFlight: \$1,000

TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS: Increased by \$46,800 to \$361,362

GENERAL FUND-REVENUE

A2410 – Interest and Earnings: Decrease by \$3,250 to \$7,750

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE: Decrease by \$3,250 to \$41,280

HIGHWAY FUND-APPROPRIATIONS

DA5112.2 – Capital Improvements: Decrease by \$5,000 to \$35,000
DA5130.2 – Machinery EQ: Increase by \$50,000 to \$50,000 for new snowplow
DA5130.4 – Machinery C.E.: Decrease by \$3,000 to \$13,000
DA9010.8 – State Retirement: Increase by 700 to \$1,600, increase in Town payments
DA9030.8 – Social Security: Increase by \$200 to \$6,200, increase is Highway Salary
DA885 - Equipment Reserve: Increase by \$20,000 to \$30,000, for future equipment replacement
TOTAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS: Increase by \$62,900 to \$283,660

HIGHWAY FUND-REVENUE

DA3501-Consolidated Highway Aid: Increase by \$3,000 to \$23,000

TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE: Increase by \$3,000 to \$52,100

TOTAL STREET LIGHTING FUND: \$700

FIRE PROTECTION FUND:

Delete from Fire Protection Fund and add to General Fund

SF3410.4 – FREMSA: \$1,250

SF3410.5- Rescue: \$17,425

SF3410.6 – LifeFlight: \$1,000

TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION: Decrease of \$19,675 to \$56,652

Total Appropriations Less Revenues Less Unexpended Balance Equals Amount to Raised by Taxes

GENERAL: \$361,362-\$41,280-\$86,000 = \$ 234,082

HIGHWAY: \$283,660- \$52,100-\$50,000 = \$ 181,560

LIGHTING: \$700-0-0 = \$ 700

FIRE PROTECTION: \$56,562-0-0 = \$ 56,562

TOTAL Appropriations \$702, 374 – TOTAL Revenue \$93,380 – TOTAL Unexpended Balance \$136,000 =

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES \$ 472,994

Motion made by Alicia Bodmer to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting at the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 8, 2001 at 7:20 p.m., second by Supervisor Christopher Leifheit; All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk