

October 28, 2021 Special Town Board Meeting (DRAFT)

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Peter Shrope at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31 (aka Jones Pond Road), Paul Smiths, New York, on October 28, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Amber McKernan and Steve Tucker

Absent: Council Member Matthew Szeliga and Lydia Wright

Others Present: Paul Blaine-Code Enforcement Officer, Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, members of the Paul Smiths Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department and residents

Guests: None

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board on October 18, 2021, Notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on October 19, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTRACT 7:04pm

Floor was opened to the public for comment on the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department, Inc, (PSGVFD) contract with the Town for five years beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026 with an increase of 3% each year starting with \$103,326.51 in 2022 to be paid in two payments on February 1 and April 1, 2022.

Tom Tucker, PSGVFD Fire Chief spoke about the growth in membership in the Fire Department, several Paul Smiths College students are being trained each year. The College is holding a course in Emergency Management that is drawing people interested in firefighting training. The Fire Department is also having a fund-raising breakfast on December 5.

Floor was closed to public comment at 7:16pm

PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY 2022 TOWN BUDGET 7:17pm

Floor was open to the public for comment on the Preliminary 2022 Town Budget

Supervisor Peter Shrope proposed increasing the Town Justice salary by \$1,014 to \$15,943 (10% increase from 2021) to be in line with other increases of salaries and in recognition of his faithful service of 28 years.

Tom Tucker spoke in favor of this increase.

Floor was closed to public comment at 7:26pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 7:28pm made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Amber McKernan, Aye 3 (McKernan, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Szeliga, Wright,)

Respectfully Submitted, Elaine W. Sater, RMC, Brighton Town Clerk