

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESCUE SERVICES MINUTES

November 10, 2016

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A Public Hearing was held for Rescue Services for 2017 at the Town of Brighton on Thursday, November 10, 2016, following the Public Hearing on the Fire Services at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Public Hearing was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:16 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag was recited

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Brian McDonnell, Amber McKernan, Steve Tucker, Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, two residents and Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department Representatives Tom Tucker and Dan Whitson, Fire Chief

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of this Public Hearing was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board in the three local post offices and businesses in the Town on October 31, 2016. A notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Monday, October 31, 2016.

Rescue Services Contract for 2017: Supervisor Peter Shrope said the Town received a contract from the Saranac Lake Volunteer Rescue Services (SLVRS) for 2017 services at the same amount as last year \$28,270. The SLVRS were going to reduce the amount by a small amount for 2017 but he asked them to leave it the same as 2016 in case it goes up in the future since there is a tax cap on the Town's budget.

FLOOR OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom McKernan - Gabriels: Asked if the cost is based on the number of calls to the Town.

Supervisor Peter Shrope said it was part of the calculation; the Town has the highest rate of return for the billing report at 51%. The SLVRS provided a breakdown of the billing results.

Tom Tucker - Gabriels: Said the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department (PSGVFD) members are the only volunteers in the area who respond and assist the SLVRS when there is a rescue call in the Town. They have 3 EMT volunteers as fire department members. The Town may use this as a negotiating tool in the future as other fire departments don't assist on rescue calls. Paul Smith's College is going to be offering an EMT program during the Spring semester worth 6 credits. The SLVRS is doing a good job for the Town.

There were no further comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Amber McKernan, Aye 5 (McDonnell, McKernan, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC
Brighton Town Clerk