

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESCUE CONTRACT MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2016
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A Public Hearing was held for the Rescue Services Contract for 2016 at the Town of Brighton on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

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

ABSENT: Council Member Lydia Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, two residents and Julie Harjung, President SLVRS

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 January 19, 2016. A notice was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

FLOOR OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Peter Shrope opened the Public Hearing by asking Julie Harjung, President of the Saranac Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. (SLVRS) to speak about the rescue service and the contract. He thanked her for providing a summary of calls and a budget for the Board's review.

Julie Harjung said this was the 5th Anniversary for the SLVRS operating as an incorporated business and they were doing well. They have 14 paid employees and about 40 volunteers of which half are active. The employees cover the days from 6 am to 6 pm and cover three nights with a response time to get out the door of 3 minutes. The volunteers cover 4 nights and have a response time of 8-10 minutes. They have four ambulances running at this time. They are looking into purchasing a bariatric stretcher for the larger size people they have to transport. They use Medex as their billing company and get billed per PCR. Payments from billing are about 4 months behind. SLVRS plans to go to electronic charting in February 2016 and hope to reduce the billing time. They have 501(c)(3) status. Two of the EMTs are from the Paul Smiths Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department. SLVRS is interested in pursuing an "Explorer Post" with the Boy Scouts to get more youth interested. There are five new critical care graduates from a recent class.

Supervisor Peter Shrope noticed on the billing report that the percent return for the smaller towns was better than the percent return for larger towns.

Julie Harjung said this could be due to the number of lower income housing units available in the larger towns. She is also pursuing billing discrepancies with the billing company to increase the return rate.

There were no further comments from the public.

The Board thanked Julie Harjung for coming and speaking at the hearing.

RESOLUTION #29-2016

SARANAC LAKE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SERVICES CONTRACT

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Amber McKernan,

WHEREAS as Public Hearing was held on January 26, 2016, for the 2016 Rescue Services for the Town of Brighton and the public was allowed to comment on the contract,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the contract with the Saranac Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. of Saranac Lake in the amount of \$28,270 for rescue services during 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (McDonnell, McKernan, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Resolution #29 declared duly adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4 (McDonnell, McKernan, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Wright)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC, Brighton Town Clerk