

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE SERVICES 2010 CONTRACT  
TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

**February 11, 2010**

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**A Public Hearing for the Fire Services 2010 Contract was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31 (a.k.a. Jones Pond Road) in Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**The Public Hearing was Called to Order** by Supervisor John Quenell at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWN OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor John Quenell, Council Members: Jeffrey Leavitt, Peter Shrope, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

**RESIDENTS:** One person attended

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Notice of this public hearing was posted Thursday, January 28, on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and at three post offices and businesses in the Town. Notice was published once in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

**Supervisor John Quenell** stated that this was the second public hearing for this contract and there has been one change since that public hearing (November 5, 2009) to increase the amount of insurance coverage for the Paul Smith-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department (PSGVFD) from \$1 million to \$2 million and to increase the fee by \$750 from \$70,826 to \$71,576 to cover the cost of the insurance increase.

**Lydia Wright** asked for a clarification of when the amount of insurance was changed. In the Fire Services contract that expired in 2009 the insurance amount was \$1 million for general liability per occurrence, aggregate coverage and auto liability, and excess liability coverage for an additional \$1 million, not \$2 million. Who is asking for the insurance to be bumped up.

**Supervisor John Quenell** said he is the Treasurer for the PSGVFD and drafted the new contract. He changed the wording to remove the excess \$1million because the PSGVFD has not been carrying that amount. The Fire Chief did not bring up this change at the Public Hearing in November 2009. The contract was then changed to show \$2 million for each occurrence and the Town Board approved this change at the January 14, 2010 meeting.

**Lydia Wright** said the 2009 Certificate of Liability Insurance shows the \$1 million per occurrence and an aggregate of \$3 million, but no auto liability. She asked if this amount was in excess of the contract.

**Supervisor John Quenell** said the auto liability amount is covered by the blanket policy and the Town needs a copy of the new Certificate of Liability Insurance to show the \$2 million.

**The floor was opened to the public for comments.**

**There were no comments from the floor.**

**Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m. made by Jeffrey Leavitt, Second by Steve Tucker, Aye 5 (Leavitt, Quenell, Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk