

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESCUE CONTRACT 2011  
TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

**November 4, 2010**

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**A Public Hearing for the 2011 Rescue Contract was held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Garage, 17 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 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWN OFFICERS**

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

**ABSENT:** Council Members Peter Shrope

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

**RESIDENTS:** One resident and a representative of the media attended

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Notice of this public hearing was posted Thursday, October 22, 2010, on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and at three post offices and businesses in the Town. Notice was published twice in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Thursday, October 25, and Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

**Supervisor John Quenell** made a few remarks about the 2011 Rescue Contract from the Village of Saranac Lake. The amount of the contract is \$36,549.67, which is less than the 2010 contract of \$37,264. He said the annual rescue calls to the Town are about 50 and about half of the calls are to Paul Smiths College. He noted that the Rescue Department is in the process of trying to become independent from the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Village of Saranac Lake, but will continue to be housed with the Fire Department. The cost in the future should be reduced when the Rescue Department starts to bill medical insurance companies for calls.

There were inconsistencies in the language in the paragraph "Third". The date of the payment in one place has 2010 but in another it has 2011. The last sentence of the paragraph starting with "Although the Town..." is being deleted as it gives incorrect information for the term of the contract which is correct in paragraph "Seven". He spoke with the village manager about making changes to page 2 of the contract. The amount of the contract is due on February 1, 2011, and the term is from January 1 to December 31, 2011.

He also noted that the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department has acquired "first responder" status and they are now "toned out" when there is a rescue call in the Town.

**Steve Tucker** said that he is hoping that next year the Rescue Service will be independent and the Town can deal with them and not the Village.

**Supervisor John Quenell** said there appears to be a lack of communication and people are getting frustrated with the process at the Village also.

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

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

**Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. made by Jeffrey Leavitt, Second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4 (Leavitt, Quenell, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 1 (Shrope)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk