

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES
TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY
November 5, 2009**

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A Public Hearing for the Emergency Services Contract was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6 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 David Knapp at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor David Knapp, Council Members: Sheila Delarm, Jeffrey Leavitt, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

RESIDENTS: Seven people attended

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of this hearing was posted Thursday, October 22, 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 Friday, October 23, 2009.

Supervisor David Knapp stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to hear public comment on the Emergency Rescue Services Contract for 2010 with the Village of Saranac Lake for the amount of \$37,264.18.

The floor was opened to the public for comments.

Tom Willis: Asked if the percent allotted to the Town was based on the assessed value of the Town compared to the other towns getting the same service.

Sheila Delarm said the 6% allotted to the Town was a figure agreed upon at the Fire Advisory Board. All the towns that get service from the Village of Saranac Lake for Fire and Rescue Services get allotted a percentage of the total budget of \$641,445 set by the Village. The Village has until February 28, 2010, to hire an EMT before the towns agree on a 45% allotment to the Village. In previous years the Village has paid 50% of the budget. Brighton paid 5.5%. In the past the unexpended balance went into the Village's general fund. Now it is tracked and applied against each town's share in the contract. This year the Town received a \$2,577.03 credit against the budgeted amount. The Fire and Rescue Departments of the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department have not divided yet. When the Rescue Department becomes separate it can charge people's health insurance for rescue calls. Currently people pay for rescue services in their health insurance and with their taxes.

There were no further comments from the floor.

Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. made by Supervisor David Knapp, **Second** by Lydia Wright, **Aye 5 (Delarm, Knapp, Leavitt, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater
Brighton Town Clerk