

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

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**A Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, 12 County Road 31, Paul Smiths, NY, as follows:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor Peter Martin at 8:15 p.m.

The "Pledge to the Flag" was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Peter Martin, Sr.

Council Members: Sheila Delarm, David Knapp, Steve Tucker, and Lydia Wright

**ABSENT:** None

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

**RESIDENTS:** There were two residents present, two people from the Village of Saranac Lake, and a representative of the media

**GUESTS:** None

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise and posted on the Town Clerk's sign board on Friday, January 19. Notices were posted at the three post offices and local businesses on Friday, January 19.

**Supervisor Peter Martin** is a member of the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department, so he turned the meeting over to Deputy Supervisor David Knapp

**RESCUE SERVICES:**

- 1. RESCUE CONTRACT:** A new contract was received with the changes proposed at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Signatures from the Fire Department were added to the contract. There was no dollar amount in Covenant SIXTH to show payment amount to the Fire Department. Due to the contract covering two different budget periods for the Village the amount could not be determined. **David Knapp** heard from the Attorney for the Town, Scott Goldie. He pointed out that Town Law Section 184b no longer pertained. Discussion was held on whether Covenant SEVENTH should be changed to mention the Addendum Para 2 which allows for an automatic extension for 60 days while negotiations are going on. Discussion was also held on the dollar amount of the contract.

**RESOLUTION #22**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR 2007 RESCUE SERVICES**

**Motion made** by Sheila Delarm, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

**WHEREAS**, a revised contract for 2007 Rescue Services with addendum was received from the Village of Saranac Lake on January 24, 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract and changes was reviewed by the Attorney for the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to sign the 2007 Rescue Service Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake with the following changes:**

- Page 2, Covenant THIRD: Amount for February 1 \$13,200, Amount for July 1 \$13,200 Total \$26,400
- Page 2, Covenant SEVENTH: Delete second sentence and replace with "See Addendum Para 2".
- Page 3, Covenant ELEVENTH: Delete. Town Law Section 184b was repealed on 10/31/2001.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 2 (Delarm, Tucker), Nay 1 (Knapp), Abstain 2 (Martin, Wright)**

**Resolution #22 declared duly defeated.**

**RESOLUTION #23**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR 2007 RESCUE SERVICES**

**Motion made** by David Knapp, **second** by Steve Tucker, **To Wit:**

**WHEREAS**, a revised contract for 2007 Rescue Services with addendum was received from the Village of Saranac Lake on January 24, 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract and changes was reviewed by the Attorney for the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to sign the 2007**

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**Rescue Service Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake and pay the amount of \$30,221.60.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 1 (Knapp), Nay 3 (Delarm, Tucker, Wright), Abstain 1 (Martin)**

**Resolution #23 declared duly defeated.**

**RESOLUTION #24**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR 2007 RESCUE SERVICES**

**Motion made by Sheila Delarm, second by Steve Tucker, To Wit:**

**WHEREAS**, a revised contract for 2007 Rescue Services with addendum was received from the Village of Saranac Lake on January 24, 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract and changes was reviewed by the Attorney for the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Supervisor David Knapp be authorized to sign the 2007 Rescue Service Contract with the Village of Saranac Lake with the following change:**

**Covenant THIRD: Change the amount for February 1 to \$13,200 and July 1 to \$13,200, Total to \$26,400 .**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Martin)**

**Resolution #24 declared duly adopted.**

- 2. RESCUE COVERAGE:** Discussion was held on "PLAN B". A contract proposal was received from Northern Ambulance to cover the Town for rescue services. Several players would have to be contacted to determine what kind of coverage the Town would have if the Village refused to provide service after 12 noon on January 26, 2007.

**Motion made by David Knapp, second by Sheila Delarm, for a 10 minute recess, Aye 5, Nay 0**

Robert Eckert offered his business for a conference call if needed. It was set up for 12:15 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007 in the event that the Village did not accept the proposed amount change to the contract and stopped rescue service to the Town. The following entities would be notified for the call: St. Regis Falls Rescue Chief, Tupper Lake Rescue Chief, FREMSA, Department of Health, Mountain Lake, Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department Chief, and Franklin County Emergency Medical Services Director. The call center will be at Council Member Sheila Delarm's home.

**3. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF RESCUE SERVICES:**

**RESOLUTION #25**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE FOR 2007 RESCUE SERVICE**

**Motion made by David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, to Wit:**

**WHEREAS**, the first payment for 2007 Rescue Services is due to the Village of Saranac Lake on February 1,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the Village of Saranac Lake \$13,200 for the first payment for Rescue Services in the event they agree to the proposed amount of the contract.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 4 (Delarm, Knapp, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Martin)**

**Resolution #25 declared duly adopted.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Robert Eckert** - The Board will never get thanked for this (all the work put into trying to negotiate a contract). Supervisor Peter Martin took the lead on this, the other towns followed, even after they backed off, the Town still let them stay a part of it. He is proud of the actions taken by the Board. Hr thanked them for all the time they have spent on this issue. The Board member should get a pay raise, but a raise doesn't mean the next board will be willing to work as hard. They are more like volunteers getting a stipend.

**Lydia Wright** thanked Bob Eckert for helping facilitate the discussion and keep the Board on track with the real issue.

**SPECIAL MEETING: Supervisor Peter Martin** said if another Special Meeting is needed they will have one on Friday, January 26 after 2:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at 11:00 p.m. made by David Knapp, second by Lydia Wright, Aye 5, Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, Brighton Town Clerk