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A Public Hearing was opened at 7PM by Supervisor Pemrick. The purpose of the meeting Public hearing was to hear public comments for proposed Local Law # 1-2020 "Amending the Greenfield Town Code to Create Alternate Member Position for the Ethics Board". Town Clerk provides proof of publication. Supervisor Pemrick asks if anyone would like to speak.

Jane Bouchard- She states she is aware that there is not a requirement for Board positions such as the Ethics Board to be open to the public. Before the Board adds an additional member it should be open to the public.

James Van Dyk- He states that he reads the posted minutes, the Town's website and Town's bulletin Board. He did not see these posted. He asks if the goal is to limit public participation. He asks if the Board thinks democracy works best in secrecy. Is this behavior ethical? By limiting participation we are getting the best candidates Greenfield has to offer? Do we intend to post the alternate position? As it is a new position or appoint a handpicked candidate. If having an alternate was a good idea why wasn't it done a year ago when we had an excess candidate. Are there any circumstances where you would choose someone from a different political party or would you stall the process? He asks that the Board dismiss the Ethics Board and open it up to the public.

There being no further comments the Public Hearing is closed at 7:05 PM.

A regular meeting of the Town Board is opened at 7:05 PM with the pledge to the flag with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso, Kevin Veitch and Ty Stacey, Councilpersons; Mark Schachner, Town Counsel; Highway Department Representative, Duane Wright and approximately 45 residents. Also present were Ray Otten, Community Emergency Corps; Matthew Fogarty, Jessup's Landing EMS; Officer Stephen Gordon, Director of Saratoga County Communications and Jonathan Davis, Chief of Greenfield Fire District.

Supervisor Pemrick states since there is a number of people present that have questions or concerns EMS response time in the Town of Greenfield we will cover that topic first. The Supervisor states he would like to begin with a discussion of the newspaper article from January regarding an incident that happened at Prestwick Chase where a resident or a person laid on the ground for 50 minutes outside, waiting for an ambulance to respond through an EMS call. The Town Board and our EMS providers first heard about this on February 28th, when he received a call about the newspaper article. Supervisor Pemrick recognizes residents from Prestwick Chase. Mr. McNeary is the person who was quoted in the paper expressing his concern and he is hoping that he is here tonight so we could have

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him provide more information on that particular incident. The gentlemen sitting here tonight cannot find that call. The value of getting together tonight is the people here tonight will be able to give you information in terms of response times to Prestwick Chase and the Denton Road area and explain the fail-safe systems that are in place. He asks if anyone present can shed more light on this or made the call. A lady resident from Prestwick Chase states they have a person that stays at the front desk to handle situations like falls and he gets the ambulance. She was there when the lady fell and she was there for 50 minutes, they may not have received the call because the ambulance came from Ballston Spa. Supervisor Pemrick states this is good information. The lady continues the staff is not allowed to pick up anybody that falls at Prestwick Chase. If the person can get up by themselves fine or if they are not injured a resident can pick them up. It was cold and wet so a couple of the staff went against protocol and picked up the resident, then the ambulance came. Supervisor Pemrick states the 911 call would go Steve Gordon, the Sherriff's Office. Steve Gordon, Director of Saratoga County Communications states the Sherriff's office receives all 911 calls both landline and cellular with in the County of Saratoga so they would have received that call if in fact they called 911. Ray Otten, Community EMS asks the resident if she knows the date and time of day this happened. He has asked Mr. McNeary for that information or the name of the person and he has not gotten back to him with that information. The resident replies she doesn't have a date it was 3 or 4 weeks ago because they were on their way to Church. Mr. Otten responds it may have not been in January like the article says. The lady says they were on their way to Church and they meet at 9:15 and by 9:30 they are on the bus. The lady came about 9:10. Mr. Otten explains that he is the Director of Community EMS - the Ballston Spa ambulance. (Mr. Otten, Steve Gordon and Matt Fogarty look through their records to find a call on Sunday in January or February.) Matt Fogarty explains to the residents that they are trying to collaborate the claim as to when this happened. Tabitha Orthwein states in the newspaper article that also cited the 50 minute delayed time there was response, she tries to find the article, from she believes Mr. Pemrick or perhaps the EMS responder that said that was an anomaly, there was confusion as to when the call came through, it went to the wrong dispatch, it finally made its way to Ballston Spa and it may have been you (Mr. Otten) that said you responded 18 minutes after the call was received. Mr. Otten states that is not true and he will tell you what was said if he is allowed. What he told reporter Wendy Liberatore was in January when services switch over there is a delay in getting the maps corrected at dispatch. Because of that, Wilton was still getting the calls. There's a delay in getting us dispatched because of that. What was to happen they (Wilton) would answer and start wherever that call was, they (Community EMS) would pick up because they are in route within 2-3 minutes. What I said might have happened, because again we could not find any numbers, dates or names, that IF a call like that happened it would be an anomaly. Add the word "if" into that statement, I was not quoted correctly, because I would not make that statement without the word if because I had no information. That's why, if that did happen and they (Community EMS) were dispatched it would be about 18 minutes to that call. One of the things he would like to talk about tonight is the dispatching system so people understand that. Tabitha Orthwein asks did an ambulance show up to pick this woman up at Prestwick Chase? A member of the audience says eventually. Tabitha Orthwein says so an ambulance did show up so a call was made. Mr. Otten states that is why he is asking for a date, he has a record of every call they did in January, February to today in March. Tabitha Orthwein says with all due respect why hasn't someone been following up on these exact questions if the data was incorrect prior to being misrepresented. Mr. Otten states he has. He just said that he was trying to get from Mr. McNeary a name, a date and time. He never called back. Mr. Otten says he thinks that is pursuing it and being diligent about it. He is looking at the times now. You said it was 9 o'clock in the morning on a Sunday, he

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asks for Sunday dates. On Sunday January 26th, there is a 7:54 AM, that's it except for a 2:30 in the morning. Matthew Fogarty, Jessups Landing, states there are 2 calls on a Sunday that fit that time frame. For the month of February the four Sundays, the time frame in question, there were 2 incidents on 2 separate Sundays. One was a twelve minute response the second was a fifteen minute response. As far as extrapolating and advising and statistically putting up the data, we don't have it every day. We did this for you tonight. We look at this every day, that is their jobs. As they saw the article on the 28th of February it took them by surprise as well as it did you. We looked at all the data they collect on a daily basis and we cannot collaborate a 50 minute response to any call not necessarily to Prestwick Chase. For our purposes that didn't happen. Whether or not you were there, whether or not there was a problem with the front desk, if the perception is it took 50 minutes, he understands that. But the reality is, that cannot produce or collaborate an incident that took 50 minutes to respond to and we look at this every day, he adds this reporter published an article probably without facts. William Orthwein, reading the article, says it quotes Mr. Otten, Mr. Otten states misquotes. Mr. Orthwein says these are not from you. Mr. Otten says misquotes, not accurate. Mr. Orthwein reads where it states that Mr. Otten in the article states the call is dispatched to Wilton and it took 18 minutes. Mr. Otten states he said If it was dispatched it may have gone to Wilton and then to Community EMS. That was the situation in early January. Karen Fine, states all of us in this room appreciate all the services you do every day. She feels there is value and importance in finding out and understand what happened on this day and that won't happen tonight. The larger question which is not any disparaging remarks or feelings against your squad, on a good day, a perfect sequence of events, is 18 minutes a reasonable amount of time for arrival. Supervisor Pemrick states that is a very good question and these are the people who can explain that. He adds when Mr. Otten gets in touch with Prestwick Chase and speaks with the person who make the 911 calls to give Steve Gordon a call because he handles that communication center, dispatches, everything. Ray and Matt get their orders from that communication center. He would like to trace that back, who, where, when, why and what happened regarding that particular incident. It is important for people to know so they can have confidence in these people.

Steve Gordon, Director of Saratoga County Communications states from the Sherriff's point of view and the communications center, when he read the article in the Times Union that was the first time he was hearing about this. When he saw there was a potentially 50 minute delay and he saw that potentially this was regarding some type of dispatch issue that obviously sparked concern on his and the Sherriff's behalf. Immediately the next day he started looking at the data. He can't tell you 18 minutes, but he can tell you for the entire month of January and the first two weeks of February he looked at every call to Prestwick Chase. He unable to find any call where there was a 50 minute timeframe from the time they disconnected the phone to the time any ambulance arrived on the scene. He has been in this business for 24 years, an 18 minute response can seem like 48 minutes, we hear that all the time. People on the phone will tell dispatch they have been on the phone for ten minutes and they have to tell them you have been on the phone for three minutes the responders are coming. All he can definitively say from the Sherriffs office from the period of January first until mid-February he cannot find with data available to him, every 911 call, a 50 minute response to Prestwick Chase. Karen Fine, appreciates the research, her question is it in Greenfield's interest to contract with Ballston Spa as opposed to Wilton. She has read that it concerns money and asks if she is correct it was a \$10,000 difference. Is it a shorter time for Wilton to respond? Supervisor Pemrick states each year the Town contracts with the two services (Jessups Landing and Community Ambulance Corps) in addition to Wilton. Two years ago Wilton asked for an \$18,000 increase then the following year they asked for an additional \$13,000 increase. The second year the Board started to look at what other EMS services

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would charge for the exact same service. They had a discussion with the City of Saratoga Springs and their offer was \$10,000 less. That's where the \$10,000 figure comes from. As everyone knows at this point that didn't come about. Community had put in an offer for the Prestwick Chase area and it was the same as Saratoga Springs, \$60,000. The first thing the Town did was call Emergency Services at the County and tell them we are considering changing EMS services, looking at bids from other services and if they have a concern with that. The answer is no. We asked if there is any unattended consequences they are aware of, and they could not offer any. So the Town continued to pursue that. We thought we had an arrangement with City of Saratoga Springs and began to prepare for that. We began to learn more about the EMS process and if we were to change systems we would need to change our billing system. Wilton used a particular type of billing system that our Town could not use. As we pursued that change, we called Prestwick Chase and told them there would be a change of service to your area and would love to come up so the residents could meet the EMS people, see the apparatus as an introductory to this change. Obviously that didn't happen. So we considered our options and at that point hired Community Emergency Services. Mr. Otten can tell you the distances between Community Station and Wilton Station is a half mile. Mr. Otten says it is less than a mile to Prestwick Chase. Mr. Otten state they do not come through the City of Saratoga to get to Prestwick Chase. They go Rowland Street and through the back. Traffic lights are minimal. A question is asked for average response time. Mr. Otten explains how the system works. He has no doubt about a lady falling. He has no doubt that happened. A question is asked about a rumor that the ambulance comes from Ballston Spa. Mr. Otten says that is not a rumor as he said before they come from Ballston Spa and it is less than a mile difference from Wilton's main station, if Wilton has to get a crew out of their Schuylerville station that's further away about 10 miles to get to Prestwick Chase. Discussion takes place about traffic on route 29.

Mr. Otten asks for time to explain how dispatching an ambulance works. Most of the dispatch centers use priority dispatch. What's the priority of the call? I've fallen and hurt my elbow is that the same priority as I'm having chest pains and I can't breathe. They assign different priorities to the calls. Certain calls an Alpha or Bravo you go with the traffic. You take time to get there. You don't risk your crew, you don't risk citizens driving around, your drive with the traffic because it is not a critical injury. If you have a critical injury, and this is national standards not something they made up to our needs, if it's a Charlie call – a step above- then you would use red lights and siren. A Delta call, a very bad call you would use the red lights and siren. Using red lights and siren does not mean, 80 miles an hour and here we go. It doesn't happen, you still go cautiously. In an ideal world the red lights and siren move people out of the way. And all of us can tell you that doesn't happen. We found our years ago, with ambulances and fire trucks have big air horns because people listen to that more that the sirens. Mr. Otten looks at the record of calls from Prestwick Chase in the month of January. Out of 9 calls, 6 were falls. They are not considered a major injury or have the potential to be one. What County Dispatch does is talk to the person calling and they are asked a list of questions to give us an idea of what we're facing. If someone is laying there and are being cared for, they will not use red lights and siren to get to that call. It is not safe. He understands as he is in a wheel chair. If he falls he cannot get into his wheelchair and that happened recently. It seems like forever when that happens. Of the calls he spoke about one was a not transport, one person refused treatment. They get that a lot. In February they had 7 no transports for falls. One was a lady who had 3 calls in 24 hours. Those calls you don't go red lights and siren. Is your response time going to be longer? Yes. We said 18 minutes, a couple of the calls were 12 minutes, a couple was 15 minutes. That is from the time Steve's people (County Dispatch) tell us to go. A lady asks how it decided which company responds to the call ? Steve Gordon states that each municipality contracts with an ambulance of jurisdiction for that area. At County level the districts are

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drawn into a map and when the person calls the call plots the map and tells the agency of jurisdiction. We do that to all 15 Ambulance Corps' and 36 Fire Departments. A question is asked depending who has the contract at that time, they may not be the closest to you. Steve Gordon and Ray Otten answer correct. The question is asked depending on the severity of injury if they were closest to that area they would be sent. The answer is correct, that is Mutual Aid. A question is asked, if you got a call from Prestwick Chase for chest pains how long would it take to respond? Ray Otten states that would be dispatched as a Delta call, it would be about 10-12 minutes. We also have fire support to a lot of our areas. Our Fire Departments provide a huge service for us they send EMTs who are on the scene. We had one situation on the Mina Farm, there was a person with a seizure, they (Community EMS) responded, They had a first responder coming from Saratoga Hospital and the Fire Chief was there. They were there before the ambulance was there just before the ambulance. Mr. Otten stresses no matter how a district is set up someone is going to be near the outside edge and nobody wants to be there. If there was a station next door to Prestwick Chase that station would also cover Lake Desolation, who wants to be the person at Lake Desolation having chest pain. No matter where it is, no matter how it is set up somebody is going to be the farthest from the station. A comment is made that they are volunteers so you have to wait till they get to the station. Mr. Otten answers no. They have two professional crews set up 24/7. Matt Fogarty states the entire ambulance coverage for the Town of Greenfield are professional career people.

John Jayco states he is familiar with the Mina situation. You are talking about having someone closer than your service to pick up that call. Mr. Otten states a first responder not an ambulance. Mr. Jayco states he understands that, that first responder showed up at the farm 17 minutes after the call. They were supposed to be closer than your service, the lady called me because I live across the road, and that service did not have a defibrillator on it or anything else on it. She said they asked her if she had one. Greenfield Fire District Chief, Jonathan Davis, states that is not true. I am the Fire Chief and I came from the Greenfield Fire House, we were there within 8 minutes and the ambulance was right behind me. Steve Gordon, states part of the standard questioning is for dispatch to ask if there is a defibrillator on the scene in the event you need it prior to the arrival. Chief Davis states he left the Firehouse and when he pulled into the driveway of the farm, he could hear the ambulance. John Jayco states it was quite a while before she made the first call, he knows for a fact. Matt Fogarty states that incident was tracked and it was 11 minutes. John Jayco states he wasn't there when she made the call, I met her because she drove by, she came out and said a man had fallen and had an issue and she was waiting on the ambulance. He went about his business. It was 10 minutes plus and she called him and said where is the ambulance it is not here not even the Fire truck. Matt Fogarty states from the time of call to the arrival it was 11 minutes for the ambulance. John Jayco asks why if Wilton is ½ mile closer why there is a difference of 5 minutes. Matt Fogarty asks what are you basing that on. That's what the article says. The article made claims and there is no way to verify that. Out of the information they have gathered none of that article can be collaborated, on any of it. We can't speak for Wilton, we don't know what Wilton's times are and we have already mentioned that the difference from the areas are about a ½ mile. We would have to invite Wilton, so we don't know that. John Jayco says statistics show Wilton could be at Prestwick Chase in 8 minutes. Ray Otten asks what is that based on. John Jayco says newspaper article and what he read. Mr. Fogarty states the reporter did not cross check her references. An article was published without facts. John Jayco agrees and states he does not have that data in front of him. Ray Otten states we do.

Supervisor Pemrick states a gentleman has a question. The person states that in 2013 the Town did a study on the service. The study said accepted national standard for first responders is 4-5 minutes, 8-10 minutes for a paramedic and 10-15 minutes for an ambulance. Can you do that? Ray Otten states March 12th, 2020 Continued

10 – 15 minutes? The gentleman states no. National standard is 4-5 minutes for first responder. Chief Davis states that is the Fire Department and yes. The gentleman continues 8-10 minutes for a paramedic. Chief Davis states they have two firehouses that cover Prestwick Chase, Greenfield Center and Route 9 Maple Ave. When there is a call at Prestwick Chase both of the fly cars are to respond. Plus they have eight chiefs that respond. Prestwick Chase and Denton Road are well covered with first responders. The gentleman asks in 8-10 minutes a paramedic can be onsite. Chief Davis said that happened on the farm and he is not going to argue with (Mr. Jayco). He was there and he left here and was not following the speed limit. Susan Celia asks if first responders have defibrillators on them. Chief Davis states they do, every one of the Chiefs vehicles have one. She asks if there is room at the firehouse to house an ambulance? Chief Davis states yes and they have. Especially during snow storms when the roads are bad. These two companies have put ambulances in the firehouse. Ms. Celia asks if Greenfield reports to the mall for calls? Chief Davis states yes but not for ambulance. The gentleman asks so the ambulance can be there in 10-15 minutes. Ray Otten states yes we can do that. His Board president is here, Bob Prunier, and they are in the process of building a new station in the Town of Milton. There's a lot of construction and they are building a lot of senior housing. Community EMS is responding to that by purchasing land to move closer to their call center. A gentleman states they are to impress on you there is 200 people at Prestwick Chase that could need your service, whether it is cardiac or a fall. You read in the newspaper something that happened nobody knows if that is true or what happened exactly but it stirs our confidence. Ray Otten responds that is why they are here. Matt Fogarty states there are fail safes in place to insure your concern for the two hundred residents and any given medical emergency will be given will be alerted to and there will be a unit responding within 3 minutes. Community EMS out of Ballston Spa have two ambulances, if they are out on other calls and a call goes out for Prestwick Chase, the County has a failsafe in place. At 3 minutes they will automatically turn that call over. We used to have a Mutual Aid plan, now they identify the closest base station. So at 3 minutes the CAD system will plot the 911 medical emergency, at 3 minutes will identify the closest unit to the site of the emergency. Chief Davis states on the Fire Dept. side, if it's a priority 1 call and the Fire Dept is responding and they think they need help they will call Saratoga Springs who will send an engine company with 4 paramedics. Matt Fogarty states the closest station to Prestwick Chase is Saratoga Springs. They gentleman states they are not questioning their abilities or the willingness to help people they are concerned with response times. Matt Fogarty states they are meeting those response times. Supervisor Pemrick states they are trying to provide information that will help to gain confidence. This was affected by an article they cannot substantiate.

Paul Bouchard states everyone is talking 200 residents. There is a PUD pending that will double that if not more. There could be another 200 or 300 people that has to be taken in consideration. Supervisor Pemrick states that is a good question and asks how do you respond to that when there is an unique situation that has developed that calls into question a changing need. Matt Fogarty that was an earlier comment, we don't look at our data. We look at our data every day and we determine what our staffing needs are. We look at peak call volume times, dispatch priorities, we look at emergencies. We look across the board what calls are dispatched, where we're going, what time we are going and we staff accordingly to that. There may be an environment that between certain times we will add an extra crew on. Supervisor Pemrick asks that's what EMS does what about the County EMS advisory. Matt Fogarty states they are there to support each individual agency and that's a part of the mutual aid agreement. In our County all agencies sign to agree to the Mutual Aid plan. If the population at Prestwick Chase doubles and our call volume increases all agencies would have Mutual Aid to support the call. Ray Otten states what do you do when the call volume goes up, we hire more people.

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Susan Celia asks if they are hiring now on the website. Ray Otten sates they are continually hiring new people. He gets applications every day. They have standards that they set, they don't hire just anybody. As a side note, it was mentioned to put one crew in a firehouse, one crew for one year just the salaries at \$20 per hour which is not a lot of money, is \$360,000 it's not a cheap proposition. We will do what we need to. Supervisor Pemrick states that the Town Board along with assistance from those here tonight have started a discussion for the future growth on Denton Road. They have contacted a local representative and she is assessing any kinds of funds that may be available that could help communities stay an ambulance or add a service. Supervisor Pemrick states Mr. Capasso has contacted Assemblywoman Walsh to look for available funds. Capasso, C. states sometime in the near future they will sit down and work towards the goal of getting something in Greenfield. It may be a couple years down the road. Progress is being made and hopes they are gaining more confidence about these two companies that provide service to you. In addition you could take a message to Prestwick Chase that we would be more than happy to spend a couple of hours at Prestwick at some point with equipment to meet people and answer questions so that you have more confidence in their abilities. He points out that again the damage that an inaccurate story can cause within a community can cause is disheartening.

Tabitha Orthwein thanks the professionals who took time out to come here and expose yourself to others, residents of Prestwick Chase who showed up to talk about it to discuss and learn. When she asked for this to be put on the agenda for discussion this is what she hoped for because we need knowledge and understanding and cooperation to figure out what it is that allows public safety to be the best that it can be for our community. After hearing about multiple significantly delayed ambulance response times in the southeastern district of Greenfield, she started doing research talking with industry professionals, multiple EMS service representatives, school district administrators and Greenfield citizens. It makes her feel the collective service in the southeast district is not adequate. She wants the Town to do immediate research to verify or disprove that, the data that needs to do that is not readily available through web searches etc. From 2014-2019 the Town decided to have 3 service contracts to service the territory that we cover. The southeast district in addition to Prestwick Chase has the Skidmore Baseball Fields, Skidmore Stables, Stewarts Plant, Maple Ave. Middle School. If we have a need at Maple Ave. Middle School that is the farthest section from Community EMS who is doing its best to provide service, that's a long way. There is a student who OD'd, overdosed in the last month, who had a seizure and whose heart may have or may not have stopped at some point that is part of the rumor, if that kid had to wait 19 minutes for someone to get across Town on a bad day the outcome might have been different. Saratoga Springs Fire Dept would have been a fabulous solution, but she thinks that was a late entry, they couldn't make it happen. She has heard from multiple sources enough rumblings to know there has to be some truth to it, there is dissention amongst the ranks of emergency professionals, she doesn't know between who, how and why, but between Fire Departments and various EMS departments about how this should be done and who should service who, lots of people feel like Wilton doesn't play nice. I have heard that from 3 or 4 different places and if personalities and personal issues are playing into this it needs to be put to bed. She usually dismisses this type of thing but she has heard it from multiple sources unsolicited. She wants a couple of things. She thinks that the Town Board looking into this data is an urgent issue, she feels we need to secure supplemental service to the southeastern district before the end of the year. She wants made available on the website the maps that delineates who covers what area. They are on file with the County, but she is not able to find the map.

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She has come to learn that quarterly reports are required to be filed with somebody in this building, that is call volume and response times. We need to be able to find that information and not hear it from sources that may not be accurate. She would like to see the Town Board form a new ambulance council.

The gentleman from Prestwick Chase states that residents from Prestwick Chase did not choose Greenfield, they chose Prestwick Chase because it is a beautiful place to live. There a lot of feelings and they are not confident and it is the Town Board's responsibility to address that. With due respect to the EMS, they have a vested interest, they will tell us what we want to hear. The Board's job is to sort it out and to make them feel confident that have the support they need. Supervisor Pemrick thanks him for his opinions, however he takes exception to the fact they will tell us what we want to hear. They are qualified professionals dedicated to caring for others. They have data and they are going to give you their best. We are very proud and very pleased with the service that they provide. Tabitha brings up some good points. There is nothing wrong with evaluating a situation. The data is here at hand and we Are pleased to provide and show that to anybody who would like to have it. We would like to spend some time at Prestwick Chase so you can see the service they provide.

Ray Otten addresses the School concern. They recently had one call at the School and it was a 19 minute response time. Discussion takes place on response time and distance of the school. Mr. Otten said the call was a kid behaving badly. There were four Sherriffs on the scene, there was a nurse on the scene, the mother was on the scene. That child was not in any danger where the child had to be transported quickly. Our crew will be called because it is in our district. Our crews have been instructed to immediately call and make sure Saratoga or Wilton is on the way, it's mutual aid at that point, we are not waiting 3 minutes. They realize it's about the patient not the service. You look at me like you don't believe me. Tabitha Orthwein states she's telling you that the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools are not knowledgeable in this situation. Mr. Otten states they are having a meeting at the school. Supervisor Pemrick states they are meeting with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Monday morning. Susan Celia, states theoretically Maple Ave Fire Dept is a quarter mile from the school and the hospital is a mile. Chief Davis states the Fire Department does not get dispatched for an Alpha call and that was an Alpha call, a non-priority call. But if that was like at the High School where there was an overdose then they can respond, they can administer Narcan, we can do CPR. They can do everything that paramedics can do and would do until paramedics get there. Chief Davis explains they are trained if the scene is not safe whether they are 8 years old or eighty years old if they are combative they cannot enter that scene. They stage until it is deemed safe. Karen Fine, asks about funds to help. Capasso, C states this is the initial beginnings. Mr. Fogarty and himself will meet with State officials to see what is available down the road. They are trying to get something for Greenfield. Karen Fine understands that the wheels of progress are slow. What can we do to speed up this process? She would like to help we all want the best. A gentleman in the front row states we all have one thing in common in this room, we want the best EMS service. We all need to work together and not be adversarial, we don't need to fight or argue amongst each other. We need to have the Board see what's best for the community by listening to the people as you have done today. We have a lot of different people who have a lot of different ideas lot of good will by people serving the community and we to all work together to make this the best thing for Greenfield, Prestwick Chase, Denton Road and all the places around here. We all need to work together. Susan Celia, asks how long the contracts are for. Supervisor Pemrick states they are annual. Ms. Celia asks when do you start to review them, Supervisor Pemrick states early October. She asks if Wilton was ever brought in to discuss the increase or to negotiate or was it that it take it. Supervisor Pemrick states the first year they came in late with a figure and it took the budget by surprise. They reduced it. The following year there was a figure when they began to negotiate and they came back with a figure that was lower, but was not lower than what

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Saratoga offered us. Do we charge them when we send our fire department to the mall? Supervisor Pemrick states that has nothing to do with us. The figure for this year was \$81,000 almost \$82,000. The question is asked for just the southeast corner? Veitch, C. states \$30,000 higher than the other two services. They have been raising the price and told us that it would continue. Supervisor Pemrick states hence the impedence for this Board to change the paying system we will now be able to look at the data that we collect and the amount of money that comes through the service in the Town of Greenfield. We have the benefit of experts in the field that know the EMS system and the billing system that could provide additional assistance to us when the new billing system that starts in the Town. Supervisor Pemrick states that the invitation to Prestwick Chase is wide open. They have to let us know and we can make it happen. He thanks everyone for coming tonight and our representatives with information that hopefully they found helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Veitch, C. and seconded by Capasso, C. the minutes from February 13th, 2020 were approved by the Board as submitted.

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1-2020- Amending Town Code to Create Alternate Member Positions for the Ethics Board. Karen Fine states that she is new and would like to know what the position is. Supervisor Pemrick states last fall 2 people resigned from the Ethics Board. Town Clerk states it was posted on the website, Public Board at Town Hall and at the Post Office on the public board. Supervisor Pemrick states we had three applicants and interviewed them. At a discussion it came up about the possibility of adding an alternate position, just in the case that an issue may arise that would involve one of the Ethics Board members. This would need to be a law and whenever there is a law or a change of a law there needs to be a Public Hearing. We had the public hearing and we are ready to adopt the Law. Karen Fine asks if the appointments are lifetime appointments. Supervisor Pemrick states no. Johnson, C. states they are alternating three year terms. One position would be re-appointed each year. It's similar to Planning and ZBA Boards. Jim Van Dyk states that because it is a new position maybe the board should post it and have people apply for the alternate. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, states that you are not even required to appoint an alternate. If you adopt this local law you are authorized to appoint an alternate but not required to. Jim Van Dyk asks if it is a single alternate or just one. He was reading it on the website and it was plural. Supervisor Pemrick states that was reviewed and its OK.

RESOLUTION #51-2020 ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1-2020- AMMENDING THE GREENFIELD TOWN CODE TO CREATE ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION FOR THE ETHICS BOARD

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law #1-2020 Amending Greenfield Town Code to create alternate position for the Ethics Board. the Town Board will have the ability to appoint an alternate member to the Ethics Board to be available to substitute for regular members who are unable to participate in review of a matter because of conflict of interest, illness, scheduling conflicts or any other reason so that the functioning of the Ethics board is not delayed by such absences.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION #52-2020 APPROVE 2020 NUTRITION AND TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS

Motion: Vietch, C.

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the 2020 Senior Transportation and Nutrition Agreements with the Saratoga County Office of the Aging in the amount of \$713.00 per quarter and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be allowed to execute the same.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

ACCEPT OPEN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR ANDREW LALLY TAX MAP #126.-1-20.111

Supervisor Pemrick states that Andrew Lally, applied for Open Development in 2018 and we sent it to the Planning Board for their review. It has been some time, there was a bridge involved, but everything has been reviewed and has the go ahead from the Town Engineer and Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #53-2020 ACCEPT OPEN DEVELOPMENT FOR ANDREW LALLY

Motion: Veitch, C

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Open development Plan for Andrew Lally, tax Map ID 126.1-20.111. It has been reviewed by the Planning Board and Charlie Baker the Town Engineer and they recommend this approval.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #54-2020 REAPPOINT KEN TAUB TO ZBA

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby reappoints Kenneth Taub to the ZBA with said tem to expire February 26th, 2025.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

RESOLUTION #55-2020 SET DATES FOR TOWNWIDE CLEANUP

Motion: Capasso, C

Seconded: Johnson, C

RESOLVED, that the Town will hold the Annual Spring Cleanup April 17th, through April 19th 2020, from the hours of 7AM to 3PM for Town Residents with the Town ID card. Absolutely No tires or construction debris will be accepted.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey

Noes: None

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Monthly reports were submitted by Town Clerk, Highway Dept. and Town Justices

RESOLUTION #56-2020 GENERAL BILLS

Motion: Veitch, C
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the General Bills from # 158 – 171 in the amount of \$54,560.45 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey
Noes: None

RESOLUTION #57-2020 HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion: Johnson, C.
Seconded: Stacey

RESOLVED, That the Highway bills from # 42- 69 in the amount of \$113,481.18 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey
Noes: None

RESOLUTION #58-2020 PARKS BILLS

Motion: Stacey, C.
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Parks Bills from # 12-13 in the amount of \$408.34 be paid.
VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch, Stacey
Noes: None

On a motion by Capasso, C and seconded by Stacey the meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Town Clerk

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