

December 21st, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Town Board was held on Monday, December 21st, 2015 at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Paul Lunde, Supervisor, Daniel Pemrick, Daniel Cochran and Walter E. Chandler, Councilman.

Emergency Services Agreements - Supervisor Lunde provided the Board members with information regarding the number of calls to date for each provider. So far this year Wilton has had 179 calls; Corinth 107 and Community 74. Based on what the trend has been he estimated the total number of calls for each provider by the end of the year. He then divided the total calls into the fee that the Town pays to each provider to determine the cost per call. Supervisor Lunde added that based on the formula that Wilton uses, the cost to the Town for 2016 would be \$60,280. He stated that he noticed that the Board had passed a resolution at the last meeting where Wilton would be paid \$58,000 for 2016 and that would have to be changed. The total cost to the Town for the 3 providers would be \$160,280. Supervisor Lunde stated that if the Board decided to make the change for 2016 and only have the 2 providers, then Wilton would go up to \$90,267 and Corinth would remain \$50,000 for a total of \$140,267. The Town would see a savings of \$20,000 or approximately 3 cents per thousand on taxes. Supervisor Lunde did not feel that if the Town made the change that there would be any substantial change in service to the Town. Cochran, C. asked if Saratoga was going to be in the picture. Supervisor Lunde stated that they may be next year but they were not at this time. He added that according to the contract the providers would have to give the Town 60 days notice in order to end their agreement, however the Town could make a change at any time. He also stated that even though the Town has its own Municon, they can give it up at any time. There is nothing that says the Town has to have an ambulance service. Chandler, C. stated that the decision cannot be just dollars and cents. There are times when General Schuyler has to come from Schuylerville to cover for Wilton. He stated that he was on the committee and they reviewed all this stuff. The total cost to run an ambulance was \$600,000 per year per ambulance. Supervisor Lunde stated that he understood all that but that it was not the Town's problem. The Town was just using their service. Chandler, C. disagreed and stated that if the provider comes into Town and only has 74 calls, they are going to have to contract with someone else. Chandler, C. questioned where the Town was going to get ambulance service if they did not buy their own. Chandler, C. stated that in order for the Town to get a Municipal Certificate of Need the Health Dept. needed to know where the service was coming from. Supervisor Lunde stated that the Municon has already been approved. Chandler, C. believed that the approval was received because of the fact that the Town is going to have service from the south, north and east. By dividing the Town into three, each of the providers was able to pick up a portion of the Town without having to purchase a new ambulance and it actually kept the cost competitive. They were all in agreement that it was all about providing the best service for the patient. Supervisor Lunde stated that it was also about the taxpayers of the Town. He felt that this was no different then going out to bid for anything else. Chandler, C. disagreed and stated that this was a whole different thing with the Dept. of Health involved. Supervisor Lunde stated that the Town has their CON and can do what we want. Community refuses to lower their price. Pemrick, C. felt that the point that Chandler, C. was trying to make was that it was very important for the Town to keep 3 providers involved in servicing the Town because it would allow flexibility and the ability to negotiate with 3 different people which in the long term would be the best interest to the Town. Chandler, C. stated that the ambulances that we currently have can barely service us partially due to the fact that the Town has such a small number of calls. Cochran, C. stated that he did not believe that the Town should make any changes to the coverage at this time. Supervisor Lunde stated that the gentlemen from Community is not willing to negotiate. He added that he would contact the County and let them know that there will be no changes in coverage for the Town for next year.

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RESOLUTION # 160 - Approve Emergency Services Agreements

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Lunde, Supervisor

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby approves the Emergency Services Agreements for 2016 as follows:

Wilton Emergency Squad	\$ 60,280.
Town of Corinth (Jessup's Landing)	50,000.
Community Emergency Corps	50,000.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 161 - Rescind Resolution # 150

Motion: Lunde, Supervisor

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution # 150 from the December 10th, 2015 meeting.

VOTE: Ayes: Lunde, Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Supervisor Lunde stated that he believed that in the future this was the way to look at the cost on a per call basis. He added that the providers are getting an average of \$500 to \$600 more per call from insurance. These are the kind of things that the Town needs to do to find savings. Pemrick, C. agreed but added that this type of discussion needs to take place in Sept. or Oct. before budget time.

Saratoga Polo - Supervisor Lunde stated that he received a call from Polo and they are interested in connecting to the County Water System. They would also like to make some revisions to the PUD. Supervisor Lunde felt that the project would be very good for the Town tax base and at very little cost to the Town.

On motion of Cochran, C. and seconded by Pemrick, C., the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Town Clerk