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The End of the Year Meeting of the Town Board was held on Friday, December 27th, 2013 at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Richard Rowland, Supervisor; Daniel Pemrick, Thomas Kinsella, Daniel Cochran and Walter E. Chandler, Councilman. Also present was Highway Supt. Walter Barss and Paul Lunde, Supervisor Elect.

EMS Billing Policy - Kinsella, C. stated that the Board members were given a copy of a proposed billing policy which they needed to adopt. The policy allows for the billing service to bill the patient up to four times and if the individual is still not able to pay, the Town may be able to provide relief. Kinsella, C. stated that there are instances where the insurance company pays the individual directly and the individual never forwards the money to the billing company. In those cases, the billing service would be allowed to go to a collection agency to try and recover those funds. Kinsella, C. noted that the ambulance services try to determine their fees taking this into consideration. They estimate the number of calls and determine their costs. They know how much they receive back from insurance and that they are not going to collect on all of the calls. The amount they bill the Town is an estimate of what they feel the remaining costs are. Cochran, C. asked if someone was given a waiver of payment what the cost would be to the Town. Kinsella, C. stated that the Town would not have to send any money to the billing company or ambulance service. Pemrick, C. asked if there was any idea as to the percentage of individuals who were not able to pay for services. Kinsella, C. stated that he had not asked that question. Cochran, C. asked if it would be the Supervisor who would review this information or would the Board get together and look over the information to make a determination. Kinsella, C. did not feel that the Board would want to review this at a public meeting. Paul Lunde stated that he was thinking of creating an ambulance committee and they would be able to review the requests for waiving of payment. Supervisor Rowland stated that his only concern would be regarding privacy and the fear that too much information would be made public. Kinsella, C. agreed that the information should not be public. However, he felt that the Board should have a set of standards to show that the Board has been consistent and has not shown favoritism to people. Cochran, C. stated that he was all in favor of establishing committees', however he would caution having a committee of citizens in Town making those types of monetary decisions. Mr. Lunde stated that the committee would only make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Lunde added that his only concern regarding the proposed policy was that each company does things a little different and he felt that you almost have to pick which company you are going to enter an agreement with before you set a policy. Kinsella, C. stated that the company that he would recommend has indicated that they would establish their process based on the policy that is adopted by the Town Board. Pemrick, C. stated that there is a statement that if the individual is unable to make payments, the billing service can inform the patient that they may apply to the Town for consideration of relief from payment. Pemrick, C. asked if there was any type of form that could be included in the last mailing to the patient that they could fill out and submit if they wish to claim hardship. Kinsella, C. stated that he could put together a form. Supervisor Rowland asked if Town Counsel had reviewed the proposed policy. Kinsella, C. believed that he sent it to him. He noted that this did not have to be approved this evening, however the Board needed to award the contract. Further discussion regarding the billing policy will be held at the January 2nd Organizational Meeting.

EMS Billing Service Agreement - Kinsella, C. stated that he would recommend that the Board contract with Multimed Billing Service. They do business in many areas all around us. Both Corinth and Community use this service. Multimed takes their fee out of the money that is collected. The remainder of the money is sent to the ambulance services. Kinsella, C. stated that they were a little more expensive than the other proposal, however he felt that it was a better proposal. The references were very happy with them. Supervisor Rowland felt that their proposal was very comprehensive

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RESOLUTION # 184 - Approve EMS Billing Agreement with Multimed Billing Services

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby approves the EMS Billing Agreement with Multimed Billing Services and that the wording of the agreement shall be subject to the approval of Town Counsel.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Kinsella, C. stated that the application for Municon has been submitted. He has been told that it takes 10 to 15 business days for them to act on it so that should be sometime the week of January 6th. They will have to come up and do an inspection of the ambulances so there will have to be one Wilton Ambulance and one Corinth Ambulance for them to inspect. Kinsella, C. added that he had a couple of policies that he has to write because the State is going to want to look at the policy manual. He will send them to the Board. One will be the billing policy and the other will simply state that Corinth and Wilton will operate from their normal policies. Pemrick, C. asked what happens as of January 1st. Kinsella, C. stated that the Town will be covered by mutual aid until the Municon is in place. He met with the Sheriff's Department and provided them with a map. He also went to Emergency Services and gave them the information on how the Town was going to be divided into three sections. Starting January 1st, the 911 calls are going to show up to the ambulance. He was not sure how the State was going to react since the Municon was not in place yet. Pemrick, C. asked if the Town had to request mutual aid. Kinsella, C. believed that it would automatically switch over the mutual aid, however he would confirm that with the Sheriff's Department. Kinsella, C. stated that at this time the Town could only apply for Basic Service. Once that is approved, then the Town will have to apply to REMO to get Advanced Life Support certification. Cochran, C. stated that he would help with that.

Lake Desolation Base Flood Elevation - Supervisor Rowland stated that there had been a request submitted to establish the Base Flood Elevation for Lake Desolation. The Town Engineer has reviewed and has provided his recommendation to the Town Board. Chandler, C. asked if this was going to affect the residents up there. Kinsella, C. stated that it may help them to obtain reasonable flood insurance. He believed that once this has been established that is what FEMA would use to establish what the flood zones are and the insurance companies can set the rates.

RESOLUTION # 185 – Establish Lake Desolation Base Flood Elevation

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby agrees to establish the Lake Desolation Base Flood Elevation and that the applicant be required to submit the following supporting documentation as suggested by the Town Engineer:

- 1) A field survey to verify the water level of Lake Desolation, and the inverts, top of pipe and centerline road elevation of the outlet pipes.
- 2) The 100 year discharge (128 cfs) for Lake Desolation, indicated by the NYSDEC HEC-2 analysis should be reviewed and verified.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION # 186 – Set Highway Rates & Wages for 2014

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the full time Highway Employees are to be paid bi-weekly during 2014 as follows:

For All Machine Equipment Operators \$ 23.17 per hour

For Highway Foreman \$ 24.03 per hour

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, That benefits for all full time hourly highway employees be as adopted in the benefit package,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, That the rate for part time seasonal highway employees be set at \$13.57 per hour with no benefits.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Kinsella, C. asked if there was any value in having a scaled range. Some employees may have more experience or may be more effective than others. Highway Supt. Barss stated that some Towns have tried that and have found it to be a real issue. Supervisor Rowland stated that incentive pay, etc. at the County has been a real bone of contention.

RESOLUTION # 187 - Budget Amendments & Transfer

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the Budget Amendments, Transfer of Funds and Encumbrance of Funds:

Amend Highway Budget as follows:

\$26,322.28	from	DA0599	to	DA5110.4
41,794.63	from	DA0599	to	DA5142.4
1,064.70	from	DA0599	to	DA5130.4
6,851.40	from	DA0599	to	DA5142.1
12,658.67	from	DA0599	to	DA9060.8

Budget Transfers as follows:

\$ 141.12	from	A1110.2	to	A1110.1
4,929.70	from	A1990.4	to	A7140.4
4,447.23	from	A1990.4	to	A5132.4
1,095.00	from	A1355.1	to	A1355.4
372.20	from	A1220.2	to	A1220.4
1,213.27	from	A1220.1	to	A7310.4
2,310.00	from	A1220.1	to	A1440.4
44.04	from	A8160.45	to	A8160.4
328.53	from	A5010.1	to	A5010.4
137.06	from	A8810.4	to	A7510.4
154.28	from	A7020.4	to	A6772.4
185.13	from	A1620.4	to	A1420.4
52.00	from	A3510.2	to	A3510.1
5,274.00	from	A4010.1	to	A9060.8
3,193.50	from	A8015.4	to	A9060.8
3,671.88	from	A1990.4	to	A9060.8
3,216.23	from	A1990.4	to	A7140.1

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365.40	from	A19990.4	to	A8010.1
408.58	from	A1990.4	to	A8020.1
653.50	from	DA9040.8	to	DA9070.8
887.61	from	DA9040.8	to	DA5130.4
642.31	from	DA9055.8	to	DA5130.4
475.00	from	DA5140.45	to	DA5130.4
116.86	from	CR7110.46	to	CR7180.4
837.27	from	CR7110.46	to	CR7180.43
422.95	from	CR7020.1	to	CR7110.47
332.61	from	CR7020.1	to	CR1375.4
105.93	from	A1990.4	to	A9060.8

Encumber Funds as follows:

Somerset Trust - \$105.93 from A8015.4

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 188 - General Bills

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That General Bills # 680 to # 709 in the amount of \$30,823.30 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 189 - Highway Bills

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That Highway Bills # 278 to # 295 in the amount of \$79,083.36 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 190 - Parks Bills

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That Park Bills # 301 to # 303 in the amount of \$1,420.71 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

On motion of Supervisor Rowland and seconded by Pemrick, C., the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Town Clerk