

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2010 Johnsburg Fire Protection Contracts for the Johnsburg Fire Protection District held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 6:00pm, at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, N.Y.

The Public Hearing on the Johnsburg Fire Protection Contracts for the Johnsburg Fire Protection District was called to order at 6:03pm. by Supv. Goodspeed.

The Town Clerk read the legal notice as it appeared in the North Creek News – Enterprise on October 31, 2009.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Sterling Goodspeed; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Arnold Stevens, and Ronald Vanselow; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

Guests: On attached list.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the fire committee (Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Morehouse) had met with the fire chiefs and asked that a member of that committee report on the discussions. Mr. Morehouse explained that the Fire Committee had met with all the fire companies and explained that the planned budget contains no increase over 2009. There is a need for new high band radios by 2012 as the change will render many fire company radios obsolete; also most fire companies need new turnout gear. In addition, oil for heating fire houses may increase and put added pressure on fire company budgets. Mr. Morehouse added that the Town Board was trying to keep the local tax rate at zero.

Supv. Goodspeed explained that there would be a 0% increase over the 2009 budget. Supv. Goodspeed asked about the cost of turnout gear; North River Fire Chief John Donohue said that his company tries to order one or two sets per year at a cost of \$1600.00 each; it is a constant expense. Chief Donohue added that turnout gear needs to be replaced every ten years; new members get hand-me-down equipment. Wevertown Fire Company Chief Jarret Brown said that he had just got a quote of two sets of turnout gear for \$2700.00. North River Chief Donohue said that in 2012 their pagers will also become obsolete and the North River Company will probably need ten; if purchased in a bulk order with Warren County the cost is expected to be \$240.00 each. Chief Donohue added that many expenses are generated by federal and state regulations.

Supv. Goodspeed said that he hopes to have some funds, a few thousand dollars, to make available this upcoming year. Supv. Goodspeed added that he expected this amount to be about nine or ten thousand dollars, to be divided amongst the fire companies, for use expressly in purchasing turnout gear or radios.

Supv. Goodspeed said that the Town Board appreciates the service of the fire companies; he asked if there were any additional comments from either the Town Board or the public; hearing none he asked that the Public Hearing be adjourned.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Mr. Morehouse at 6:18pm. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0 The Public Hearing was closed at 6:18pm.

Prepared by William E. Rawson, Town Clerk