

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on December 27, 2016 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York for purpose of hearing all interested persons for or against the proposed contract with the Moreau Emergency Squad.

The Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 p.m.

Town Board Members Present:

Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gardner Congdon	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
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Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Malcolm O’Hara, Attorney for the Town; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent; Elizabeth Lanfear, Supervisor’s Confidential Secretary; Rudy Klick, Special Project Aide; Pete Corlew, Recreation Maintenance Director; Moreau Emergency Squad Members: Ron Quinn, Jr. and Steven VanGuilder; South Glens Falls Fire Company Members: Wayne Palmer and Mike Shaver; Reed Antis, Town Resident and Planning Board Member; Town Residents: Brian & Deb Abare, John Smith, Nicholas Quinn, Dan Crossman, Rich Morris, Jim Rando, Terry Clark; Village Residents: Brigid Martin, Rochelle Ryerson and Charlie Granger; April and Brian O’Hearn, Hudson Falls.

The following Notice of Public Hearing appeared as a legal ad in the legal ad section of the Post Star Newspaper as follows:

TOWN OF MOREAU

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 184 of the Town Law and Section 122-b of the General Municipal Law, that the Town Board of the Town of Moreau shall conduct a Public Hearing at the Moreau Town Hall, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York on December 27, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed contract between the Town of Moreau and the Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. Under the proposed agreement, the Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. will furnish emergency and general ambulance service within the Town during calendar year 2017. The funds to be paid by the Town of Moreau to the Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. for these services is **TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE and 00/100 Dollars (\$226,485.00)**. In addition, the Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc., on behalf of the Town, will charge and collect fees, established by the Town Board for ambulance services in the Town. The Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. will be solely responsible for billing and collection of the fees. The fees, as property of the Town of Moreau, will be deposited into the general fund of the Town of Moreau and, periodically, an equivalent amount of said fees deposited will be returned by the Town of Moreau to the Emergency Squad for additional compensation for providing ambulance services in the Town of Moreau. A copy of the proposed contract is available at the office of the Moreau Town Clerk located at the Moreau Town Hall.
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Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk
Town of Moreau

Reed Antis asked if the Town Board received the Moreau Emergency Squads 990 form for 2015. He stated that the last one available on the website is from 2014. He stated that it would give the Board better information on their spending. Steve VanGuilder stated that the Town Board has seen the audit but that he didn’t know about the 990. He stated that it didn’t come from himself. Mr. Antis recommended that all members of the Town Board see the 990, which is public.

Mr. Antis asked if the Board is working with 911 to see how many squads are on call. He stated that the Squad is supposed to let 911 know who’s available. Councilwoman LeClair stated that it was requested years ago and they were told it had to be requested by the Supervisor. Mr. Antis asked the Supervisor if he would request the information. Councilwoman LeClair stated that if an emergency squad doesn’t correctly

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let 911 system know how many ambulances are available and they get toned out, there would be a wait time. She stated that they're toned out twice before the call is given to mutual aide. If the 911 system knows that there is only one squad available, they would automatically tone out to the next available agency. Steve VanGuilder stated that when they get activated, there's an initial activation which shows how many ambulances they have, which is 4. The first two of the emergency response vehicles are staffed either with paid or volunteer. He explained how the procedure works and also stated that less than 1% of their calls go to mutual aide. Mr. VanGuilder stated that if there is no response after 3 minutes, they get toned out a second time and if no response after 5 minutes, mutual aid gets called. Mr. VanGuilder stated that they don't report anything to 911. Councilwoman LeClair asked how they would know how many ambulances are available and Mr. VanGuilder replied that they know they have 4 ambulances and that they're staffed with either paid or volunteer.

The Supervisor asked Mr. VanGuilder to supply the Town with the 990 report. Mr. VanGuilder stated that he would contact Jeff Beecher and get a copy for the Town. Mr. VanGuilder stated that he hates these problems and that every year its constant. Councilman Kusnierz stated that he has never been denied any information that he's requested from the Moreau Emergency Squad. Councilman Kusnierz also commented that less than 1% for mutual aid is an exceptionally low number. He knows of other municipalities that have to wait 30-40 minutes for the same level of care. He stated that he's very happy with the exceptional service of the Emergency Squad.

The Public Hearing remained open through the South Glens Falls Fire Company Public Hearing, which started at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk