

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on January 5, 2012 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of hearing interested persons for or against the 2012 contract proposed between the Town of Moreau and the South Glens Falls Fire Company.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the Public Hearing on the proposed South Glens Falls Fire Company contract for the Year 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
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Also Present: Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Malcolm O'Hara, Attorney for the Town; Omar Aquije, Post Star Reporter; and the following members of the South Glens Falls Fire Co., Moreau Emergency Squad and/or the general public: Marylou Simmons, Betty Wimette, Nick Smith, Ron Quinn, Jr., Joshua Jacobs, Tressa Jackson, Mike Howard, Angela Howard, R. Oddey, Helen M. Glen, Garth Baker, Rusty Baker, Tim Pease, Pete Corlew, Jean-Pierre Delvaux, Huguette Delvaux, Don Ranck, Joe Bovey, John Bonn, Brian Abare, Ed Tracey, Ed Robbins, Donna Prout, Bobbi Spaulding, John Blanchard Jr., Adele Kurtz, Andre Delvaux, Steve VanGuilder and Danny Shannon

The Town Clerk read aloud the following Notice of Public Hearing that appeared in the legal ad section of the Glens Falls Post Star Newspaper on December 29, 2011:

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, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York on January 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed contract between the Town of Moreau, the South Glens Falls Fire Co., Inc. and the Village of South Glens Falls. Under the agreement, the South Glens Falls Fire Co., Inc. will furnish fire protection services within the Town during calendar years 2012. The funds to be paid by the Town of Moreau to the South Glens Falls Fire Co., Inc. for these services are FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$430,700.00). A copy of the proposed contract is available at the office of the Moreau Town Clerk located at the Moreau Town Hall.

Jeanne M. Fleury, Town Clerk
Town of Moreau

Supervisor Jenkins asked that everyone present turn off or put on vibrate any and all electronic communication devices.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that people wishing to speak would have five minutes each and after everyone had a chance to speak then anyone wishing to speak again would be given another five minutes to do so.

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He also said that there would be no communication exchanges between members of the public and all comments were to be directed to the board.

Councilman Kusnierz thought that the board had to make a policy by resolution that would limit public comments to 5 minutes each and Attorney O'Hara opined that a resolution was not necessary it is just a parliamentary procedure.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Supervisor Jenkins to give an overview of what the board did with the contract and how it relates to the 2011 contract and any changes proposed.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the proposed contract is very similar to the 2011 contract with the exception that the proposed contract is for a one year period and the previous contract was for a three year period. The proposed contract is for a one year period due to the financial conditions of the Town and the Country and the Town Board doesn't want to make any long term commitments at this point. There was a 2% increase in the amount going to the Fire Company. They had requested 4%. Under the tax cap the 2% was all we gave out this year. There is one restriction in the contract and that is that \$30,000 has to go into a restricted fund towards the purchase of a new vehicle in the future.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Adele Kurtz asked if the Fire Company requested funds in their budget to purchase a new truck and Supervisor Jenkins replied yes.

Brian Abare replied no. He said that it was agreed to years ago in the contract.

Supervisor Jenkins said the \$30,000 is what the Fire Company puts into the restricted fund each year.

Adele Kurtz said it is not new to the contract then?

Brian Abare replied no.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

There was no response.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk

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