

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, December 27, 2012 at 7:27 p.m. at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, NY.

PRESENT: Patricia Southworth ----- Supervisor
Timothy Szczepaniak ----- Councilman
Kelly Stewart ----- Councilwoman
Carol Shemo ----- Clerk
Murry Brower ----- Counsel

ABSENT: Mary Beth Hynes ----- Councilwoman
William Goslin ----- Councilman

Supervisor Southworth opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the legal ad for the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing was regarding the contract for Fire Protection Services to be provided by the Round Lake Fire Hose Company for the year 2013 and thereafter for two years in accordance with Town Law § 184(2).

Ms. Bashant asked about the fire department contract.

Supervisor Southworth stated that the fire protection districts were set up years ago. The Town has a contract with the Village of Round Lake to provide fire protection service to the Town and the Town has a contract with the Village of Ballston Spa to provide fire protection service in the North part of Town. The rest of the Town is provided fire protection service by the Ballston Lake Fire Department and the Burnt Hills Fire Department. With this contract, the Town will have a 3 year agreement with the rate set by the average of the other two fire departments, Burnt Hills and Ballston Lake.

Ms. Windels said there was a recent situation where a fire department was putting out a fire and there wasn't an available hydrant. The fire department tapped into water from another Town because it was closer. The homeowner was given a bill from this neighboring town for the water that was used by the department. Later, the neighboring Town voted to waive the payment for this bill. Ms. Windels asked if our fire protection contracts address this situation.

Attorney Brower replied that our contracts do not address this situation. If this problem could not be worked out with the municipalities, probably the insurance company would pay for this cost.

Supervisor Southworth said the Town has many sources of water using ponds and farm properties. In addition, we have a very good relationship with the Villages and she believes we would be able to work through this problem.

No one else wished to speak, so the public hearing was closed by 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk