

Town of Greenville
PUBLIC HEARING RE: RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACT
November 9th, 2022 6:45pm

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on November 9th, 2022 at 6:45pm at Pioneer Hall regarding the contract renewal of Greenville Rescue Squad Inc.

Four members of the Board were present, Councilman Richards was absent. Fran Sickles, Ted Nugent and Cliff Powell Sr. were present to represent Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. Water Superintendent Leroy Bear, Deputy Water Superintendent Renee Hamilton, CEO Mark Overbaugh, and Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley were present, as well as, 3 other guests.

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Catskill Daily Mail, on October 29th, 2022.

Supervisor Macko opened the Public Hearing to approve the contract with the Town and Greenville Rescue Squad Inc with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:45pm.

Supervisor Macko gave a brief overview of the proposed contract emphasizing that staffing issues and inflation have been affecting all businesses. The contract is for five years and including County EMS would be a 35.08123% increase. The contract states that the Town will put up a building for Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. to utilize—location to be determined. Doing this would save Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. a significant amount of money every year in utilities, mortgage, etc. After the new quarters are built the contract will be renegotiated to reflect these changes and new rates. Supervisor Macko also mentioned that there is a taskforce at the County that has been working on creating a county-wide ambulance service. The new building would be able to accommodate these potential changes as well.

Questions/Comments/Concerns From the public:

What is the price tag on the new building? Supervisor Macko responded that there was not a price tag yet as they have not reached out for quotes yet. There was discussion regarding the increase in interest rates and how this would inevitably affect the bottom line.

What is the timeframe on the new building? Supervisor Macko responded that there isn't a definite timeframe yet as no design has been drawn up and the property that the building will be put on has not yet been designated.

Supervisor Macko called upon the hearing three times for any questions/comments/concerns.

With no further remarks from the public Councilman Bear thanked Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. for sitting and coming up with a new agreement, reiterating that their services are very important to the community. Ted Nugent responded thanking the Board for continuing Greenville Rescue Squad Inc.'s 50 years of service stating they are excited to continue providing service to the community.

There being no further remarks from the public Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to close the Public Hearing. Carried 4 ayes

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Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Von Atzingen to accept the proposed five year contract with the Town of Greenville and Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko suggested that a committee be formed to work with the Town Board and Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. on building plans. Councilman Von Atzingen and Councilman Bensen both volunteered to be part of the Building Committee.

At 6:56pm Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Bensen to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

_____ Supervisor Macko

_____ Councilman Bear

_____ Councilman Bensen

_____ Councilman Von Atzingen