

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Milner called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on November 9, 2010. The purpose of the public hearing was to consider the Fire Protection Contract for the year 2011 and to hear all persons interested in this matter.

Town Board members present were Supervisor John H. Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors and Councilperson Michael Myers. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting and Planning Board member David Strabel.

Visitors present were Cora Schrader, Vesta Teeter, Christine Hunt, Norm Frisch, Andrew and Dora Jones, Tim Bates, Jim Hamlin, Rhett King and Kristina Gabalski from the Suburban News.

Supervisor Milner asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspaper. Notice was read.

Supervisor Milner asked if there were any comments.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel pointed out several problems with the fire budget:

1. Rent has been paid in the past by the ambulance corp. yet does not appear in the 2011 fire budget.
2. The use of third party ambulance profit has been deemed discretionary by the comptroller, yet none is being applied towards the fire budget, even though the village admits that roughly 40% of the third party profit is made from Sweden ambulance calls.
3. There is no prior year roll over although, to date, numbers show probable surplus.
4. There is no credit for roughly \$80,000 in workers compensation refunds.
5. The budget includes \$43,000 for dispatch personnel, although the trustees are planning to cut dispatch services at the end of the year. That's \$18,920 the Town of Sweden shouldn't pay into the budget.

Mrs. Strabel also pointed out several problems with the fire contract:

1. There is no language dealing with surpluses or deficits.
2. There is no language guaranteeing reserve monies will be deposited into legal reserves or the date by which the reserve deposits must be made. The budget requires the Town of Sweden to pay \$69,520 towards reserves in 2011 with no guarantee the monies will be properly reserved. In the past, the village has not established legal reserves and the monies have been used for other purposes.
3. The language requiring the village to supply financial information by a certain date doesn't spell out what will happen if the village does not supply the financial information. In the past, the village has repeatedly failed to supply financial information when requested.

Councilperson Connors agreed with several of Mrs. Strabel's concerns. If the village plans to cut the dispatch service then there should be a reduction in the town's portion. Mrs. Connors was also concerned with the formula for appropriations. It has never been clear.

Resident Rhett King stated he is concerned with the village financial position and the money that is owed to the town residents from prior years. Mr. King also noted that the village cost to residents for ambulance service is higher than other available ambulance services in our area.

Councilperson Carges stated that the fire department is in line with what they have budgeted for and agrees that their costs have gone up. The Town Board needs to know that the town's contribution will definitely go to the fire department. There has been no proof of that in the past.

No other comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk