

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on December 9, 2008. The purpose of the public hearing was to consider the Fire Protection Contract for the year 2009 and hear all persons interested in this matter.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Nat O. Lester, III, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris, and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting and Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine.

Visitors present were Brockport Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut and residents Jim Hamlin, Cora Schrader and Vesta Teeter.

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

Supervisor Lester asked Brockport Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut if he wanted to make any comments. Chief Rombaut stated that many of the increases in the contract amount were due to State and Federal mandates. The department requests the funds to come into compliance with the mandates and required risk assessments.

Supervisor Lester stated the board is concerned with the escrow fund for future expenditures. Currently the Village of Brockport holds the escrow fund. A permissive referendum is required when expenditures take place and only Village of Brockport residents can vote. Mr. Lester proposed that all three municipalities (Village of Brockport, Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson) that contribute funds for fire protection hold escrow accounts for capital expenditures. This would enable residents of all three municipalities to vote on capital expenditures of the fire department, not just Village residents. Councilperson Ferris added that the Town has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and all major capital expenditures should go in front of the residents within the entire fire district for vote.

Supervisor Lester asked if there were any further comments. No comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk