

A Public Hearing was held on December 27, 2012 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed contract between the Town of Moreau, the South Glens Falls Fire Company, Inc. and the Village of South Glens Falls for the South Glens Falls Fire Company to furnish fire protection services within the Town during calendar year 2013.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

**Town Board Members Present**

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

Robert J. Vittengl, Jr. Councilman

**Also Present:** Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Malcolm O'Hara, Attorney for the Town; Madeline Duxbury and Annette Minnick and Ricky Meyers, Town Residents; Reed Antis, Planning Board Alternate Member and Town Resident; Tim Welch from Grant's Cottage; Representatives from the South Glens Falls Fire Company: Keith Dickinson, Fire Chief and Kevin Dickinson, Director

The following Notice of Public Hearing appeared in the legal ad section of the Glens Falls Post Star Newspaper on December 14, 2012:

**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 December 27, 2012 at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed contract between the Town of Moreau, the South Glens Falls Fire Company, Inc. and the Village of South Glens Falls. Under the agreement, the South Glens Falls Fire Company Inc. will furnish fire protection services within the Town during calendar year 2013. The funds to be paid by the Town of Moreau to the South Glens Falls Fire Company, Inc. for these services are FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$439,314.00). A copy of the proposed contract is available at the office of the Moreau Town Clerk located at the Moreau Town Hall.

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Jeanne M. Fleury, Town Clerk  
Town of Moreau

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the proposed contract is the same as the 2012 contract other than the 2% increase in the contract amount, which is \$439,314.00 proposed for 2013.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding the proposed contract.

Fire Chief, Keith Dickinson, asked if the proposed amount of the contract could be increased. He explained how the firemen's gear is outdated and needs to be replaced. They have replaced 17 sets so far. There are 60 +

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members and some of the members are being turned away from state training classes because the gear is not up-to-par.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the budget for the fire company was discussed during budget time and there weren't any members of the fire Company present who could answer questions. He stated that a budget has been adopted. He said that the board could discuss this request at the next meeting on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and he would put it on the agenda. He stated that he would like more information on the cost to replace the gear.

Fire Chief, Keith Dickinson, stated that a set of gear runs around \$1,632.00 and they need about 40 more sets.

Supervisor Jenkins asked Fire Chief, Keith Dickinson, if the fire company had any other funds that they could buy the gear out of and Fire Chief, Keith Dickinson, replied that they could try to find the money, but he would supply the board members with information on the cost to replace the gear.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that the board did discuss this issue at budget time and he had suggested that the board look into trying to meet the needs of the fire company without affecting the tax levy and one possible way to do this would be to use excess sales tax revenue. The board had the Town's legal counsel review this and the Town can't buy the gear outright for the fire company, but it can be done as part of the contract. He said the board needs some numbers to evaluate.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury  
Town Clerk