

The hearings were held in person.

FIRE COMPANY HEARING

At 6:31 PM Supervisor Fish announced the postponement of the Fire Company Public Hearing to February 13. The hearing was left open.

LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024 HEARING

Supervisor Fish opened the Local Law 1 of 2024 hearing to rescind Local Law 4 of 2023 at 6:32 PM. The Supervisor asked for an attendance roll call.

PRESENT:	Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
	Patrick Killian	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor
ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Malcolm O'Hara	Counsel
	Elizabeth Bennett	Confidential Secretary
	Leah Cronin	Sole Assessor
	Anna Labiak	Water Department Clerk
	Chris Abrams	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven VanGuilder (Moreau EMS), Michael Beshara (Moreau EMS), Ronald Quim Jr., Tom Masso, Ann Purdue, Kevin Gallagher, Paula Gallagher, Brandon Hayes, Benjamin Vaillancourt, John Rivers (So. Glens Falls Fire Co.), Dennis Davan, Amy Noonan, Dominic Tom, Reed Antis, Maureen Jackson, Sheila Itzo, Victoria Clark, Paul Itzo, Bob LeClair, Gina LeClair, Bob Ludwig, Kate Ludwig, Marie LeClair, Ray Morris, Helen Morris, a resident of Snowberry Lane, Kevin Ostrander, Dana Charpentier, Cindy Charpentier, Nicole Haddadnia, Ro Padron, Jorge Padron, Alex Portal (Post-Star reporter)

Resolution 33-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, second Councilmember Noonan, to establish the Town of Moreau as the lead agency for Local Law 1 of 2024.

The Supervisor called for a vote by roll call, with the following results:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

Supervisor Fish called for a motion to adjourn at 6:33 PM and then asked for any public comments.

Dominic Tom asked which hearing was being commented on. Supervisor Fish said it was the hearing for Local Law 1 of 2024. The hearing was left open until February 13.

MOREAU EMERGENCY SQUAD CONTRACT HEARING

Supervisor Fish opened the hearing on the Moreau Emergency Squad contract at 6:34 PM with an attendance roll call:

Councilmember Noonan	Present
Councilmember Killian	Present
Councilmember Stewart	Present
Councilmember Donohue	Present
Supervisor Fish	Present

The floor was opened for public comment.

Dominic Tom said he had looked at the provided supporting documents and asked what the major differences, additions, or deletions were between the two contracts. Supervisor Fish responded that the biggest difference is an increase from \$15,000 to \$75,000 which had to do with building expansion at the Squad. Mr. Tom went on to say that both contracts state that the Town has the right to review the EMS annual audit or can conduct its own audit. Councilmember Stewart asked for clarification of the question. Mr. Tom restated asking what Town official is responsible for reviewing it. Councilmember Donohue was identified as the Moreau Emergency Squad Liaison. Mr. Tom asked whether there would be confirmation that the audit had been reviewed. Supervisor Fish said it would be subject to whatever is stipulated in the contract, and confirmed that someone would be responsible for reporting back on the audit.

Mr. Tom then referred to an incident in November where a Queensbury emergency services vehicle was spotted at the Meadowlands in New Jersey at a Jets game. He said there was nothing in the contract stating whether tax dollars go toward the purchase of vehicles. Further he said there is no stipulation barring the use of vehicles for personal business. Councilmember Killian said some discussion is underway in this area. Councilmember Stewart said as the Fire Company liaison, he had not met yet but there may be a clause in the contract. John Rivers, President of the Fire Company added that the Fire Chief does have a policy on vehicle use and Councilmember Stewart, as the Fire Company Liaison, is welcome to review that policy.

Steve VanGuilder, Executive Director of Moreau Emergency Squad introduced himself saying if anyone had any questions, he is available by phone "24/7." He stated that all funds received pay for expenses such as utilities and fuel. The staff are all volunteers. He said he has been pinching pennies waiting for the contract.

The public hearing was left open until January 26. The hearing ended at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Trombley

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Town Clerk