

SPECIAL ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
October 26, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY AND SUPERVISOR WALSH
(ROSENDALE) at 7 PM**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR JAMES QUIGLEY 3rd

Motion to Open the Public Hearing at 7 pm by Town of Rosendale

This Special Meeting has been called for the Purpose of Holding a Public Hearing for the Establishment of a new joint Fire District.

Detailed Explanation Of How The Estimated Rate Of Assessment For The Proposed Fire District Was Computed Pursuant To Town Law § 171(2)(a).

The estimated rate of assessment for the proposed fire district was computed based upon the historical tax levies for the properties that comprise the constituent fire protection districts and that will constitute the properties within the proposed fire district.

The Eddyville Fire Protection District in the Town of Ulster comprises approximately 21% of the total contract area covered by the Bloomington Fire Company, Inc. The Bloomington Fire Protection District in the Town of Rosendale comprises approximately 79% of the total contract area covered by Bloomington Fire Company, Inc.

Prior tax levies in the respective fire protection districts were established by the annual contract amount between the Bloomington Fire Company and the Towns on behalf of the fire protection districts. Historically, the ratio has been constant with approximately one-fifth (20%) of the total tax burden derived from the Eddyville Fire Protection District and four-fifths (80%) derived from the Bloomington Fire Protection District.

For calendar year 2015, the contract amount for fire protection and emergency services within the fire protection districts was as follows:

| Fire Protection District | Bloomington Fire Company Contract Amount | Sponsor's LOSAP Contribution | Total Amount Levied |
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| Eddyville | \$ 72,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 87,000 |
| Bloomington | \$242,842 | \$ 71,000 | \$314,842 |
| TOTALS | \$314,842 | \$ 86,000 | \$401,842 |

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The total amount levied in 2015 for fire protection and emergency services in the two fire protection districts served by Bloomington Fire Company, Inc. was \$401,842. Of the total amount levied, 21.6% was levied upon the Eddyville Fire Protection District and 78.3% was levied upon the Bloomington Fire Protection District.

Based upon the 2014 assessment rolls, the tax rate per thousand of assessed valuation in the Eddyville Fire Protection District in 2015 was 3.817194. Based upon the 2014 assessment rolls, the tax rate per thousand of assessed valuation in the Bloomington Fire Protection District in 2015 was 2.335104.

The projected 2016 amount to be raised by taxes for the proposed fire district will be identical to the combined 2015 fire protection district levies. Based upon the 2015 assessment rolls, the tax rate per thousand of assessed valuation in the Eddyville Fire Protection District will be 3.7710455 in 2016. Based upon the 2015 assessment rolls, the tax rate per thousand of assessed valuation in the Bloomington Fire Protection District will be 2.3431989 in 2016.

The 2016 fire service tax will be levied under the fire protection districts because the proposed fire district could not be established in advance of the deadline for the submittal of 2016 fire district budgets. Fire service taxes will be levied in the same amount as the 2015 tax levy. Tax revenues collected on behalf of the two fire protection districts will be transferred to the fire district once it is established in early 2016. The transfer of fire service tax revenues from the fire protection districts to the fire district will be accomplished pursuant to resolutions, municipal cooperation agreements, and with the consent of the Town of Ulster, Town of Rosendale, and the Bloomington Fire Company, Inc. The transferred revenues will come under the control of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the proposed fire district and may only be used to conduct fire district operations in 2016 and thereafter, going forward. The 2016 tax levy will be the last tax levy for either of the fire protection districts as these taxing jurisdictions will be dissolved when the proposed fire district becomes operational in early 2016.

Comments

Supervisor Quigley-Ulster thanked everyone for coming out, and for the thought and hard work that went into this process. He acknowledged that there are differences of opinions amongst the members as to the benefits to the fire company; and he would like to thank them for their commitment to the Towns.

Supervisor Walsh-Rosendale would also like to thank the members. She stated that this has been on the table for over a year and she thinks both Towns feel it is a good move as it gives the department and district the ability to manage and oversee how the finances are handled.

Comments will be accepted in writing for 30 days to the Town Supervisors of Ulster and Rosendale at their respective offices.

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Motion by Supervisor Walsh to close the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm, except for written comments, 2nd by Supervisor Quigley.

(Roll call by Rosendale Supervisor – carried)

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

CARRIED

(Public Hearing for contract extension between the Bloomington Fire Station and the Town of Rosendale)

Public Hearing – Renewal of Contract with Bloomington Fire Department and Town of Ulster for a one year period.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Town Law § 184 that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday October 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at the Bloomington Fire Station located at 14 Taylor Street Bloomington, N.Y. 12411 to hear all persons interested in the proposed one-year extension of the existing fire protection contract for the year 2016 between the Bloomington Fire Company Inc. and the Town of Ulster for the provision of fire and emergency services within Eddyville Fire Protection District in the same amount and pursuant to the same terms as the existing contract provides for 2015.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing by Councilman Brink at 7:11 PM; 2nd by Councilman Kitchen.

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

CARRIED

Public Comment

Wayne Volk – Route 32 Bloomington asked what was going to happen after 2016, and what is Supervisor Quigley's plan?.

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Supervisor Quigley - Bloomington Fire Company is in the process of forming a fire district which will make it a separate entity with 5 trustees, which will be elected by the public. Supervisor Quigley's plan is to endorse the formation of the fire district so that the Eddyville Fire Protection District becomes a part of the newly formed Fire District.

**Motion to close the Public Hearing by Councilman Morrow at 7:16 PM;
2nd by Councilman Brink**

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

CARRIED

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Bloomington Fire District for Fire Protection Services in the calendar year 2016, on behalf of the Eddyville Fire Protection District in the amount that is currently being paid in 2015 of \$72,000.

MOTION: Councilman Morrow
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion on setting a Halloween Curfew for Children age 16 or less without a parent – 8 PM

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

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Supervisor Walsh and Supervisor Quigley had a short discussion on the percentages of the LOSAP going forward.

Public Comment

None

Councilman Morrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto

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| Town Councilman Brink | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Kitchen | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Morrow | - Aye |
| Town Councilman Secreto | - Aye |
| Supervisor Quigley | - Aye |

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by
Linda McDonough
Ulster Town Clerk