

Minutes of the Town of Willing Special Meeting held at the Willing Town Hall, located at 1431 State Route 19 South, Wellsville New York at 6pm on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Smith, Clerk Buchholz

**GUESTS:** Joseph Niezgoda from WNY Insurance Agency @6pm  
Steve Stout and Rich Ewell from Richardson & Stout Ins. @ 7pm

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wightman at 6:02pm, for the purpose of discussing the Towns Liability Insurance and the upcoming full value assessment.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time Supervisor Wightman gave the floor to Mr. Joseph Niezgoda to share his Liability quotes to the Town Board. Mr. Niezgoda presented a detailed report to each of the board members and highlighted several differences in the policies, he also shared the following:

- Insurance Quote from Scottsdale Insurance Company was significantly less than our current coverage with Selective .
- Insurance Quote from Trident Insurance Company was also less than our Selective Insurance, but more than Scottsdale. Still comparability coverage.
- suggested coverage was lacking in area's on our Selective Insurance Policy
- Scottsdale has written 6 Municipal policies located in Arizona has a rating A+
- Trident has written 7 Municipal policies located in Texas

The board thanked Mr. Niezgoda for his time and will contact him as soon as the board has come to a decision on Insurance carrier. The board then briefly discussed the difference in price quotes and coverage. Per mutual agreement with Mr. Ewell and Mr. Stout from Richardson and Stout Ins. Supervisor Wightman called and requested their presence for opportunity to comment on quotes given by Mr. Niezgoda.

While waiting for Mr. Ewell and Mr. Stout to arrive, Supervisor Wightman offered **Resolution # 7** of 2016- The Full Value Reassessment of all Tax Parcel in the Town of Willing.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wiedemann, board was poled, vote follows: Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye and Smith-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion carried

The Board decided that the Public hearing for the discussion of the Full Value Reassessment would be held on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7pm.

Supervisor Wightman passed out copies of a contract from the SPCA, and asked the board to look this over for further discussion at the regular Town Board meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

At this time Mr. Ewell and Mr. Stout arrived and were given the opportunity to look over quotes offered by Mr. Niezgoda.

They shared the following:

- concern over whether Scottsdale Insurance was an admitted Agency with New York State
- Trident, formerly Titan has been in and out of the Market for sometime
- Cemeteries did not seem to be covered anywhere
- due to lack of knowledge of Selective Insurance forms, many areas where coverage was stated

missing, are actually present in our current policy.

-Scottsdale and Trident are home based in Arizona and Texas respectfully. Each has several layers of brokers. Where Richardson and Stout are direct agents to NYMIR and Selective Insurance.

-Selective rating is A+ , NYMIR rating is A-

-what is the amount of worth of having a hometown agency with an exceptional and timely claims dept.

The Board thanked Mr. Ewell and Mr. Stout for their time.

After more discussion the board decided to eliminate Scottsdale and Trident as Insurance options, they continued to discuss the price cost and coverage per Selective Insurance and NYMIR Insurance.

Councilman Fanton moved to accept the quote from NYMIR Insurance in the amount of \$18,293.00

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wiedemann, board was poled, vote as follows: Councilwoman Roeske-nay, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye  
4 ayes, 1 nay motion carried.

NYMIR to be the Town of Willing's Liability Insurance thru Richardson and Stout Ins. Company.

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the special board meeting, Councilwoman Roeske seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Clerk