

**TOWN OF COVERT
TOWN BOARD YEAR END MEETING
December 27, 2010**

Call to Order: Town Board Year End Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Reynolds at 6:05.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilman Gary Hunt	Absent
	Councilman Stephen Selover	Present
	Councilwoman Valerie Bassett	Present
	Councilman Duane Waid	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Colleen Freese
Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Mac Cheyne
Town Attorney John Sipos
Reporter, Aneta Glover

Petitioners to the Board:

Barbara McCall of South Seneca Ambulance introduced attorney Karen Taddeo, representing South Seneca Ambulance Service, Bill Shipman, representative for Multi-Med Billing Services for South Seneca Ambulance and Lee Hoglan volunteer from South Seneca Ambulance.

There was a lengthy discussion about the contract and billing procedures for the South Seneca Ambulance services and concerning the legal aspects of the contract and payments due for Ambulance services provided. According to Attorney Karen Taddeo the law requires the ambulance service to collect co-payments for services rendered.

Bill Shipman representative for Multi-Med Billing Service, for South Seneca Ambulance, reported that they make every reasonable attempt to collect payments due for services rendered. He also discussed that the billing agents can use guide lines provided by the States subsidy program to determine the financial ability to pay the balance due for the service rendered.

There also was discussion on what type of contract or agreement is legal for the Town of Covert to enter into with the South Seneca Ambulance service. Would it be legal for the Town to give a donation under a 501C3 to South Seneca Ambulance? Attorney Taddeo suggested Town attorney Sipos write a letter to the State Comptroller asking for his opinion on these matter. Attorney Sipos will contact the State Comptroller Office and get back to the Town Board. He advised the Town Board not to sign any agreement at this time with South Seneca Ambulance until these matters are worked out.

Councilwoman Bassett announced the purpose of the year end meeting is to approve fund balance transfers. She stated an earlier date needs to be set for final payment of bills in order to allow the bookkeeper time to make necessary apportion of funds to be approved at the year end meeting.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, to accept the resignation of Francis Yushinsky from the Planning Board and to thank him for serving. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Bassett, that the Highway Fund Vouchers # 220-230 in the amount of \$14,526.66 and General Fund Vouchers # 176-182 in the amount of \$17,203.49 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Waid, seconded by Selover, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds