**4-14-2016 – PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Councilman Douglas J. Morrell

Councilman Mandy Quinn-Stojek

Supervisor Beverly Gambino

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh

Approx. 25 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed contract between the Town and the Chaffee-Sardinia Memorial Volunteer Fire Company for Fire Protection on April 14, 2016 at the Sardinia Town Hall/Community Center. Supervisor Gambino called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM, explaining that the current 3 year contract has expired, and the proposed 3 year contract calls for 3% increases for each of the 3 years.

The Supervisor also asked the Firemen’s comments on the Code Red notification program that Springville and Concord want to go with, and would like Sardinia to go with, also. She stated that the total cost is $25,650.00, and Sardinia’s share would be $8,550 for 3 years. She stated there can be 5 users per Town. She stated that Springville wants to use it for their sewer and water departments, also. Fire Co. President Brian Benstead stated that NY Alert does the same thing, and is free of charge, and doesn’t feel it that it makes sense for the Fire Company at this time.

Disaster Coordinator Gerry Whittington stated that he takes care of the NY Alert for the County, and what it does not do is administrative alerts, such as if Mr. Hopkins wanted to notify of road closures or training sessions, etc. He also stated that both systems are only as good as what people sign up for, and you must sign up to receive the alerts, for both systems. He stated that NY Alert is for the entire State, and Code Red will be only for the Springville Control area.

The Supervisor asked if there were any comments on the Fire Protection contract. There were no comments forthcoming.

Brian Benstead thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve, and the Supervisor stated she had found the Fire Company’s charter papers, and stated that the Fire Company was formed in 1948. The audience and the Board briefly discussed the history of the Company.

**Supervisor Gambino called three times for further comments, and there being none, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel, the meeting was closed at 6:20 PM. Carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk