

**PUBLIC HEARING
SHELDON AND JAVA TOWN BOARDS
with the Strykersville Fire Department
July 18, 2023
Held at the Strykersville Fire Hall 7pm**

The Special Meeting of the Sheldon and Java Town Boards held July 18, 2023 at the Strykersville Fire Hall, 594 Minkel Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 was called to order by Vickie Reisdorf, President of the Strykersville Fire Company at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is a public hearing for the Strykersville Fire Company contract request.

Present Town of Sheldon: Supervisor Brian Becker
Board members: Joe Meyer, Mike Armbrust, Vince Kirsch
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Absent: Board member Jim Fontaine

Present Town of Java: Supervisor Vanessa McCormick
Board members: Russ Reisdorf
Absent: Board members Karen George, Dave George, Doug George,
Town Clerk Carrie Graham

Also present from the Strykersville Fire Company: Vickie Reisdorf, president; Bill Perl, Crystal Radecki and Bob Gibson.

Residents present: Mark Russell, Janet Zielinski

There were no others in attendance.

Open Public Hearing

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to open the public hearing for the Strykersville Fire contract.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Fontaine Motion Carried.
Ayes: (2) McCormick, Reisdorf Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Karen George, Doug George, Dave George Motion Carried.

At a special meeting held on June 27, 2023 at the Strykersville Fire Hall between the Town Boards of Java and Sheldon the contract request was discussed in depth. Minutes of that meeting are on file in the Town Clerk's offices and were distributed this evening.

The Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company is requesting a five-year contract for a total of \$172,319.00 to be split between the Towns in the following way:

Town of Java: \$113,314.00

Town of Sheldon: \$59,005.00

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Open Discussion:

As there were only two members of the public present at tonight's meeting, Town Clerk Zittel noted that the meeting was advertised in the Batavia Daily, the legal newspaper for the Town of Sheldon. Mr. Russell and Ms. Zielinski questioned the Town of Java on why the meeting was not advertised in the Town of Java's legal paper. Supervisor McCormick replied that there was not time to get it published and that notice was posted a different way. As there were only two Town of Java board members present, Supervisor McCormick stated that the Town of Java will have to hold a vote at a different date. The Town of Sheldon will consider the contract request at their regular meeting scheduled for the next day on July 19, 2023.

- Supervisor Becker asked Mr. Russell and Ms. Zielinski if they had any comments. Mr. Russell replied that he has been vocal in the past about the fire contract and he wanted to say thank you to the fire department and that he feels this contract is fair to everyone.
- Supervisor Becker asked if anyone else had comments, at which point Councilman Meyer expressed his thanks to the fire department for all that they do. Councilman Kirsch commented on how the recent fire picnic was a success.

Close Public Hearing and Adjourn

At 7:12 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor McCormick and seconded by Councilman Reisdorf to close the public hearing and adjourn the July 18th meeting.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Fontaine Motion Carried.
Ayes: (2) McCormick, Reisdorf Nays: (0) Absent: (3) Karen George, Doug George, Dave George Motion Carried.