

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened an Emergency Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 11:00 AM February 26, 2016 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Montemarano, Upham and DeRosa. There were no citizens in the audience.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Supervisor Kelly explained that he called this meeting to discuss ambulance service, specifically the financial stability of TransCare. He wanted to give the Board some history of what has been going on with TransCare. On July 3rd of last year, TransCare did not make payroll to their employees and at that time, many employees moved away from TransCare. On January 6th of this year, TransCare lost their Workman's Comp coverage, at which time they got a ten day extension on their policy and were reinstated on the 15th and were allowed to pay month to month payments. During the entire time, there was an issue with the owner of the company taking her money first before paying anyone else. On February 1st, TransCare missed their first payment of their Workman's Comp policy for nonpayment and the next day, the policy was reinstated and TransCare said there was a coding error and that is why the cancellation happened. On February 24th, TransCare filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. Chapter 7 is a dissolving of the company. TransCare wants to dissolve every other entity except the Hudson Valley, Pennsylvania and the MTA and make a new company under another name and have the three entities be part of that. Supervisor Kelly said he was notified early this morning that TransCare did not make payroll, however the crew was on site this morning. The owner of TransCare has said she will make payroll early next week under the new company. Under Chapter 7, the Town has to wait for the Court to say what can happen and the Court can say that the new company cannot be created. For the Board's information, a company called EMStar will be providing back up ambulance service should TransCare go out of business. Regarding the contract, he has a call into legal counsel to discuss the parameters of the contract and if the Town can get out of the TransCare contract if necessary. Supervisor Kelly said he will be watching all aspects of this situation, but if TransCare breaks a clause from the contract, he wants to be able to immediately terminate the contract and move forward with another contract. Supervisor Kelly said since the beginning of January, he has been meeting with the Beekman Fire Department, Unionvale Fire Department and the Village of Millbrook because they all contracted with TransCare in some form or another. They all have their own ambulances so if we need help, they can help us. Supervisor Kelly said he has asked for all insurance information from TransCare to ensure that Town is adequately covered during this time.

Following further discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to take action to maintain ambulance coverage for the Town in the event of any contract violations on the part of TransCare on a per month basis, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

THE LATHROP BUILDING/LAKESIDE PARK

Councilman Johnson said it is time to take some serious action on the Lathrop building at Lakeside Park because of the leaking roof. If something is not done, the structure will be lost.

The Board discussed the problems at the Lathrop building. They said they will continue to investigate and discuss different options for repair of the building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment and there was none.

The motion to adjourn was made at 11:40 AM by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk