

SPECIAL MEETING of the CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on the 6th day of April, 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, NY

PRESENT: Supervisor
Councilpersons

D. KEVIN QUIGLEY
ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA
RANDOLPH CLARK
MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT

ABSENT:

J. KERRY McGUINNESS

Also PRESENT: ATTORNEY, STEVE GABA, representing Attorney for Town, JAMES R. LOEB, Esq.

7:00 P.M.COVAC Meeting – Mr. Scott Wobese, Chief Executive Officer, of Mobile Life Support Services, gave a presentation about his organization, and how they work with other towns and municipalities. Mr. Wobese confirmed that only the **transporting agency** has the right to bill. He explained that they receive both primary, where they are the only ambulance called, and mutual aid calls, where they assist the local volunteer ambulance corps. Mr. Wobese said the good news for Cornwall was that our Volunteer Ambulance Corps was very strong and membership was high. Mr. Wobese explained that they can create a contract with any volunteer ambulance corps giving them permission to bill for advanced life support care; this way the patient does not receive two bills. In exchange for this permission, the volunteer corps would pay a flat fee of approximately \$300 - \$325 per **successful call** – this means advanced care was given. Mr. Wobese further explained that 90% of all bills are paid through insurance companies, co-pays and balance must be billed either to the patient, or if it chooses, the local municipality can create a co-pay fund to cover their seniors. Attorney Gaba asked if it was possible to set up an agreement where an ALS staff member could ride along in our ambulance, Mr. Wobese explained that it is doable through a contract agreement. Attorney Gaba asked if there was any room for negotiation with the flat fee amount. Mr. Wobese responded that it might be possible due to the close proximity of our hospital. Billing and collection procedures were reviewed, on average the billing company would retain 7 – 8%. The Board thanked Mr. Wobese for his presentation.

7:40 P.M. – Work Session opened

Motion to close Work Session and go into Executive Session was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

VOTE: Unanimous aye of those present. Executive Session opened at 10:25 P.M.

Renata McGee
Stenographer/Deputy Town Clerk

Elaine Tilford Schneer
Town Clerk