

SPECIAL MEETING, TOWN OF PITCAIRN, MAY 13, 2024

A special meeting was held on May 13, 2024, at the Pitcairn Town Hall, with the following people present:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN PAUL JACKSON
COUNCILMAN DAVID SULLIVAN
COUNCILWOMAN ANN HALL
COUNCILWOMAN DORA MCINTOSH
SUPERVISOR ALLISON HOUGHTON

OTHERS PRESENT: CHELSEA THOMAS, TOWN CLERK; ALICIA MERA, BUDGET OFFICER/DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

VISITORS: RONALD WARD (ASSISTANT CHIEF), MOLLY MANUEL (EMS CHIEF), BRYANT O'MEARA (VICE PRESIDENT), GENE MEALUS, BILL MINER, DEBBIE MINER, LELAND RYAN

- 1.) Supervisor Houghton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2.) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- 3.) Public Comments:
 - Supervisor Houghton did a recap of the previous meetings with both Towns and the Natural Bridge Rescue Squad where they agreed to take on the Pitcairn area. If we didn't come to this agreement, the County would have come in and it would have raised taxes.
 - Molly Manuel reported that they did a trial run to see how long it would take to get from their station in Natural Bridge to Harrisville. They said it was roughly 11 minutes from the station to Harrisville, so they figured it would be about 15-20 minutes to Pitcairn. There will always be dual dispatch when available. Meaning that Star Lake Rescue of Gouverneur Rescue would assist them on calls if needed. Therefore, if they happen to already be on a call then the next closest would be dispatched. The Harrisville EMT's will be training under them to better learn and be able to provide services to Harrisville soon with their proper certification. They will have a meeting with Town of Diana soon to discuss the same agreement and work out details.
 - Supervisor Houghton then announced that the public may leave, and the Board will continue discussing contract details.

****Public left at 6:54pm (Gene Mealus, Leland Ryan, Bill & Debbie Miner) ****

- Natural Bridge's Vice President Bryant O'Meara then began to propose their contract terms.

Proposed Contract:

- **1 year contract- Provides basic life support.**
 - **59.5 Miles of service coverage**
 - **The option of Star Lake Hospital or Gouverneur Hospital if the patient is stable and the EMT feels confident of the choice. Therefore, if the patient was unstable the closest hospital would be the only option.**
 - **Contract Fee - \$10,000**
- Natural Bridge answered any further questions the Board members had. Then they left the Board to discuss further amongst themselves.

****Natural Bridge left at 7:10pm****

4.) RESOLUTION #29/24 2024 NATURAL BRIDGE RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACT

Councilman Jackson made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh to accept the following resolution: RESOLVED; that the Town of Pitcairn Board agrees upon the 1-year contract terms with Natural Bridge Rescue Squad, WHEREAS they will reassess next year based off the return of Harrisville Rescue Squad or not.

Roll call vote:	COUNCILMAN JACKSON	YES
	COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	YES
	COUNCILWOMAN HALL	YES
	COUNCILWOMAN MCINTOSH	YES
	SUPERVISOR HOUGHTON	YES

Supervisor Houghton made the motion, seconded by Councilman Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Chelsea L. Thomas