

## **SPECIAL MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, JAN. 29, 2010**

A special meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Friday, January 29, 2010 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 3:30 p.m. with the following members present:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Bryan Rounds
	Councilman	Austin Markey
	Councilman	Dean Ackley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Kathy Hill, Upstate Insurance and Mark Carpenter, Upstate Insurance.

### **DISCUSSION – TOWN INSURANCE QUOTES**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the purpose of the meeting was to conclude talking about the two insurance quotes, one from Cool Insurance Agency and one from Upstate Insurance Agency.

Councilman Alexander spoke about RFP's and the proper process that is needed for insurance quotes. Councilman Alexander read from the August 2009 minutes and the resolution to bid property and casualty insurance for the 2010 renewal date, saying the resolution was a little ambiguous, it does say to put together bid specs. Councilman Alexander said that was what he had wished to re-hash with the Town Board, for those of them that were here back then, were they doing the right thing, anything over \$10,000.00 has to have an RFP and this was not put out to bid, was not advertised, this did not happen. Councilman Alexander spoke about General Municipal Law 5-37. Councilman Markey asked for a copy of GML 5-37.

Discussion ensued about the bidding process for the Town's insurance. Councilman Markey spoke about requesting the Town bidding the insurance out over a year ago and it was never put on the agenda until Upstate Agency asked to pursue the Town's business, last year as well as this year. Councilman Markey said every town bids out insurance.

Discussion ensued on changes to the towns insurance in the last two years, the value that was built in with Selective Insurance before the town went with Cool Insurance, the fact that Cool is not giving the town replacement value, they are giving actual cash value.

Councilman Alexander presented a draft resolution that he read into the record, which called for the town to remain with the present insurance carrier to provide Property and Casualty insurance, asking that an independent insurance expert be appointed by the Town Board and calling for a three year insurance rebid time frame.

Councilman Markey asked if the Town Board needed an RFP. Councilman Markey asked Town Clerk Combs if they were supposed to put an advertisement in the paper for an RFP for this and asked why they were not notified of that when they had discussed this at

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the last meeting. Town Clerk Combs asked who would notify them, Councilman Markey responded you or Kevin, Councilman Markey told Town Clerk Combs if she knew they needed to purchase or renew insurance she should have. Town Clerk Combs said she did not know the Town Board was doing Insurance until it was brought in and ---- Councilman Markey said that was not what he was saying, what he was saying was if she knew or Kevin knew the Board needed an RFP for this insurance shouldn't it have been brought to their attention so they were not having a meeting this week and a meeting today. Town Clerk Combs told Councilman Markey that according to the Town's own Procurement Policy, Insurance is one of the exceptions listed for bid requirements, neither bids or RFP's are required.

Discussion ensued on the Procurement Policy and RFP's, and, review of the bids and bid award, the economy.

Councilman Alexander asked if the Board would agree to have an independent expert look at the bids. Councilman Markey said absolutely not, the bids had been reviewed by Joe Barlow who served on the Board in the past, recommendations have been passed on, the Board has looked this stuff over and reviewed. Councilman Markey said he believed the town lost coverage for two years and he wanted it in black and white what both Carpenter and Bieniek were offering, to make sure that coverage is equal and the dollars make sense.

**RESOLUTION #50-10  
TOWN INSURANCE PROCEDURE**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Supervisor Geraghty, the resolution was NOT ADOPTED – VOTE- AYES 2 NAYS 3

Discussion ensued on flood and earthquake coverage and how the town is covered, what the liability coverage is, how the town will find out if they have national coverage. It will be researched and added later if necessary.

**RESOLUTION #51-10  
PROCURE UPSTATE AGENCY FOR TOWN INSURANCE FOR 2010**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley the following resolution was ADOPTED by role call vote:

Councilman Markey	Aye
Councilman Ackley	Aye
Councilman Rounds	Aye
Councilman Alexander	Nay
Supervisor Geraghty	Nay

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to procure Upstate Agency for Town of Warrensburg property and liability insurance for the year 2010.

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On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk