

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUNKIRK
EAST DUNKIRK FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT FOR 2022
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk held a public hearing on the East Dunkirk Fire Protection Contract for 2022 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Town of Dunkirk with Robert Penharlow, Deputy Supervisor presiding.

PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor Robert Penharlow
Councilman Pagan
Councilman Walldorff
Councilman G. Jay Bishop (via zoom)

ABSENT:

Supervisor Richard A. Puro

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Kyle Coughlin, Deputy Clerk, Brian Puro, Kyle Damon, Austin Ganey, Anthony Dolce, Dunkirk Observer

Legal proof of publication was presented and is herewith attached to these minutes.

Deputy Supervisor Penharlow informed those present that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comment regarding the East Dunkirk Fire Protection Contract for 2022.

The requested amount was \$161,794 a 9 percent increase over last year generating a tax rate of \$2.19 per thousand of assessed value.

Kyle Damon stated the reason for the increase was due to COVID and the increase in supplies and equipment. He explained that there are a few individuals up for new gear, due to theirs expiring. He told the Town Board that the other large expense was for an extractor, and he explained the uses of the extractor and the protection it provides to the volunteers and their families. The extractor is a one-time purchase and saves them money and time by not having to send their equipment away.

Councilman Walldorff had asked if there were any other Cities or Towns with an extractor.

Kyle Damon stated that the City of Dunkirk does have one, but it would be a little difficult to use theirs. He stated that if they invested in this, it would more cost efficient.

Councilman Pagan had asked what the amount would be to send the gear out and have a private company clean it.

Kyle Damon responded to Councilman Pagan and said it would be over \$400.00. He said that the last time they did this it took up to six weeks and had to be recertified and it was a long process. Kyle mentioned that they would also share this with West Town and potentially the Town of Sheridan as well.

Councilman Bishop had asked if we could possibly split the cost of this with Sheridan.

Kyle Damon said that they would work with Sheridan to do that.

A motion was made by Councilman Walldorff to close the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pagan and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk