



into retention instead of recruitment of new people. He stated that there are about 10 people that still get a check from this disbursement. He questioned if they would still get their payments.

The Supervisor and The Town Attorney had some discussion on this and would get answers to those questions. Mr. Boniface stated that in the spirit of volunteerism he would work with the Town to keep the program going.

**Rich Soluchi**- Assistant Director of Bruen Rescue Squad stated that he has been there for about 17 years. He explained that he isn't necessarily in agreement with rolling over the contract, he is in favor of pursuing a new one. He stated financially speaking that they need to be sure where their future lies. He stated that Bruen is the Best Bang for the Buck in this Town. He said they have a tremendous amount of experience, and they come from other agencies and Fire Departments. He explained that a few months back Bruen employees were close to going on strike because their wages used to be very competitive, and they have not had a contract since 2012 and they have not been able to give them raises. He said they were able to work some things out so they could get a raise, but they are still not competitive. He again stated that he is not in favor of rolling over the contract, but would like to sit down with the Board for The Town's betterment and for Bruen's betterment and work out a new contract.

Supervisor Conway explained that 2 years ago a car went off the road and was upside down submerged in the creek. He stated that Sargeant Edberg told the Supervisor that they had a fatal. He went on to explain that two months from now that young man will graduate High School because of Rich Soluchi and his posse who showed up, performed a miracle. He stated that if you call 911 that this is the face you want to show up at your front door. He stated that everyone admires the work that you all do. He wanted to put that on the table because some of the issues that they have with Bruen are administrative.

**Supervisor Conway** asked three times if anyone was in opposition of rolling over the contract:

**Hal Betters** stated that he had questions. He stated that more than a couple of years ago in a resolution he believes the Town gave Bruen a million dollars.

Supervisor Conway interjected stating that they get \$640,000.00 that the tax Levy pays for. Then depending on the year between 375,000.00 and \$475,000.00 in insurance payments that process back to the Town. The way the contract reads is that insurance recouping go about \$400,000.00 comes back to the Town and anything over that the Rescue Squad gets to keep.

Hal questioned if the Town has to pay for a bill if they receive it. The Supervisor stated that Bruen does soft billing. He explained that they bill everyone. HE also stated that if Bruen is out on a call and can't come to a call because they are out of Town he has an issue with that. He went on to discuss that more with the Supervisor.

**Councilor Tierney** questioned that she is not clear with the relationship of the Executive Board and the Union. Who is on the Board?

Rich stated that the Union is totally separate, it represents the employees. The Board of Directors is all volunteers. Councilor Tierney followed up her question by stating that there are no Union Representatives on the Board, and Rich told her that she was correct.

She also questioned if the Contract was negotiated by the Board, and Rich stat that was correct.

Supervisor Conway asked two more times if anyone else was in opposition, and with none he made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 and Councilor Tierney seconded the motion, and it was brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES