RESOLUTION CREATING THE TOWN OF DRYDEN EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden recognizes the importance of our Emergency Services Providers as vital to the Town’s responsibility to protect public safety, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden desires to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Committee (“Committee”) for the Town of Dryden to advise the Town Board on issues, whether arising from within the Town or outside of the Town, that impact the delivery of fire and EMS Emergency Services within the Town of Dryden, provide recommendations to the Town Board when appropriate, to give the fire protection and ambulance services that serve the Town of Dryden a forum to discuss common issues, and to establish standards for the delivery of fire protection and EMS services to Town residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden desires the Committee to, in addition to their advisory function, work with the Town Board, the Village of Dryden Trustees, the Village of Freeville Trustees, and other interested parties, to determine the most efficient and cost effective manner in which to deliver fire protection and EMS services within the Town of Dryden, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Dryden establishes an Emergency Services Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”), which shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Committee shall consist of the following membership composition:

A. The Committee shall be composed of eleven voting members appointed by the Town Board as follows:

1) One representative from each of the fire and ambulance services that the Town of Dryden Contracts with (Brooktondale, Dryden, Etna, Freeville, Varna, and Dryden Ambulance).

2) One representative from the Village of Freeville appointed by the Village Mayor or Trustees.

3) One representative from the Village of Dryden appointed by the Village Mayor or Trustees.

4) One representative from the Dryden Town Board.

5) The Town of Dryden Fire Warden.

6) One at-large citizen member appointed by the Town Board.
B. The members appointed to the Committee shall serve for a three-year term. Upon initial formation, two members shall serve for a one-year term, two members for a two-year term, and all others for a three-year term. Each year thereafter, reappointments or new appointments will be for three-year terms.

C. Members shall serve without salary.

D. The Town Fire Warden shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden designates the following as the duties of the Committee, subject to revision from time to time at the Town Board’s discretion:

A. Advise the Town Board and, upon direction from the Town Board, the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response, in relation to the delivery of fire protection and EMS services to the Town of Dryden.

B. Develop a uniform fire protection services contract for each volunteer fire department that serves the Town of Dryden.

C. Review proposed county, state and federal legislation affecting fire protection, EMS, and other emergency services issues and submit the Committee’s evaluation of the legislation in question to the appropriate board and/or to the Town Board.

D. Serve as a vehicle for communication between the emergency services community, the Town Board, and/or the Director of the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response. Individuals or groups are in no way obligated to communicate with the Town Board via the Committee.

E. The Committee shall be subject to the same laws and procedures as the other Town advisory Boards and Commissions. Minutes shall be prepared to the standard required by the Town Clerk and posted pursuant to the requirements established by the Town Board and other applicable law.

F. The Committee shall meet as determined necessary by the Committee but no less than four times a year.

G. Submit to the Town Board an annual report of the activities of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee no later than December 31 of each calendar year.

And it is further,

RESOLVED, that upon filing with the Clerk and appointment of members by the Town Board the Committee shall schedule a public meeting within 30-days to establish its rules of procedure and conduct business as deemed appropriate by the Committee members.