

NEW AMBULANCE 3-YEAR CONTRACT

The Village of Brightwaters has agreed to a new three-year contract with the Bay Shore/Brightwaters Ambulance Corporation. This new contract will begin the process called "soft billing" for the Village.

In the past, the Village had a contract with the Ambulance Corporation, to transport Village residents from their homes to a local hospital (the 2021 contract was \$96,500). Since an ambulance transport is already covered in most resident's insurance, going with a soft billing process which is being phased in throughout the Town of Islip, would allow the Ambulance Corporation to bill the insurance company directly, therefore saving Village tax dollars.

The agreement is for a maximum of \$100,000 per year. The Village would make a payment of \$25,000 at the beginning of each year. Each quarter, the number of trips billable at approximately \$750.00 per transport would be reviewed. Bay Shore/Brightwaters Ambulance Corp. will accept payment from the insurance as satisfactory and there will be no additional cost to the residents. The Ambulance Corporation averages more than 100 trips per year from the Village to local hospitals, thus the \$75,000 plus initial payment of \$25,000 would satisfy the contract. If the billing exceeds the amount of the agreed contract, the Village would be credited for the following year. All residents whether insured or not will be taken to a hospital.

The new contract works for everyone. The Village will maintain an award winning, quality service and save the residents tax dollars and the Ambulance Corporation can maintain their budget to cover their yearly costs.

If you have any questions please contact Village Hall, 631-665-1280 (opt #4) or email: mayor@villageofbrightwaters.com Sincerely,

Mayor John Valdini