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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Special Meeting

March 18, 2010

Present: Jerome Fainer, Chairman  
Steve Blume  
David Geloso  
Scott Nihill

Absent: James Walsh

Others Present: Joanne Sjogren, EMS Exec. Admin.

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Fainer.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was a quorum present.

### Public Session

Chairman Fainer asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission.

There being no one, Chairman Fainer closed the public session.

### Minutes

Mr. Nihill made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written and place on file. Mr. Blume seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## Bills

Mr. Blume made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reimburse Dave Geloso	Coffee/donuts	\$	20.98
Shipman's	Rescue 4 air test	\$	144.00
Griffin Hospital	PPD	\$	15.00
Airgas	Oxygen	\$	220.60
Telerepco	Toughbook latch	\$	38.00
Poland Spring	Water	\$	116.27
Auto Repairs	January vehicle repairs	\$	3,153.86
Auto Repairs	Car 8 no heat	\$	129.74
Joanne Sjogren	Postage Reimburse (regulator repair)	\$	5.70
CAG	Monthly Invoice	\$	3,480.11

Chairman Fainer asked about the purchase of new tires and if that was done.

Mr. Geloso said that he got prices for new tires and it was a good price. There is \$1750 left in Ambulance Line item that ARMS will need for oil changes, etc. rather than tires. He said after he looked at the tires he discovered there was good thread and they could be rotated. He said he felt the tires were OK and safe for the road. There is a spare tire and ARMS can purchase one tire if needed. He said he felt it was OK for the Ambulance to use the existing tires.

## Purchase Requests

Mr. Nihill made a motion to approve the purchase requests as presented by Ms. Sjogren. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Wheeled Coach	Vent & 2 lights	\$	80.07
CAG	patient refund	\$	518.12
WB Mason	sanitizing supplies	\$	237.26
Savelives.com	Uniform patches	\$	327.25
Grainger	Door Stops (8)	\$	40.00
Boundtree	medical supplies	\$	448.16
Commoncents/savelives.com	medical supplies	\$	429.05
Commoncents/savelives.com	oxygen supplies	\$	630.00
Staples	ID laminate	\$	49.99

## **Correspondence**

1. Play & Learn Fair 2010 Flyer
2. BOAT Budget Workshop Meeting Schedule
3. Chief Driver's Report

## **New Business**

Mr. Nihill said he spoke with Mike Gardella and Mr. Gardella said the license is in and he will submit his invoice. He said he is trying to do the best job he can for us. He said there was discussion that someone has friends elsewhere that can do the job and there is a lot of information not true being spoken out there. He said Mr. Gardella will sit down with ARMS and explain the radio system.

Mr. Geloso said this is a license for the Repeater. He asked if there is another license channel for operation. The second frequency for the Repeater is under the Government channel.

A discussion followed on the license and on the operation of one radio and repeater.

Mr. Nihill said Mr. Gardella will come next month. Mr. Geloso has the license in his office.

Mr. Blume asked if Oppie has come back.

Ms. Sjogren said he has not been seen. She said he still collects the stipend.

Mr. Geloso said he did the calibrations on the meters but he needs to hand in a report on what he has done. He is not making calls.

Chairman Fainer said he spoke to Bob Evans and Bob Caruso regarding attendance at meetings and they said the Union has no problem letting them go to meetings.

Mr. Geloso said he spoke with Oppie and told him to hand in a report.

Ms. Sjogren said Mr. Mazako, Asst. Chief Driver hasn't been around and he is still receiving his stipend.

Mr. Geloso said they should hand in reports on what they have done so that ARMS knows what is done.

Ms. Sjogren said there are no guidelines on what to do. Mr. Mazako is not cleared to make calls.

Mr. Blume said since the suspension they have not returned to active service – pull the stipend and they are done.

A discussion followed on the above. It was agreed that Ms. Sjogren will send them a letter advising them of ARMS decision.

### **Power Cot**

Ms. Sjogren discussed fundraising to purchase a new Power Cot. She said ARMS has raised \$1400 toward the purchase. She is asking if ARMS can hold a Boot Drive. The cost is \$10,600 for a new power cot.

She continued stating ARMS has \$6000 left in the new equipment line item. She asked if they could purchase the power cot this year and the company will let them have up to two years to pay the balance.

There was discussion and the commission members suggested they wait to purchase the power cot until there are more funds raised to cover the cost. They advised Ms. Sjogren to contact Chief Hale regarding the Boot Drive because he makes the arrangements for the boot drives.

Mr. Nihill made a motion to allow ARMS to hold a Boot Drive for the Power Cot. Mr. Blume seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was a discussion on a separate line item for donations to ARMS. ARMS has been receiving donations and they would like to have it separate in a line item. The Chairman will look into this with BOAT.

Mr. Geloso asked about reimbursement and partial reimbursement for ARMS Re-certification. He said about 7 or 8 people were re-certified and they are asking about reimbursement. Mr. Geloso said there are some funds left in the Training line item and he is asking if these funds could be divided evenly between these members. He asked the Commission to consider this.

Ms. Sjogren said there would have to be some guidelines in place for reimbursements. She discussed the tax abatements and how credit is given to the members. She suggested that the tax abatement guidelines be revised.

Ms. Sjogren said that if the member attends an in-house re-certification for EMT-RMT these re-certs are completely paid for by ARMS and are free to the members. These individuals did not want to take the re-cert here at ARMS.

There was a discussion on why the members do not want to take the re-cert course here at ARMS. The ARMS course is held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday which is an entire week-end. The other course is held on one day or an evening.

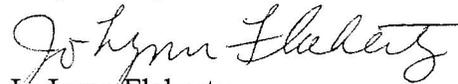
Chairman Fainer said that the City is paying for the re-certs and then the members do not go out on calls.

Ms. Sjogren said we have to re-vamp and re-write the City Policy for the Tax Abatement because they come to the meeting, maintain their certification and they get the tax abatement. Some do not go out on calls.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Blume made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Mr. Nihill seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary