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ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

June 14, 2010

Regular Meeting

Present: Jerome Fainer, Chairman
Steve Blume
Dave Geloso

Absent: Scott Nihill
James Walsh

Others Present: Joanne Sjogren, EMS Executive Admin.

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Fainer.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

Public Session

Kathy Vagaski
9 Cook St.
Ansonia, Ct 06401

Ms. Vagaski said there was an incident at her home when the ambulance was called. She presented a letter from someone who was at her home during the call.

Both Chairman Fainer and Mr. Blume read the letter.

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Ms. Vagaski said she was not going to make a big deal of this if the volunteers were going to be gone by the beginning of July. That would have solved the problem and they would be gone. If the volunteers remain then this issue has to be resolved. She discussed how the incident involving these volunteers makes the ARMS staff look like "chumps".

Chief Geloso said he is aware of the incident and he is investigating what happened. He spoke to the hospital staff and the Security Guard and there were two people who came forward with information.

Chief Geloso said he has sent a letter to 9 Cook Street advising them of his investigation.

Chairman Fainer said he will investigate what happened and get the facts and then hold a disciplinary hearing.

Mr. Heon said in the past he was suspended on the spot without a hearing or anything.

Chairman Fainer said once his investigation is complete he will hold a Special meeting and address the situation.

Ms. Vagaski said with the past history, she anticipates the worst.

Chairman Fainer said the past history didn't happen on his watch. He said he will take care of this incident.

He asked three (3) times if anyone else wished to address the commission. There being no one else, he closed the public session

Minutes

Mr. Blume made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Special Meeting. Chief Geloso seconded.

Chief Geloso said there is a correction to the minutes as follows:

Page 2, paragraph 6 should read:

"Mr. Geloso expressed the need for air gas cylinder testing. He also discussed the SCBA pack that is leaking. He will ask Scott Trembley to take a look at it and see if he would be able to repair it."

Mr. Blume made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

CAG	Monthly fee	\$4,402.67
Air Gas	Oxygen	117.86
Air Gas	Rental Fee	53.76
Air Gas	Oxygen	45.60
CAG	Duplicate payment reimbursement	295.92
Auto Repairs	Car 8 oil change	145.90
Auto Repairs	Car 7 oil change	295.42
Auto Repairs	Car 9 Oil change & transmission chg	432.49

Chairman Fainer discussed the difference in cost for the oil changes for Car 7 and Car 8.

Ms. Sjogren said that the breakdown for the invoices is in packet.

The members reviewed the invoices from Auto Repairs and found that there was other work done on the vehicle that had a higher charge.

Service Auto	Grote lighting	11.04
Air Gas	Oxygen	190.79
CAG	Duplicate payment reimbursement	654.60
CAG	Duplicate payment reimbursement	339.20
CAG	Duplicate payment reimbursement	78.48
Shipman's	Air Test rescue 4	715.50

Chairman Fainer questioned the Air Test rescue 4 invoice.

Chief Geloso explained that there is air quality testing done every three months under OSHA. Every six months testing is done and the filter is changed and the oil for the compressor is done.

Dave Geloso	Reimbursement –keys for AFD	15.33
Poland Springs	10 bottles of water	101.00
Dave Geloso	reimbursement – Relay for Rescue 2	59.96
Griffin Hospital	Physicals	625.94

Ms. Sjogren said the physicals are for some new hires.

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

Ms. Sjogren said the following is purchase requests for ARMS:

WB Mason	Office Supplies	\$ 144.24
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Boundtree	Oxygen supplies	753.10
Boundtree	CPR Training supplies	1,068.53

Ms. Sjogren said that there is money left over in the training line item and they would like to purchase four (4) sets of 4 mannequins for training.

Graingers	cleaning supplies & gas can	404.27
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There was a discussion on the cleaning supplies and the gas can that Chief Geloso would like to purchase.

Common Cents	medical supplies	605.30
Boundtree	medical supplies	579.41
Northeastern Comm.	HT1250 Portable	872.00

There was a lengthy discussion on the HT 1250 portable. Mr. Heon explained what the representative from Motorola said about the radios that ARMS was considering purchasing. Mr. Heon said he had two quotes for radios for the new ambulance.

Ms. Sjogren said that her portable radio is not working properly and she asked Chief Geloso if her radio could be replaced.

Mr. Heon said that there is an actual console radio in the new ambulance.

Chief Geloso asked where the medical radio was located.

Mr. Heon discussed the radios that would be in the ambulance. The medical radios will be in the rear of the ambulance and the Motorola person said they will install antennae on the roof.

There was a concern that the medical radio is installed in the rear of the ambulance and the driver has to talk on the medical radio. The driver can use the radio if he switches channels to the med channel on the radio in the front of the car. The discussion continued on the cost for the radios vs the cost for the higher wattage radio. Mr. Heon said that the lower wattage radio will do the same job and the cost is less.

The discussion continued on the radios, the cost of the radios and what ARMS needed for their ambulances. The radios that are being considered are on the same frequency as the Fire Department and the Police Department. It was agreed the Commission should hold a workshop to further discuss the radios.

Telrepc	Computer extended warranty	1,400.00
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Ms. Sjogren explained the computer warranty was about to expire and the cost is \$1400 for all four Toughbook computers.

Chairman Fainer said to purchase the shirts.

Mr. Blume made a motion to approve the bills and the purchase requests with the exception of the tires, lamps and parts. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from James Walsh re: Resignation as Asst. Chief of ARMS citing his reasons and requesting reimbursement for clothing he paid for (\$190).

Mr. Blume made a motion to dispense with the reading and place on file. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

2. Fred Williams & Nina Phipps from Ansonia Youth & Cheer requesting coverage at their four (4) home games. Dated 5/26/10

There was a discussion on this request and Ms. Sjogren said the ambulance personnel are paid \$15.67 per hour for ambulance coverage. She said they have covered the AYF and AHS games and there have been no donations from Ansonia High School to ARMS for the ambulance coverage.

Chief Geloso said if they want ambulance coverage they would have to pay for the crew.

Mr. Heon suggested they send a letter to AHS advising them of this decision.

Ms. Sjogren said she would send the letter to AHS and AYF.

3. Letter from Joanne Sjogren re: maintenance agreement with Auto Repairs Unlimited. Dated 6/4/10

Ms. Sjogren said they are currently paying \$80.00 per hour to Auto Repairs Unlimited for repair of their vehicles and Auto Repairs Unlimited is repairing the Police vehicles at \$58.85 per hour. She is asking why ARMS can't get the same rate of \$58.85 per hour for their repairs.

Chief Geloso suggested Ms. Sjogren send a letter to Auto Repairs Unlimited and ask them for the \$58.85 per hour rate.

4. 2010 Monthly Run Stats
5. Charge vs. payment report
6. Run stats

Reports

Chief Drivers Report – April & May 2010 (copy on file in Town Clerk's Office)

Chief Geloso gave his report to the Commission. He discussed the first batch of salamander tags and that there will be a bill for the material. Years ago it was set up with the Fire Department and the Police Department. They have applied for a grant for this accountability system. The State provides the equipment and Shelton has the material. We have to pay for the ink and plastic. There is a 2 year expiration date – you swipe the card and the State has a record on what certifications you have.

Chief Geloso discussed the level of service for personnel working as EMT's, etc. He said there will be a bill for labor and material to produce the cards and there are funds in the Photography line item that could be encumbered to pay for all of this from this years budget.

Chairman Fainer said the volunteers that want to work a shift or shifts would be incorporated into the schedules.

There was discussion on the paid staff working the shifts vs. the volunteers working the shifts. Jen Atkins said Joanne would have to be here to relieve the paid staff if the volunteers did not show up.

Chairman Fainer said that you are not an alternate. Volunteer crews would be here to cover the shift. If you sign up you would be here or volunteers would be done. We don't want the volunteers to go away so work it out.

Ms. Sjogren said that the purchase order for the new ambulance has been done.

Chief Geloso asked if there would be a pre-build conference.

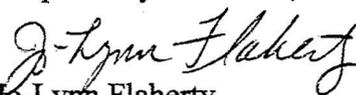
Chairman Fainer said he is waiting on the purchase order and then he will call.

Ms. Sjogren said that the Purchase Order has been cut for the new ambulance and sent to Medtech.

Adjourn

Chief Geloso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Blume seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary