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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

July 12, 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 5:00 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

Jared Heon said that N.E. Communications came up and looked at the antenna. He explained in great detail what was needed for the communication system so that there is no loss in the communications during an emergency.

Mr. Heon said that with all of the studies conducted the cost for the best antenna system is \$10,200 for labor and material incl. 2 complete installations. This is for a Motorola antenna. Our current system is operating on "borrowed" time and if it goes down ARMS will be off line for two weeks.

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He said that the Fire Department and the Police Department have converted to the narrow channel. By 2012 – 2013 this new system will be standard. We will be outdated.

Mr. Blume said he will contact Sen. Crisco and Rep. Gentile to see if there is any State money or grants available for ARMS so that we can replace the communications system.

### **Minutes**

Chief Geloso made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the June 14, 2010 with the following correction:

Chief Geloso said to remove James Walsh from roll call as he is no longer a member.

Mr. Blume seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Bills**

CAG	Monthly Fee	\$2,652.51
Joanne Sjogren	Reimburse-Walmart Shower Curtains/Cleaner	47.86
Joanne Sjogren	Reimburse-Amazon.com GPS power cord	19.93
Airgas	Rental Invoice	52.02
Dowling Ford	Car 9 light switch	9.73
Auto Repairs Unlimited	Car 7 A/C repair recharge	153.00
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CAG	Patient overpayment	87.52
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CAG	Insurance duplicate payment	72.46

There was discussion on the repairs to Car 7 and Car 9 and what needed to be done to fix the air conditioning units.

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

### **Purchase Requests**

#### Valley Electric

Chief Geloso said that Jack Scanlon submitted an itemized list of items that he needed to repair the Cars.

Mr. Blume made a motion to allow Mr. Scanlon to purchase what he needs for repairs. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### Tires

Mr. Scanlon requested to purchase two front tires for Car 9.

Mr. Heon said that the two front tires are chopped and need to be replaced. He said he has done research on the quality of the tires to be purchased and the Michelin tires at approximately \$300 each are the best tires. He said if ARMS is purchasing tires they should do it right and purchase the good tires. He said Custom Bandag has the Michelin tires that would fit Car 9. These tires had a very good review and they are only \$10 more than the cheaper tire.

Mr. Blume asked that Mr. Heon keep track of the new tires to see how they work out and how they wear on the Car.

Mr. Blume made a motion to purchase the new tires from Custom Bandag. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Utility Communications, Inc. Re: FCC License Holder.  
With attachment: FCC Narrow banding Compliance information sheet. Dtd. 6/21/10
2. Luba Soldra (Email) re: Ambulance Coverage and Game schedule. Dtd. 6/18/10

Ms. Sjogren explained the billing procedure that will be followed by the AHS for the games that ARMS will attend. The Board of Ed will be billed \$32 hour and they will reimburse the City.

3. 2010 Monthly Run Stats
4. Charge vs. payment report FY 2008-2009 to date
5. Monthly Run stats
6. Northeaster Communications Inc. Quotation for Antenna System replacement. Dtd. 6/22/10

### **Reports**

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

Chief Geloso gave his report to the Commission members.

## **New Business**

### Temporary Employees

Ms. Sjogren said that she has tried to move the temporary part time employees to permanent part time employees. She said Mr. Perry told her that she can't do that. He said these positions have to be posted.

There was discussion on the hiring freeze and how to handle the situation of removing the temporary part time position and making it a permanent part time position.

Ms. Sjogren said that the Resolution for the Non-Union employees increases indicates that there is a raise in Theresa Godfrey's salary and the line item did not fund an increase.

### Orange Carnival

Chairman Fainer said he received a telephone call from the Orange Carnival asking for ambulance coverage. He said he thought that ARMS was not going to cover this carnival this year. The person who called said that Orange Carnival paid ARMS \$300 last year.

Chief Geloso said that ARMS has not received any donation from Orange Carnival for the past three years. He will check on it to make certain.

### Volunteers

Chairman Fainer asked if everyone is wearing the ARMS uniform when they go out on a call. He said that everyone is supposed to wear their uniform. He asked if there was a policy on this.

Ms. Sjogren said that everyone is supposed to wear a shirt, polo shirt and black pants. She said that on the volunteer side they are not at 100% that are wearing their uniforms. She said that the pants should be provided by the volunteer. ARMS provides the shirt.

Ms. Sjogren said that everyone currently riding has a tee shirt.

Chief Geloso said that they should have a shirt and the pants.

Tina Walsh said that she doesn't have a shirt and she doesn't have the clothes to ride.

Ms. Sjogren said that everyone currently riding has clothes to ride. She asked for a list of those who don't have the shirts and she will see that they receive a tee shirt. She said that the ARMS patch has to be sewn on the shirt.

Mr. Heon said that Carmen DiCenso at B&L can sew the patches on the shirts.

Chief Geloso suggested Seccombes. They will also sew the patches on.

Chief Geloso said that there are no jeans allowed – blue Dockers are about \$20 and everyone should look the same.

### ATV Vehicle

Chief Geloso said that the ATV that is at ARMS will not stay running. He asked if they could send it out for a tune up.

A discussion followed on the ATV Vehicle and that it should be in running condition in case it is needed.

Ms. Sjogren said that there is no money to fix it.

Chairman Fainer said that it is a John Deere ATV Vehicle and ARMS should get it fixed.

Chairman Fainer asked Ms. Sjogren if she spoke with John Purcell.

Ms. Sjogren said that she spoke to him today and he would like to have a meeting.

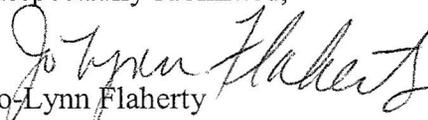
Chief Geloso said that there is a complaint.

Chairman Fainer said he will call a Special Meeting on the complaints.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Blume made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Chief Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary