



City of Ansonia

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

RECEIVED FOR FILE

10 AUG 17 PM 4:05

Madeline H. Bottone

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES

August 2, 2010

Regular Meeting

Present: Jerome Fainer, Chairman
Steve Blume
Dave Geloso

Absent: Scott Nihill

Others present: Joanne Sjogren
Jennifer Atkins
Elzbieta Kuczynski
Tom Furfaro
Andrew Halpin
Tina Walsh
Jared Heon
Joseph Perrotti
Anthony A. Mancini
Bob Copperthape
Jack Scanlon
Brian Lombard
Theresa Godfrey

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chaimran 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. Geloso said there is a correction on page 2 of the minutes. It should read: "Chief Geloso said to remove James Walsh from roll call as he is no longer a member of the ARMS Commission.

Bills

CAG	Monthly fee	\$3,844.76
Stryker	2 replacement stretcher wheels	\$ 110.00
Airgas	Oxygen	\$ 190.42
Poland Springs	water	\$ 100.00
Airgas	Oxygen	\$ 130.00
Auto Repairs	Car 7 charge A/C	\$ 224.91
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 631.78
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
CAG	Insurance overpayment	\$ 224.58
Dowling Ford	Car 8 Battery	\$ 236.92

There was discussion on the bills presented to the Commission by Ms. Sjogren.

Mr. Blume asked why the air conditioning on Car 7 had to be repaired again when Auto Repairs already fixed it.

Ms. Sjogren said we can pay the invoice or we can dispute it. She said that Auto Repairs didn't find the problem and the Car went up to Champions and they fixed it.

Mr. Geloso said the problem was in the condenser.

Chairman Fainer asked the amount of the total of the bills from Auto Repair and Champions for this.

Mr. Blume said not to pay Auto Repairs until we compare the invoices.

Ms. Sjogren said that there is a list of double payments and these are refunds. ARMS received their fee – this list is because there was double payments. It doesn't affect the line item.

Mr. Geloso said he needed two batteries from Dowling Ford.

Mr. Blume said that ARMS is supposed to go to Auto Repair for all of their repairs and supplies.

Mr. Geloso said ARMS put the batteries in themselves.

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

Purchase Requests

Savelives.com	Medical supplies	\$ 471.66
Grainger	Car Soap	\$ 107.33
Telrepc	2 toughbook latches	\$ 86.00
Clarkson	Stanadyne Performance Formula	\$ 192.00

Mr. Geloso said the Stanadyne purchase is an additive to the diesel fuel. It increases the octane and eliminates caking, etc. He said we have been using Standyne for years. The charge is \$192.

Mr. Blume said that Repr. Linda Gentile and Sen. Joe Crisco are working on funding for the communication system.

Mr. Heon said they can bring in a new frequency and get us on line. The second frequency is up. There are two radios that need to be replaced. They tuned up the systems and fixed the programming errors. AT&T will figure out the phone line. The repeaters were replaced. One component was not replaced. This just passed Motorola specs. He said he suggests ARMS replace the duplexer. This will be the new main repeater in the system. The cost is \$1700 for a new one from Motorola – tuned and out the door.

Mr. Heon said the base radio in Car 7 doesn't do narrow channels. Motorola will loan one.

Mr. Blume asked if ARMS can purchase the loan radio for Car 7.

Mr. Heon said once they are installed and go live we can go on line. He said he has to go down there and he will check. He said they disconnected our line to AT&T. It was shut off and we need it for the new frequency.

Ms. Sjogren said they kept shutting us off and stating they were moving us.

A discussion continued on the new frequency, purchasing new radios and equipment and the situation with AT&T.

Mr. Heon said ARMS has to get Car 7 updated. The cost is \$1300 for Car 7, \$1000 for radio at ARMS Hqts and \$1700 for duplexer. This gets the ambulance and headquarters duplexers on line. FCC is making ARMS go to the narrow channel and everyone has changed and updated to the narrow channel. They are working with us.

Mr. Blume said ARMS can get this wrapped up for \$4000.

Mr. Heon said this is our backup radio we use for CMed. Once we get the line we can go back to the radio as back up. He said if ARMS has funds in the ambulance equipment line item, \$4000 gets the ambulance and ARMS Headquarters on line.

There was a discussion on the line items for the Car's radios and if there is enough funds to purchase the necessary equipment required to have ARMS updated and running. The members all agreed they would like to finish the radios.

Mr. Heon said if ARMS gets another new Car we can transfer to the new car from the old car. He said there is \$900 in generator and \$4200 in radio equipment. He said he will reprogram the portable radio equipment. This would get 8 new radios going, one on the car and one for Doc and one for Joanne.

Mr. Blume made a motion to take the funds needed to purchase the equipment from the radio and generator equipment accounts. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Matthies Foundation re: stretcher grant

Ms. Sjogren said ARMS raised \$6487.99 in donations for the power stretcher. The Matthies Foundation gave \$2720. She said she is short \$1632.24 to purchase the power stretcher. Ms. Sjogren asked if she could use the ambulance equipment line so they could purchase the power stretcher.

Mr. Blume made a motion to grant permission to use the ambulance equipment line for the \$1632.24 shortage. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

The ARMS personnel present gave a demo of the power stretcher.

2. Registration form for Annual Crisco Senior Fair Oct 21,2010
3. Thank you letter from Shelton FD
4. Thank you letter from Seymour EMS

Reports

Mr. Scanlon reviewed his report with the members present.

Mr. Heon asked about the air conditioning in Car 7.

Mr. Scanlon said there is a rattling in Car 7 and he is going over to Auto Repair tomorrow and he will ask about it.

New Business

Ms. Sjogren requested to purchase winter jackets for new paid employees. She said there are 20 new people and the cost will be approximately \$500.

Mr. Blume made a motion to approve the purchase of the new winter jackets for the new hires. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Heon asked if there were any jackets left.

Ms. Sjogren said there are a couple jackets in storage.

Ms. Sjogren said there is a rate application in the package for the members to review. It is the 2010 rate application and it is the same as the previous years. In the past ARMS accepts the 3% increase on the State of CT form. In the past we accepted what the State of Connecticut wants to give us. \$530 is the maximum we can charge.

Mr. Blume made a motion to renew the Certificate of Operation and accept the rate increase. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Heon said John will be in Milford tomorrow and he will bring the radios to them and they will upgrade them free of charge.

Mr. Geloso said the Standard Operating Guideline is the members responsibility. It deals with the members conduct in the field and in the building.

Mr. Heon said the revised Standard Operating Guideline given out that changes members rights did not follow the proper guidelines. He said the Standard Operating Guideline gives members and paid staff rights of ARMS. If you change the Standard Operating Guideline you have to have an Officers meeting.

A discussion followed on the Standard Operating Guideline and the changes made to the document. Also discussed was the method of the vote on the SOG and that it changed a blanket SOG through a process and it was voted in and it took the membership rights away, it stripped away the right to vote.

Mr. Heon said Mr. Geloso sits in on the volunteer and paid staff meetings our rights should be considered. He said he did not like the way it was done – if there is a procedure in place already it should be followed. He said he is a volunteer and does volunteer at ARMS but he is also paid staff.

Mr. Blume said paid staff, three people came up for membership and paid staff voted on the membership for the volunteers and threw the three people out. He said ARMS needs the volunteers.

Mr. Geloso said there should be a conversation with the commission.

Discussion on paid staff voting on volunteers is a conflict if paid staff wanted to get rid of the volunteers. The volunteers don't vote on the paid staff. The paid staff is voting for membership of volunteers to ARMS but not to accept or decline.

Mr. Heon said they never had these problems before. He said they should follow the Standard Operating Guideline.

Mr. Geloso said he extended for 90 days the probation for the individual so ARMS can review the situation. This needs to be changed.

Mr. Heon said to make a new rule that time forward.

Ms. Sjogren said she agrees to do going forward. Those who were voted out in March make it going forward and don't overturn the decision.

Mr. Blume said he did not want to discuss this issue tonight. He suggested a special meeting be called to straighten this out.

Jennifer Athens asked when Mr. Geloso was in the hiring process.

Chairman Fainer said the Commission will call a Special Meeting for that purpose.

Other Business

Sprint/Internet

Ms. Sjogren said she is trying to eliminate the Sprint Cards. They want the wireless encrypted.

HURST tool on ambulance

Ms. Sjogren said currently ARMS has a Hurst Tool on the first ambulance out. She asked what does ARMS do. She said the Fire Dept. was supposed to take over the rescue.

Mr. Blume said they haven't changed anything and ARMS should stay as they were. No one has taken over.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary