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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

May 6, 2013

### Regular Meeting

Present: Dave Geloso, Vice- Chairman  
Anthony Delucia  
Jared Heon  
Peter Marcinko  
Michael Hokanson

Absent: Scott Nihill

Others Present: Joan Radin, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Geloso at 6:00 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

### Public Session

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

There being no one, Vice-Chairman Geloso closed the public session.

## Minutes

Chief Heon said he did not have an opportunity to review the minutes and would like to table approving them until he can read them.

Chief Heon made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2013 Regular Meeting and the April 17, 2013 Special Meeting and table approving them until next month. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## Bills

Chief Heon presented the following bills that have been processed and paid:

1. DMV	Siren Permit Renewal	\$20.00
2. Boundtree Medical	Supplies	\$144.40
3. Castle Beverage	Ice Machine Repair	\$136.00
4. Clarkson	Engine Performance Formula	\$204.00
5. Michael Hokanson	Reimb for Cable for Computer	\$54.23
6. Service Auto	Battery and Wiring for trailer	\$130.04
7. David Geloso	Reimb Keys/Ice Machine Cleaner	\$28.16
8. Daniels Equipment	Washer Machine Base	\$314.99

## Purchase Requests:

Chief Heon presented the following purchase requests:

1. EMMS	April Billing	\$2,672.90
2. Mantz Auto	Cleaner/Wash	\$250.00
3. Griffin Hosp	Physical & PPD	375.94
4. B&J Electric	Repair Exhaust Fan	No Charge
5. Maaco	1 Bravo 1 Rear gate	\$500?
6. Boundtree Medical	Epi Pens	\$2440.00
7. GC1	Messages	\$7.38

Chief Heon said that Mr. Geloso took an old motor that needed repair to B&J Electric and they repaired it free of charge. They took 1Bravo1 to Maaco to have the rust on the tailgate repaired and painted. The cost should be under \$500. He said the EpiPens expired and they are required by State Law to carry one adult and one child pen on each ambulance. Chief Heon said he was able to purchase a set of two pens for \$305 which is \$100 less than what was quoted. He said he

will see if ARMS can purchase their medical supplies from Griffin Hospital because it would be cheaper.

Chief Heon said he just received an e-mail regarding the used ambulance that ARMS is purchasing. They were going to pay for part of the light that needed to be replaced. ARMS will be paying half and they will pay half the cost of the light. The cost of the upgraded light is about \$1000. This light would be LED and not halogen. He said they are within the budget so there are funds to pay for this.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to accept the bills and the purchase requests listed above. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Ansonia Police Dept. Invitation to their Annual Awards Ceremony on May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mary Bogden, 15 Robert Barry Road re: thank you to ARMS for all their help during the storm.
3. AHS Prom Committee re: Thank you to ARMS for donating to their Post-Prom Night.
4. Medic 13 Class re: thank you letter
5. Mike Hokanson re: Storm payment for volunteers

Vice-Chairman Geloso said that he will read the late communication received from Mr. Hokanson that is addressed to Chairman Nihill.

The letter states that there was re-imbursement made for the storm and ARMS did not receive the same as the Fire Dept. The total that would be reimbursed to ARMS for Storm Sandy is \$1130.

Chief Heon said he has submitted for reimbursement for Storm Nemo but he did not know to submit for Storm Sandy. He said he found out about Storm Sandy when he went to the meeting.

Mr. Hokanson said they were told to submit for both.

Vice-Chairman Geloso said apparently it was an oversight.

Mr. Marcinko suggested that they submit their request to BOAT for reimbursement of funds for the storm.

Mr. Delucia said he is in the Fire Dept. and he did not get paid for volunteering.

Chief Heon said they paid the Fire Companies, he doesn't know.

Mr. Delucia made a motion to submit the request to BOAT for payment. Mr. Marcinko seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chief Heon said he will submit the request to BOAT as a transfer of funds.

There was discussion on the reimbursements to the fire departments and volunteers and ARMS was not included. Mr. Marcinko said to submit the request to BOAT. It is up to them how much they can reimburse if the Fire Dept. was reimbursed.

Mr. Delucia said that ARMS should double check this before they go forward with requesting funds for ARMS volunteers. He said he did not get paid and he is a member of the Fire Dept. They may not have been paid and it should be check out.

Chief Heon asked if they are being reimbursed for Storm Sandy. If yes, then we have to go to the next level – are we allowed to re-submit the forms to FEMA for reimbursement.

Mr. Marcinko said if it was paid to other organizations, then the same request should be for everyone.

Chief Heon said there is the Police, Fire, PWD that were reimbursed. They used new money from BOAT. ARMS transferred funds out of the ambulance crew line to the Stand by Crew line item to pay them only for Storm Nemo.

Mr. Delucia rescinded his motion to submit the request to BOAT for payment.

Mr. Marcinko rescinded his second.

Mr. Delucia made a motion to have Chief Heon and Chairman Nihill look into the volunteer hour's reimbursement for Storm Sandy. Mr. Marcinko seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Reports**

### **Chief Heon - Monthly ARMS Report – April 2013**

Chief Heon read his monthly report to the members as follows:

He said there were 252 responses dispatched to.

There were 185 patients transported and 66 transports with a Medic.

He said mutual aid from Ansonia: 29 Derby, 3 Seymour, 1 Shelton

He said mutual aid to Ansonia is: 0 first calls, 2 second calls, 2 third calls.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

**Hospitals:**

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
150	Griffin	3	Saint Vincent's
18	Yale	0	Milford
4	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
6	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	0	Saint Mary's
4	Bridgeport	1	VA- West Haven

He said the Financial Statement shows collections are low this month. This is because ARMS had a Medicare re-evaluation. We were flagged because they had us listed as having a 1983 ambulance that we do not have and never had. They will be coming to Ansonia in the next two weeks and someone has to be at headquarters so they can conduct an inspection. If no one answers they will consider us not in operation. He said ARMS will receive past and current reimbursements at one time once they finish their evaluation.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to accept Chief Heon's Monthly report. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Report of the Asst. Chief – David Geloso**

Vice-Chairman Geloso said that Car 8 is at Stevens Ford because the "check engine" light went on. The DEF sensor is bad and they ordered a new one. It will be in tomorrow and they will repair it. While Car 8 was down at Stevens Ford they rotated the tires. Car 8 is out of service until it is repaired.

He said everything else is OK and going smooth.

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to accept Asst. Chief Geloso's report as presented. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**New Business**Collection Policy

Chief Heon gave everyone an updated Policy that reflects all of the changes. The Policy was reviewed and revised by Corporation Counsel Blake. Corporation Counsel had questions and they were addressed and he approved the Policy.

Chief Heon asked Corp. Counsel Blake if the Policy had to go to the Board of Aldermen for approval. Corp. Counsel Blake told him no, just send a copy to the Board of Aldermen. He said that ARMS sets their own policy so just send the Aldermen a copy.

Chief Heon said that he did not want to have this policy publicized because it is for utilization of a service the town provides. He doesn't want anyone saying they don't have to pay. A copy could be sent to the President of the Board of Aldermen and to the Mayor's office. Mr. Atwood said if ARMS wants to change something in the policy, we can change it.

Chief Heon said that Corp. Counsel Blake wants a definition of "hardship". He said it is difficult to define hardship. It is different in everyone's case and he could not define a hardship. It is taken on a case by case basis. He said that is why they need some guidelines.

Chief Heon said he would like to have the Commission accept the Collection Policy and put it in place within ARMS and change it later if need be.

There was discussion on the Policy and how to handle distribution of the policy.

Chief Heon made a motion to accept and adopt the Collection Policy as ARMS new Collection Policy with copies sent to the Mayor, Asst. Comptroller, President of the BoA and President of BOAT. Mr. Delucia seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Any other business to come before the Commission**

None

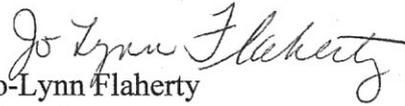
**Executive Session**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Marcinko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary