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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

September 8, 2014

Regular Meeting

Present: David Geloso, Vice Chairman  
Jared Heon  
Michael Hokanson  
Joan Radin

Absent: David Blackwell  
Anthony DeLucia

Others Present: Elizabeth Lynch, Town Clerk

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Geloso at 7:02 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

### Ceremony

Vice-Chairman Geloso said Ms. Lynch was here this evening to do the swearing in of all the new Cert members. The recipients that were sworn in this evening are:

Jean Roslonowski  
Simone Mason  
Paul Niedmann  
De borah Ice  
Janice Bowers  
Richard Zdrowski  
Patrick Buchanan

**Public Session**

Vice-Chairman Geloso asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There being no one, he closed the public session.

**Minutes**

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Bills**

Chief Heon presented the following bills:

**Bills:**

1. Valley Electric:	\$ 125.18
2. Stevens Ford:	\$2706.42
3. Magna Kleen:	\$ 27.00
4. Shipmans:	\$ 351.95
5. Valley Electric:	\$ 417.83
6. Target:	\$ 265.72
7. Traceys Garage	\$ 553.34
8. DiGennaro Service	\$ 796.50
9. CDW-G	\$ 280.77
10. Stevens Ford	\$ 673.21
11. David Geloso	\$ 15.00
12. Magna Kleen	\$ 54.00
13. EMMS	\$3811.93
14. Aladtech	\$1595.00
15. Northeastern Comm	\$ 219.45
16. Magna Kleen	\$ 54.00
17. Kelderman Manufacturing	\$ 746.00
18. Grainger	\$ 40.75
19. Tessco	\$ 187.60
20. Boundtree Medical	\$2164.36

21. Stryker	\$1349.78
22. EMMS	\$3781.54
23. Valley Electric	\$ 29.20
24. Full Compass	\$ 358.30
25. Bethany Supply	\$ 46.65
26. Correctional Ent of CT	\$4542.84
27. Stryker	Request

Chief Heon explained the bills that he presented for payment. He said every July/August they send all of their vehicles for complete service i.e. water pump, brakes, seals, etc. Car 8 had bad injectors and the bill was larger than what they expected but they had the car since 1998. The oxygen bottles were all tested and passed. All of the supplies had to be replenished. Stryker invoice was for the speed rail, back packs, straps and antlers for the stretchers. Doug Coy did research and background work and was able to purchase commercial bunk beds for Headquarters through the St. of CT. They are purchasing six bunk beds for Headquarters. They will have to purchase new mattresses for the top bunks.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to purchase the bunk beds from the State of CT purchasing service. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chief Heon advised the commissioners that ARMS was awarded the Matthies Grant that he wrote for the power load. The grant is for \$12,500. The power load helps should an ambulance rollover and the stretcher comes loose. It is a safety issue because it breaks ankles. The power load meets the requirement to prevent this. He said we lost a Matthies grant in the past so we have to purchase this power load by December 2014.

Chief Heon said that Stryker is offering a no interest loan for three or four payments which can come out of the ARMS budget or Capital Improvement Budget. He said he doesn't know what BOAT wants to do. ARMS needs to let BOAT know that they do not want to lose this grant. He said he can apply next year for Car 8 but he doesn't want to lose this \$12,500.

Chief Heon said he spoke with Bill Nimons on the funding for this. He said he will ask to take the funds from the Capital Improvement line if we can or we can figure out how to pay for it from the ARMS line items. He said it is a lot of money and the equipment is expensive but it is better for safety. He said they have to purchase the equipment before September 30<sup>th</sup> because the prices will increase on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The manufacturer is willing to work with us.

Alderwoman Radin said she likes the no interest and zero percent.

Vice-Chairman Geloso said ARMS should pursue this because of safety issues. It is important to the service provided to the patient. The new ambulance is pre-equipped for this equipment.

Alderman Radin made a motion to send a letter to BOAT recommending funding for the balance of the Matthies Grant for the power load in the interest of crew and patient safety prior to September 30, 2014 when there will be a price increase by the manufacturer. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. E-mail from Theresa Atwood to W. Nimons cc: J. Heon re: Mutual Aid Derby Report 2014 dtd. 8/22/14

Chief Heon said that William Nimons asked what the cost was to Ansonia to provide mutual aid to Derby. He said Ms. Atwood came up with a report for this information. A copy is on file in the Town Clerk's office. He said when Ansonia assists Derby and Shelton we have an asset available to us. He said if Ansonia doesn't take the call AMR will take it. He said that the towns help each other in a lot of ways. It is not hurting Ansonia, we are not adding staff and we are being good neighbors.

2. Boys Scouts of America re: Thank You for ARMS service to the summer camping program.
3. Parent Child Resource Center/Veronica Parsloe re: Borrowing Light Towers for Food Trucks in the Valley on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m.

Chief Heon said this event will be held at the Shelton Riverwalk and if ARMS has people available they will see if they can help this non-profit group.

4. St. Joseph Church: re Invitation to have the trucks blessed on Sunday 9/7/14 at Warsaw Park, Ansonia.

Vice-Chairman Geloso said that they had the trucks blessed along with the Fire Trucks.

Chief Heon thanked those members who brought the trucks up to Warsaw Park for the blessing.

Vice-Chairman Geloso thanked Ed Sokolnicki for inviting ARMS and the Fire Dept.

5. Katheryn Matthies Grant award letter from U.S. Trust, Bank of America.

### **Recess**

Mr. Hokanson made a motion for a 10 minute recess at 7:43 p.m. Alderman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Alderman Radin made a motion to go back into regular session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## Reports

### ARMS Chief - Report

Chief Heon presented his August 2014 monthly report to the members as follows:

There were 279 responses dispatched to.

He said mutual aid from Ansonia: 21 to Derby, 4 to Seymour, 2 to Shelton, 1

He said mutual aid to Ansonia is: 0 first call, 1 second call, 1 Third Call, 0 Fourth Call.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

#### Hospitals:

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
153	Griffin	4	Saint Vincent's
18	Yale	0	Milford
7	Yale-Pediatrics	1	Waterbury
5	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	0	Saint Mary's
2	Bridgeport	0	VA- West Haven

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to accept Chief Heon's report as given. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chief Heon said he received a memo regarding the annual Service Rating Evaluation Form for employees. He said it requires he conduct employee reviews for all employees and set goals. He said they have two part time supervisors. Jess asked to be removed from the list as of September so he and Tom Dempsey will cover.

Alderwoman Radin said there was something about two full time supervisors.

Chief Heon said they posted the job description and nine people applied but they didn't budget for benefits. Mr. Tymniak recommended ARMS send a letter to BOAT to fund the position

benefits that were not funded. Mr. Tymniak said he has to go through the Board of Aldermen Salary Committee for this.

There was discussion on the funding of the two positions and the combining of the ARMS line items for the full time and part time positions. Chief Heon said last year the cost to the City of Ansonia for ARMS was only \$10,000. He said he is proud of ARMS. He said he will send a letter to Mr. Tymniak regarding the funding for the positions.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to send a letter to the Personnel Director regarding the benefits for the new full time employees. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Report – Michael Hokanson**

Mr. Hokanson presented the monthly Run Stats for August 2014. He said August was a busy month. He said in July the volunteers covered 330 hours at a savings of \$5,316.30 and in August the volunteers covered 384 hours at a savings of \$6,186.24. Total saved in salaries is \$11,502.54.

There was a discussion on the hourly rate paid to the ambulance crew. Currently the hourly rate is \$16.11.

Mr. Hokanson discussed the Naugatuck River Bash stating it is part of the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration and will be held at the Gazabo. There is a magic show for the children planned. ARMS will be there.

Mr. Hokanson said that Sacred Heart is back in session and they will have the volunteers back.

### **Report - Dave Geloso**

Mr. Geloso said ARMS can't send an ambulance to Nolan Field because OEMS said you can't send one person in an ambulance you need a crew. He said ARMS has to get a Fly Car so that they can cover these type of events without an ambulance. He said they can't use the present Fly Car in emergency service – it can only be used to carry supplies. It will be a personnel transport only not an emergency transport – we will have to do that until we get a new vehicle.

Chief Heon said ARMS needs to have a Fly Car. It is a bad predicament without a Fly car.

Mr. Geloso said it is unfortunate we don't have the Fly Car. He said ARMS puts funds into the City and now there is a need for this vehicle and we can't get it.

There was discussion on funding for the Fly Car.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to accept the reports as given. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **New Business**

Alderwoman Radin said she believes there will be a meeting on the proposed Anaerobic plant September 25<sup>th</sup>. She said there are none in the United States. The location is behind the Stop & Shop. The proposed building will be 60 feet high and they will take garbage from other towns. She said they supposedly have State permits for this plant. They don't have local approvals. She urged the Commissioners to attend this meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Heon said he wrote an agreement regarding the transfer of the final piece of equipment to the Fire Dept. He went to Corporation Counsel Marini with this agreement. Corporation Counsel Marini said it will be null and void because it is between two City departments.

Chief Heon said they can't sign any agreement.

### **Tax Abatement**

Chief Heon said that Bob Copperthite did some research and suggested that instead of giving the volunteers the Tax Abatement give them a stipend once a month. He did research in other towns and there is only one town that doesn't give a stipend. You would be forced to be active to receive the stipend. The volunteer would have to be active and current to get the stipend. He is still talking to people and it is an incentive for the volunteer. If the volunteer doesn't live in Ansonia he doesn't receive the Tax Abatement however he would be able to receive the stipend.

### **Stand By Duty**

Chief Heon said that ARMS would have to go through BOAT for the stand by pay. He said he went to the July meeting of BOAT and BOAT suggested the stand by duty be used as "in-kind" service. BOAT would have to set up an expense line item and an income line item. They did this for the Fire Dept. stand by.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to send a letter to the Comptroller asking how he wants to hand the "stand by" duty pay. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **ESO Software**

Chief Heon explained the ESO software contract to the commissioners. Mr. Atwood entered into the contract on behalf of ARMS and they will switch payment to ESO from the EMS Charts and it will be handled by EMMS who is our billing agency.

Chief Heon said Northwest Public Safety will be connected over September 16, 2014. The current provider will remain to the end of the month because of the billing cycle (end of cycle is 9/30/14). He said September 29, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. concludes EMS and ARMS will be with Northwest Public Safety.

Mr. Hokanson said that they will be attending the ESO Conference. The Director of Sales waived the conference fee for ARMS personnel so they could attend this conference. All ARMS has to pay is the travel expense. They will take our data from 2009 and import it and make it searchable. The rates will be the same rates from now to the end of next year.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to fund the trip to Texas for the air fare and hotel cost to the ESO Conference for training on the ESO Software for no more than four (4) system administrators. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

#### Crisco Health Fair – Warsaw Park

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to participate in the Crisco Health Fair at Warsaw Park on October 20, 2014. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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

Chief Heon said that a former ARMS employee has passed and ARMS was asked to participate in her funeral procession from Trumbull to Christ Church in Ansonia. Kathy Vagasky did a lot for the ARMS Jr. Corp and she was the Lead Instructor for Community CPR training plus a host of other activities. He said ARMS volunteers will send an arrangement for her service.

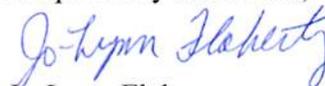
#### **Executive Session**

None

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary