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ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

January 7, 2014

Regular Meeting

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

Absent: Anthony DeLucia

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:35 p.m.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Public Session

Chairman Blackwell asked 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 table the minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Chief Heon presented the following bills:

Bills:

1. Tracy's	Car 7 Chains	\$1,173.29	
2. Stevens Ford	Car 7 & Car 8 Service	\$ 438.08	
3. Calvert Lock	Keys	\$ 48.00	
4. Dave Geloso	Reimb Value Extenders for Car 7	\$ 5.31	
5. Advantage Emblem	250 Arms Patches & 200 EMT Patches	\$ 877.48	
6. EMMS	Dec 2013 Collections	\$3,416.09	
7. Valley Electric	Bulbs	\$ 37.62	
8. JRB's	Food for Holiday	\$ 29.68	
9. Bethany Supply	Compartment Light Bulbs for Car 8	\$ 13.11	
10. Danbury Power	Plow Blade for Polaris	\$ 299.23	
11. MHQ	Siren Unit	\$ 706.87	Request
12. MHQ	Lighting for Polaris (donations)	\$2,000.00	Request

Chief Heon discussed the requests listed above. He said that there is money donated to ARMS that is in the line item. He will request these funds from BOAT to purchase the Siren unit and the emergency lights. He has two men who will install this equipment for free.

Chief Heon said ARMS did not purchase any supplies for January.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to pay the bills and approve the requests as stated. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

1. R. Bshara re; Board of Aldermen Finance Committee meetings. ARMS meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Erlingheusser Room.
2. Christmas Cards from N.E. Communications, Griffin Hospital Occupational Medicine, Seymour Ambulance, Ever Ready Press
3. Thank You from Northeastern Communications.

Mr. Hokinson made a motion to accept and place on file all correspondence. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Reports

ARMS Chief - Report

Chief Heon presented his December 2013 monthly report to the members as follows:

There were 285 responses dispatched to.

There were 211 patients transported Total ALS & BLS patients.

ALS Medic: 71 patients transported with ALS on board.

He said mutual aid from Ansonia: 19 Derby and 3 Seymour

He said mutual aid to Ansonia is: 0 first calls, 1 second calls, Various assistance responded to bus accident.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

Hospitals:

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

Chief Heon said the financial statement is \$52,555.19 not including any collections.

Chief Heon explained that the Commission voted to sign a contract with the law firm the Tax Collector uses however the former Corp. Counsel did not approve it.

Chairman Blackwell asked the name of the law firm.

Chief Heon said the Rossi Law Firm. They do everything that is why ARMS wanted to go with them.

Chairman Blackwell said if the commission voted to get them can we go forward with it now.

Chief Heon said it is contingent on Corporation Counsel's approval.

Ms. Radin suggested the commission let the new Corporation Counsel review the contract.

Chief Heon said the commission already approved the collection policy.

Chairman Blackwell asked Chief Heon to bring it before the current Corporation Counsel.

Chief Heon said he will send it to him.

Chief Heon reviewed the 2013 Activity Report with the commission members. There was a total of 3026 calls responded to.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to accept Chief Heon's monthly report and the 2013 Activity Report. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Report – Michael Hokanson

Mr. Hokanson reviewed the 2013 Monthly Run Stats with the commission members. He said in the past ARMS usually rewards the top five (5) volunteers.

Report - Dave Geloso

Mr. Geloso said 2 Bravo 10 is at Twin Lights. They are changing the lighting and wiring to meet the specifications. It should be back to Ansonia by Friday. He said he is ordering some additional equipment for lights on the cars.

Mr. Geloso said New England Fire Apparatus straightened out the wiring and the problems with the antennas that came with the car.

Mr. Geloso discussed the stretchers and what needs to be repaired on them. There is a knob on the floor and a bar that the stretcher rides over. The stretcher doesn't have the bar and this jams the stretcher. He would like to get it fixed before it breaks everything. He also discussed fixing this unit and possibly getting a back up stretcher.

Mr. Geloso said Rescue 4's air test was good. It worked well at the Shelton fire. Charter Hose used it for their drill. 1 Bravo 5 is out back behind the building and is "dead". He said they are not spending any funds to fix it.

Mr. Geloso said car 7 needs new tires. He is requesting to purchase a set of tires for this vehicle and keep the one good tire as a spare.

Mr. Geloso said car 8 will need brakes. When it was serviced they reported the brakes are down and will need brakes all around.

Mr. Geloso said he purchased some DEF. DEF is the emissions fluid used with diesel fuel. He said normally we use the DEF when the car is serviced.

Chief Heon said last year we requested significantly more money for maintenance and the line was cut and now we are down to \$2000. We need to purchase the new tires – we need 6 tires.

There was discussion on purchases that are needed by ARMS for the maintenance of the vehicles. BOAT gives the bare minimum and if you need more funds you have to go back to BOAT and ask for additional funding.

Chairman Blackwell said that ARMS may have to go before BOAT for the tires.

Mr. Geloso said he thinks the budget was cut for the Prendergast School generator. He said that may be a problem. He said the tank was replaced and is up and running however it was replaced with a 1000 gallon fuel tank and the previous tank was 100 gallon tank.

Chief Heon said the line item had \$2500 and it was cut \$500 for this year with a 100 gallon propane tank. We have a 1000 gallon tank that would have to be filled.

There was discussion on the importance of keeping fuel in this tank for the new generator. All fuel and maintenance for the generator comes out of the ARMS budget. The cost to fill the 1000 gallon tank should it empty would be estimated at \$3000. ARMS is very concerned that the budget was cut for this important security equipment that covers the entire city.

Chairman Blackwell asked why a natural gas line was not brought in to the generator.

Mr. Geloso said it is important to have the generator on an independent system because the generator would be off the electric grid and off the gas grid in an emergency.

Chief Heon said that there is no gas line in that area. He said it would be something to look into with Yankee Gas. There is a 1000 gallon underground tank located there now and ARMS needs the money to top off the tank.

Mr. Geloso tests and runs the generator every week.

Chief Heon made a motion to accept Mr. Hokanson's report and Mr. Geloso's report. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

New Business

Budget 2014-2015

Chief Heon discussed the entire tentative ARMS budget with the members present. He explained each line item and asked that they review the budget.

Some of the items in the budget that Chief Heon discussed is the need for a Part time clerical secretary for ARMS, there is no overtime budgeted for storms and emergencies, the need for two (2) part time supervisors and two (2) full time supervisors, the weekly hour limit for part time work and that ARMS is bringing in revenue that covers the expenses.

There was a discussion on the Stair Chair and that it cannot be covered under a service/maintenance contract because it is too old. This unit is being used on the ambulance because it helps the EMT and the patient.

Chief Heon said he has a lean and accurate budget and if ARMS doesn't spend the money, it goes back to the General Fund. He invited the members to attend the ARMS budget hearing with the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Ms. Radin made a motion to approve the budget submission with continued discussion for staffing salaries and capital improvements with the Finance Committee and the Mayor's office and BOAT. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Discussion on the Stair Chair and the contract coverage. The Stair Chair is non-certified and a liability and should be discussed with Corporation Counsel.

Chief Heon discussed his Capital Improvement Plan for vehicles and equipment with the members present. He said that he and Tom Dempsey put together a full list of equipment that needs replacement.

Chief Heon said that ARMS will be training the staff for CPR at the Ansonia Nature Center on January 29, 2014. He said he will follow up with Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director on training for the coaches.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to reward the top five (5) volunteers with the following: \$50 gas card to the top 3 volunteers and \$25 gas card to the next top 2 volunteers. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Geloso said he will take the pictures for the Salamander Tags for the ARMS Commissioners. These tags are used by the State of CT and are good for two (2) years.

Chief Heon said he will get a badge and jacket/turn out coat for Mayor Cassetti so when he attends an accident or emergency he will have the proper identification to go on the scene of the accident.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen recommending the purchase of a Chief's vehicle through State of CT pricing at Crowley Ford for a total price of \$38,500. Ms. Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Unfinished Business

Chief Heon said there has been no progress on the repairs at ARMS Headquarters.

Mr. Geloso said the roof is leaking in the stock room and it has to be repaired.

Chairman Blackwell asked if the roof was replaced.

Chief Heon said that they have to start new and go out to bid for a new roof. He said he will speak at the Mayor's meeting on the roof issue.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Mr. Geloso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary