



# City of Ansonia

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## ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

October 5, 2015

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 7:00 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 approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting as written. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Bills**

Chief Heon presented the bills for the month.

Chief Heon explained that the EPI pens that were on the ambulances were expiring on Sept. 30, 2015 for the Jr. pens and October 31, 2015 for the adult pens. He got a price from Griffin Hospital for the EPI pens and saved \$1519 on the purchase.

There was discussion on the State mandate for EPI pens on the ambulances. He said that each ambulance is equipped with one Jr. and one Adult and the emergency responder vehicles each have one pen each. ARMS keeps the minimum required due to cost. They cannot afford to keep more than one pen (Jr. & Adult) in the ambulances.

The Speed of Sound invoice should be Bethany Supply because Speed of Sound would not take a P.O. and ARMS had to pay with a charge card. Mr. Geloso paid the bill.

Chief Heon said all of the annual services were done on the ambulances. Bravo 7 needed rear brakes and they had to replace the steering wheel on Bravo 8.

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

Copy of bills is attached.

## **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received this month.

## **Reports**

### **ARMS Chief - September 2015 Report**

Chief Heon said the mutual aid to Derby was high. There were a lot of diversions from Griffin Hospital this month also.

There was discussion on the diversions from Griffin Hospital and how it affects all of the towns with ambulance service. Mr. Geloso asked if Northwest could run a report on the diversions if needed. Mr. Dempsey said that a lot of the transports were real sick people.

Chief Heon presented his report to the members as follows:

There were 313 responses.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

**Hospitals:**

<b># of Patients</b>	<b>Receiving Hospital</b>	<b># of Patients</b>	<b>Receiving Hospital</b>
160	Griffin	5	Saint Vincent's
21	Yale	2	Milford
2	Yale-Pediatrics	0	Waterbury
8	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	0	Saint Mary's
10	Bridgeport	1	VA- West Haven

Chief Heon said the total revenue for the month is: \$63,570.84.

Chief Heon explained the Medicare/Medicaid payment schedule with regard to reimbursements. Medicare is going up in reimbursements and is capped at \$267.20 and Medicaid can only pay up to \$267.20. He said they just received this information on Friday and they are not sure how it will work out.

ARMS received the application for the Joe Crisco Senior Fair to be held at Warsaw Park on October 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Chief Heon attended the meeting on the City of Ansonia Personnel Policy. He said he discussed policy for the part time crew such as shift differential, holiday pay, etc. because this is not covered in the policy and these employees are not covered under any union contract. He said he is preparing a job description for each stipend position in ARMS. Corp. Counsel Marini is working on the revisions to the Personnel Policy.

There was discussion on the maintenance line item and that ARMS may have to go and ask for additional funds because of the maintenance on the older ambulances. There are more problems with Bravo 9. They are two years behind on the Capital Improvements and there is a need for a new ambulance. The older ambulances are breaking down continually. Chief Heon is concerned that if the ambulances keep breaking down they will be short ambulances to cover the call volume.

There was discussion on putting up a steel car port in the rear of the building to keep the cargo trailer, Mass Casualty Bus and the Fly Car this winter. The Webster Hose floor will not be repaired before the cold weather and their Fire Truck is in one of the garage bays. The concern is the (ambulance) trucks staying outside in the cold weather and freezing. There is equipment and supplies in them that will freeze. They want to get something decent that will house the

vehicles during the winter weather. The commissioners agreed that the Chief should look into something before the bad weather is here, i.e. an alternate location to park them or a steel type car port.

### **Report - Dave Geloso**

Mr. Geloso said that the maintenance on the vehicles has been covered (Bravo 7 and Bravo 8) by Chief Heon.

### **Report – Mike Hokanson**

Mr. Hokanson presented the Monthly Run report to the members.

Mr. Hokanson noted that there were three ARMS crew members who helped evacuate the people in the building that was on fire on Bridge Street last week. They are Brendan Canty, Michael Volpe, Joe Wendland. He stated they were first on the scene and didn't hesitate, they did a great job.

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

### **New Business**

Chief Heon invited the commissioners to view the new power load that has been installed on Bravo 10. There was a 50% matching grant for this. He said he will apply for a grant for Bravo 8 which is the 2011 ambulance. Bravo 8 already has 50,000 miles but if we receive this grant we can have the floor re-done and everything on the vehicle repaired that needs to be fixed while it is out of service. These are some minor repairs that should be done as long as the vehicle is not in service.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to accept all new business. Alderwoman Radin seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Heon said the Rotary Club Awards Dinner honoring Ryan Hunt who will be receiving the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic Service Recognition award will be held tomorrow evening at Ansonia High School at 6:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to accept the Unfinished Business. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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

None

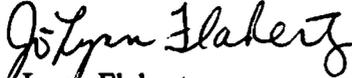
**Executive Session**

None

**Adjourn**

Alderwoman Radin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary