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ANSONIA RESCUE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

July 18, 2016

Special Meeting

Present: Joan Radin, Vice-Chairman – 5th Ward Alderman
David Geloso
Jared Heon, Chief
Michael Hokanson

Absent: David Blackwell, 7th Ward Alderman
Lorie Vaccaro - excused – 2nd Ward Alderman

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Radin at 7:05 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 Radin asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There being no one, she called for a motion to close the public session.

Mr. Geloso made a motion to close the public session. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Minutes

Mr. Geloso made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting as written. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Chief Heon reviewed the bills with the commissioners. He had reviewed the purchases from last year's budget that were previously approved by the Commission. He also presented a list of the invoices for half of July that are this year's budget. The bills presented are all normal bills for the Commission. He said he didn't see a need to list all of the bills in the minutes.

Chief Heon stated that Calvert Lock would not take a City of Ansonia charge card to make the keys needed for the ARMS building. He paid the amount with his charge card and will be reimbursed for the cost. He said he will look for a new vendor.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to approve payment as presented for the June 2016 bills and the July 2016 partial bills. Mr. Geloso seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

None

Reports:

ARMS Chief – June 2016 Report

There were 255 responses.

Below is a listing of the Hospitals:

Hospitals:

# of Patients	Receiving Hospital	# of Patients	Receiving Hospital
163	Griffin	5	Saint Vincent's
14	Yale	1	Milford
4	Yale-Pediatrics	3	Waterbury
5	Yale-St Raphael's Campus	1	Saint Mary's
6	Bridgeport	0	VA- West Haven

Billing revenue for the month: \$66,767.65

Report – Michael Hokanson

Mr. Hokanson was present.

Mr. Hokanson gave everyone a copy of the Monthly Run Stats.

Report - Dave Geloso

Mr. Geloso was present.

Mr. Geloso stated the generator was used at the Ansonia Nature Center for building the playground. Car 7 is still down. We are waiting for the Ford steering pump to arrive. The Striker stretchers and stair chairs and docking stations have all been gone through and repaired. There was a paint issue with Car 8 and it was not covered under warranty. Our dealer said they will take Car 8 and they will repair it at their cost. Our dealer agreed to do the repair because the company went out of business and they were not honoring the warranty.

Chief Heon stated Car 8 will be repaired after ARMS receives the new ambulance. He said they will be going out to bid for the new ambulance.

Chief Heon said ARMS collected \$761,481.50 total this year. The ARMS budget was \$676,000 and ARMS brought in \$94,481.50 more than what was budgeted. He said this amount should be deposited into the Unanticipated Income line for 2015-2016.

There was discussion on the amount of income generated by ARMS and that any revenue received should be put back into the ARMS budgeted line items.

Chief Heon discussed some of the issues that are still outstanding and are being addressed such as the outside of the ARMS building and the air conditioning. He said there are open positions that must be filled. The supervisor's position has to be posted. The position currently is being filled with part time employees. He said he is proposing a new rate structure for the crew and supervisor positions. The past supervisor was paid \$42,000 a year and the new Police officers hired have a starting rate of \$61,000. He has comparisons for these positions.

Discussion on salaries and on the use of the BOAT Contingency II funds for other items and not for the salaries as was intended. These funds were not used when the raises were not granted in January. In May the funds were transferred to other items.

Mr. Hokanson made a motion to accept all the reports as presented. Chief Heon seconded. All in favor, so carried.

New Business

Chief Heon discussed VEMS with the commissioners. He said they are part of the EMT Plan for the City of Ansonia. He said the Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen has to create an ARMS Department so VEMS can become part of the EMT Plan for the City of Ansonia and they can be designated as the First Responder BLS transporting for the City of Ansonia.

Chief Heon said VEMS is not for profit and Ansonia doesn't recognize them in the Charter. We have to do a contract with them. He said there is a basic contract but it is not edited yet. There is a performance standard reflection in the application for the EMS plan for the City of Ansonia that will be adhered to. The contract will go before the Board of Aldermen for approval. He said he has to create the Ordinance.

Discussion on the creation of the ordinance for VEMS.

Chief Heon discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and the Finance Committee meeting held last Thursday (7/14/16). He said ARMS has submitted their list to the Finance Committee for the Capital Improvement Plan. The ambulance and equipment in the Plan is needed by ARMS so that they can do their job effectively and efficiently. Chief Heon said he is concerned with the level of service ARMS would be able to provide if they don't get the equipment they requested. He said ARMS needs the items on the list presented for consideration in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Chief Heon made a motion that ARMS is endorsing the Capital Improvement Plan as ARMS presented to the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Chief Heon just received confirmation for the repair of Car 8 from the dealer. He said they will repair Car 8 after the new ambulance is delivered.

Chief Heon made a motion to go out to bid for the purchase of a new ambulance as appropriated in this years approved budget. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was discussion on Rescue 2 and that ARMS had it sold for \$15,000. Chief Heon said he confirmed that Rescue 2 was located at Barbieri's (Chippy's). He said he thought it was there for repair because former Supt. Novak wanted the rack body on the truck. PWD had the truck for 2 years and then it was up at Barbieri's. After checking on the status of Rescue 2, Chief Heon said he learned that it was sold to Barbieri and PWD kept the money. He said other departments want to keep the revenue they generate from sales of old equipment. The Fire Dept. would like to keep the revenue from selling old fire trucks and put the money back into the Fire Dept. budget line item. ARMS reserves the right to surplus their old equipment and put the revenue toward the purchase of new equipment.

Unfinished Business

None

Any other business to come before the Commission

Chief Heon said he notified Richard Dziekan, Mayor's office that ARMS could not cover the Boy Scout Day Camp this year due to staffing shortages. Mr. Dziekan contacted Derby and they are covering the Day Camp.

There was discussion on mutual aid requirements for VEMS. Chief Heon said it will be in the Plan.

Vice-Chairman Radin asked if ARMS would be covering the fireworks at Nolan Field this year.

Chief Heon said ARMS will not have anyone available that day to cover the event. He noted that the ARMS crew was not paid last year for coverage of that event. All the other departments that covered the event were paid.

There was discussion on the payment of ARMS staff for coverage at extra events.

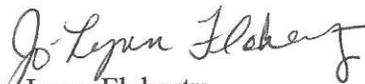
August Meeting

Chief Heon made a motion to change the August meeting to the second Monday of the month – Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Geloso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Hokanson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary