

Minutes of EMS Advisory Council

April 11, 2012

Members Present:

Edward Brown, Marian Brownlie, Charles Ihlenfeld MD, Chris Lewis, Doug Matz (arrived at 4:25 pm), Peter McCracken, Arthur Williams

Meeting was called to order by Art Williams at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended from the March 14, 2012 meeting – adding Joy Bausman’s last name and title in the Management Report section and verbiage in the New Business section – added the word featured after charities in the first bullet and added by the SI Ambulance Foundation at the end of the second bullet.

Management Report:

Joy Bausman, Executive Director, reported:

- 16 calls in March
- Welcome to newest EMT-B Jessica Killoran. 2 EMT’s in refresher class and 2 waiting for their results.
- #16 ambulance has had oxygen and other minor issues repaired. Thanks to Dave Clark of the Highway Department for his ongoing efforts. Special thanks to Arthur Bloom for driving the ambulance to and from repair. #17 ambulance will have repair done to a cabinet next – work will be done at the Highway Department building.
- New logo has been approved by the squad. Jack Thilberg is presently developing an example and will email to Supervisor Dougherty when complete.
- Ambulance building has had new fire extinguishers installed by firematics.
- New cabinets were installed in the ambulance building bathrooms to eliminate storage on the floor.
- Chair Williams asked if the transition to the Town was complete. Executive Director Bausman confirmed that there are no issues. The last hurdle is to get the transfer of inservice credit into the name of the Town from the Red Cross. Certifications are all processed – cards to be issued by the State.

New Business:

- Councilman Ed Brown advised that the Town is involved in contract negotiations with Cablevision and asked if there is a Red Cross Cablevision account. Chair Williams advised that there is an internet and tv connection – the telephone line is Verizon. If electricity were to go out there would still be telephone service.

Old Business:

- Joy Bausman, Executive Director, reported that the Policy and Procedure Manual is still a work in progress.
- Ed Holahan met with the Town Board April 3rd at 1 PM. His presentation was identical to the presentation he made to the Committee. A Town Board discussion was held April 10 and a decision was made to sign the contract with Penflex. Agreement will go into effect January 1, 2013. There will be a follow up meeting in May at which time next steps will be outlined. A presentation to the public should be made 3 -4 weeks in advance of the vote, possibly late May early June, with the vote to be held the end of June or July. Town Attorney Laury Dowd will look into the “window” for the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM until May 9, 2012.

Submitted by J. Meringer,
Sec. to the EMS Advisory Board