

On December 14, 2016 the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority Board held a meeting in the Presque Isle County Old Commissioner's Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirk Schaedig, at 6:00 p.m.. Secretary, Martha Roznowski called the roll.

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Bearinger Township	Archie Patterson	Belknap Township	Eileen Brege
Bismarck	Absent	Krakov Township	Absent
Metz Township	Louis Urban	Moltke Township	Kirk Schaedig
Ocqueoc	Absent	Posen Township	Absent
Pulawski Township	Martha Roznowski	Rogers City	Scott McLennan
Rogers Township	Randy Smolinski	CLSS	Jim Fleury
		CLSS	Dallas Hyde

The minutes, from the previous meeting, were presented by the secretary Martha Roznowski. A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Scott McLennan to accept them. All in favor and the motion was approved.

The treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Randy Smolinski and seconded by Louis Urban to accept the report. Patterson reported all money accounts are at the Chemical Bank. The treasurer stated the audit report recommendations suggested we add the new ambulances into an asset fund and use depreciation. He is working on this.

There was no public comment.

Old business:

Truck maintenance and service: The new engine is running good and working well, with 10,000 miles on it and no problems. What do we do with the old one? No one wants it in the circle. Randy Smolinski suggested we put it on the internet and maybe spark some interest. He will get the specs and pictures from Jim Fleury and state what goes, the vehicle box and the chassis. Also, the emergency lights must be disabled. Discussion was held on the fact that the tires do not have many miles on them and should be worth about \$600.00. Dallas stated scrap price could be \$600.00. It was decided that the minimum bid should be \$500.00. It was suggested maybe we could switch them out for older tires but maybe the tires would be a selling point.

Mike Vogler recommended Dallas create a policy or resolution to cover "no transport". Jim Fleury will know who is abusing the system and will need to make the billing department aware of this. There are several reasons for these calls. People are proud and don't want to ask for help, it is hard to let go and place family in a home or they don't realize there is a problem. In the past some have been billed \$100.00 and have paid it.

CLSS Report:

The month of October had a lot of calls and a lot of no transport. A new law is costing the care homes more, therefore calls, from these facilities, is slowing down. The YTD totals are above on runs. No transport calls include stand by, in case of a suicide attempt and checking someone out as a result of a police pull over or accident. Some people do not want to go to Alpena so they are going to Petoskey on there own. Care in critical in the first hour and Petoskey is a good 68 miles away, depending on location, therefore they don't want CLSS to transport that far. This is happening in other places as well.

Dallas Hyde stated the profit and loss statement had 3 pays which makes the numbers higher. Also, near year end, employee's starting taking vacation, he lost a full time employee and one is going on full time disability. Within the next 6 months some change to the Medicaid and Medicare payments are in the works and this could help with higher reimbursements. CLSS is proposing a percentage pay raise for a their staff. Cheboygan station will receive it, however, not sure on Rogers City. Our people didn't get a raise last year. A 2% increase would cost us approximately \$10,215.00 for the year. Randy Smolinski made a motion to increase salaries by 2%. Seconded by Archie Patterson. All in favor and the motion carried.

Dallas stated he ask the board lawyer if one of our members could become a voting member. There is no issues in doing this unless a conflict of interest should arise. An example: If there was a vote on the Rogers City contract this would be a conflict but not on other entity contracts. Archie is the one who currently attends their meetings. Each board could decide their own choice. We need to ask Mike Vogler's opinion on this.

CLSS would like to change the billing time of the contract fees to the beginning of the quarter and not the end, when the loss appears. This would need to be approved by our board and become part of the contract. This would result is a double charge the first time.

**New Business:**

We received a thank you card, from the Rogers City employees, expressing their gratitude for upgrading their living quarters. There was \$1,624.36 left, from the budget, for the renovations. Discussion followed about adding a 5ft counter to give them some additional work room and more storage and the condition of the recliners was brought up. Randy Smolinski made a motion to purchase a cupboard and furniture with the remaining money. Seconded by Archie Patterson. All in favor and the motion carried. The shopping will be done by the ladies at the station.

New Medicare billing codes have been implemented and the crew needs to use these to get paid for the runs. These have been adjusted by billing, in the past, but they are asking for the crew to help in getting them correct.

Our insurance liability is due every two years and Lappan agency wants to know what coverage we have from CLSS.

Archie Patterson asked about the vehicle recall. Jim Fleury said it has been checked and taken care of. It was part of the regeneration shut off because it is an emergency vehicle, (a software upgrade for a sensor).

Upcoming items: On board with a new contract with CLSS, and expansion of the ambulance garage, this year, to an estimated cost of \$80,00.00 for a 16 x 30 addition. Discussion to follow with Randy Smolinski volunteering to be the building project leader. The County is buying new pagers and radios. Hats off to Ann Marie Main. A new radio will be received for each rig. There will be a fee of \$1500.00 for programming. We have 6 portable 800's that will have to be reprogrammed. Jim Fleury has started a maintenance and fuel usage log.

Eileen Brege made a motion to pay the bills. The treasurer has bills from the treasurer, secretary, Bayport and the audit. Cost of the audit is \$1,675.00. Seconded by Randy Smolinski. All in favor and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Smolinski and seconded by Archie Patterson. All in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned and 7:31 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be February 8, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Martha Roznowski, Secretary  
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