



# Valley Emergency Medical Services

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### VEMS Regular Meeting Minutes-

**Thursday March 24, 2022 7 pm**

**Griffin Hospital Conference Room**

**Attended:** Jared Heon, Madelene Taggart, Bryan Ryan, Kevin Shuck, Joseph Burnett, Javonte Ramos, William Scollin

**Phone / Zoom:** Noreen McGorty, Jason Perillo

**Absent:** George Temple, Richard Dziekan, Dr. Fred Browne, David Geloso, Joseph Laucella

**Guests:** Christopher Brown, Brian Elliott, Jennifer Oliwa, Christopher Neary

#### 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Roll call to include board members on telephone/zoom. There is a quorum.
- b. B. Ryan asks to clarify Representatives for Ansonia. J. Heon clarifies who is representing the City of Ansonia. Jared Heon is continuing (term is October-October). Mayor has asked Jared to continue.
- c. J.Perillo confirms that conversations with Mayor to confirm J. Heon as Town rep.
- d. J. Heon reminds that letters should be presented at annual meeting for appointment to board.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve minutes from Oct 21, 2021.**

**B. Scollin 1<sup>st</sup>. N.McGorty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Motion passed**

#### 3. Public Comment

- a. C. Neary (Paramedic – 13 Year employee) spoke.
  - i. Dissatisfaction with Executive Director and asks that he steps down
  - ii. Dissatisfaction with Board of Directors and asks that it be resructured.
  - iii. Dissatisfaction with Contracts and outcome of Shelton/Echo Hose PSA

#### 4. Executive Director & Finance Report(s)

- a. J. Perillo reviewed.
  - i. Financials- balance sheet- cash remains strong. Income statement- Not far off from Budget. Reviewed Financials distributed.
  - ii. Thanks Service Chiefs for meeting with QMC as a group. There continues to be a need to keep on top of them and monitor.
  - iii. OT- paramedic OT- management team was hesitant to add FT employees given status of losing Shelton. Didn't want to be in a situation to have to make cuts on June 30, 2022. EMT side- Georgetown driving this. Discussed the supervisor's thought of VEMS running an EMT class. There will not be an EMT class run by VEMS.

- iv. Monroe: contract renewed. Verbal approval from Town Council. Contract currently at Monroe Town Counsel. In interest of Medics and EMT's and uncertainty of the contract going out to bid, the profit margin the same.
- b. B. Ryan: asks about rumor of an attempt to sabotage contract
- c. J.Perillo: States that it did not happen.
- d. J. Perillo: there will be a financial change starting June 30,2022 with loss of Shelton. States that there will need to be changes / decisions board will need to address going forward.
- e. J. Perillo: informed board that due to his time availability he would be stepping down as Executive Director and would assist the board in whatever way they wanted during transition.
- f. B. Ryan: Asked about J. Perillo presence at VEMS
  - g. J. Heon: Requested since this is considered personnel matter it should be discussed in executive session.

5. Supervisor Report(s)

- a. C. Brown reviewed ALS %, response times, cancelations.
  - i. Working on CME training.
  - ii. questions/ discussion regarding cancellations/ response times
- b. J. Oliwa reviewed EMT reports
  - i. Monroe is still under construction. Do not have a date yet for occupancy
  - ii. Reported weather related accidents (ice storms)
  - iii. Georgetown running well / positive feedback
- c. B. Elliott reviews vehicle status

B. Ryan addresses supervisors:

- attempting EMT class and other concerns with supervisors.
- Discussion on ordering new car/ is there a spare car for donation.

6. Executive Session (if needed)

**Motion to enter into Executive Session @ 8:11 pm to include the Board and Jason Perillo**

**B. Scollin 1<sup>st</sup>, K. Shuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Motion passed**

**Out of Executive Session @ 10:09 pm.**

7. Old Business

- a. No old business

8. New Business

- a. Operations transition committee: cannot determine committee at this time, asks supervisors to put out to staff: 2 medics and 1 supervisor to serve. J. Heon will ask board members to give interest to sit on team.
- b. Succession committee: separate entity from Transition committee – N. McGorty agrees it should be separate.

**Motion to form operations transition team to incorporate board members, supervisor staff and field medics**

**K. Shuck 1<sup>st</sup>, J. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed**

**Motion to send out email to board to seek interest to form By-Law Change Committee**

**M. Taggart 1<sup>st</sup>. J. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Motion passed**

**Motion to send out email to Board to seek interest to form Succession Committee**

**J. Ramos 1st, K.Shuck 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor. Motion passed**

Discussion: J. Perillo asks for comment. Thinks this is a good thing. Willing to be a part of this committee or not. Whatever the board decides. J. Perillo is supportive of this committee so that a new Executive Director can be selected.

**Motion to refer to Legal Counsel the pending Echo Hose/ City of Shelton PSAR matter**

**M. Taggart 1<sup>st</sup>, B. Scollin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed**

**Monroe Contract negotiations: no action. J. Perillo states as soon as he gets draft he will let Board know.**

**Motion to Refer Outstanding final settlement payment to Legal Counsel.**

**B. Scollin 1<sup>st</sup>, K. Shuck 2<sup>nd</sup> . J. Ramos abstain. Motion passed.**

**Motion to refer to Legal Counsel outstanding municipal subsidy payments from City of Shelton 2021, 2022**

**B. Scollin 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup>. N. McGorty abstain. Motion passed**

**Motion to adjourn**

**B. Scollin 1<sup>st</sup>. J. Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed**

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