



Valley Emergency Medical Services

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Special Meeting: May 23, 2024

Attended: Jared Heon, Scott Andrews, Madalene Taggart, Dr. Fred Browne, Joseph Burnett, Bryan Ryan, Dawn Macharelli

Absent: George Temple, Michael Worhola, William Scollin, Thomas Lenart

1. Call to Order: Meeting began 7:17 pm
2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from Nov 22 meeting with noted corrections of date, formatting corrections

S. Andrews 1st, J. Burnett 2nd, All in Favor, Motion passed

Motion to accept minutes from January 18, 2024

Dr. Browne 1st / S. Andrews 2nd, All in Favor. Motion passed

3. Public Comment: No public comment
4. Director of Operations Report D. Macharelli: reviewed
Georgetown liaison in place to help with supplies. Agreement on contract. Changes to contract to include uniform reimbursement and rates. Hired EMT's to eliminate OT. Seen significant reduction in OT. (Averaging 80-100 hrs has dropped to less than 20) Monroe: Supervisor hired to oversee Monroe and GT. Valley: new Car 5 on the road. Gordon MacCalla received Lifetime Achievement award from Hospital. Employees Zanks, McKeon and Yllanes awards for recognizing cardiac events. Looking to hire new FT paramedic. Reviewed financials- receivables and payables. Getting a handle on all the billing process; working with First Responder Billing company. QMC did not give us any back up information on open bills. Only a spreadsheet. Trying to work through this. Reviewed the Payground process (credit card payments) Discussion on QMC. Discussion on United HC denying claims. Revenue has improved. Vehicles are all operational.
5. Old Business
 - a. Billing Update – First Responder Billing Update: Covered with Director Operations report
S. Andrews asked about payments going to QMC and what is the plan to get that revenue back. D. Macharelli states we are almost complete with changing information. So QMC should not be receiving in the future.
M. Taggart said that reoccurring payments are an issues such as getting payments from calls 4 years ago and having no information to verify.

- B. Ryan asks if there is any legal recourse?
- 6. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss GT, Monroe, BF and Audit @ 7:31pm

S. Andrews 1st, J. Burnett 2nd, All in Favor, Motion passed

Out of Executive session at 8:13pm no Votes were cast in Executive session

7. New Business

- a. Georgetown EMS Staffing Contract Update (Possible Action)

No action needed

- b. Monroe EMS Contract Amendment (Possible Action)

Motion to empower the Director of Operations to contact Monroe EMS to present a workable solution to contract and use whatever resources needed at this time

S. Andrews 1st, M. Taggart 2nd, All in Favor, Motion passed

- c. Beacon Falls EMS Bundle Billing Contract (Possible Action)

Motion to Approve and empower Director of Operations to enter into an agreement

M. Taggart 1st, Dr. Browne 2nd, All in Favor, Motion Passed

- d. Budget FY 2024-2025 (Presentation, Possible Action)

D. Macharelli reviews budget presentation.

B. Ryan states he wasn't supportive to the additional \$10,000 budgeted in the town subsidy and asked First Selectwoman to not fund and only pay \$35,000. S. Andrews stated his loyalty as a VEMS representative is to VEMS. Discussion

Discussion on the 4 Town's budgets

Motion to work under the old budget until a more definitive number can be presented

S. Andrews 1st, Dr. Browne 2nd, All in Favor, Motion passed

- e. New Appointment letter

D. Macharelli presents appointment letter from Oxford to appoint Bob Pettinella to Board. Letter has to be in by a certain time before the annual meeting or the seat resigns. J Heon reviews procedure from Bi-laws regarding letter

No action until Direct Letter

- f. Audit contract (Possible Action)

Motion to empower Director of Operations to proceed as discussed in Executive Session

S. Andrews 1st, Dr. Browne 2nd, All in Favor, Motion Passed

- B. Ryan asks for clarification of next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn 8:43pm

S. Andrews 1st, J. Burnett 2nd, All in Favor, Motion passed