

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was hosted virtually utilizing Zoom and coordinated with Fitchburg FACTv in compliance with current open meeting laws. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Roll Call Present: Shannon Strassman, Connie Hilla, Kate Cronin, Derek Johnson, David Lonsdorf, Terry Schnapp, Sue Luginbuhl. Also present: Patrick Anderson, EMS Chief, Michelle Wachter, EMS Office Manager, Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv. Absent: James Roberts, Gregg Miller.

Public Comments: None

Presentation – Anthony Dare, EMS Research Project

Anthony Dare, Fitchburg resident discussed conducting a research project in cooperation with Fitch-Rona EMS. He provided some ideas and some of the data he will be collecting regarding reimbursement and the Town of Madison. Commission members had a couple of questions and comments, but no objections to the project. Chief Anderson commented that he had talked with Mr. Dare and does not believe there will be a significant time commitment on the staff at Fitch-Rona and will ensure that we are compliant with HIPAA.

Review and Approval of September 16, 2021 Minutes: Motion Strassman, Second Luginbuhl.
Motion carried.

Chief's Report: Chief Anderson noted that runs are on target for 4100 calls, noting that the original estimate was 3700 calls. He noted that station two in Fitchburg still has the highest number of calls. He discussed supporting COVID vaccine clinics, again, Mount Horeb needing less service in the coming years, and consortium training on SIDs.

The Chief stated that the aging report will look different due to the ransomware issue the billing company had the previous month. He stated the 2021 EPIC funds was used to purchase another Lucas devices and 2-more ventilators so that now all 5-trucks have the same equipment. The Chief thanked EPIC for their funding. He reminded the commission of the assigned funds for the Health Reimbursement Account and Labor fund were placed in certificates of deposit with WISC to the interest will not be deposited until maturity.

Also noted were milestones for Deputy Chief Dostalek and paramedic, Jennifer Ross.

The Chief noted that 83.3% of the year is complete with 82.8% spent. Medical supplies continue to be up and other costs are on target.

Commission member Lonsdorf asked whether there was a Narcan shortage. The Chief noted that the district was not seeing that with the current supplier. However, there is a shortage of epinephrine and he is keeping an eye on that situation.

Committee Reports:

a. Personnel –

Committee did not meet – nothing to report.

b. Finance –

The Chief reported for committee chair Lonsdorf on the Finance committee meeting regarding EMS rates for 2022. He explained the five proposals that were considered and provided a chart showing the cost for EMS services in surrounding communities. He noted that the committee selected the regional option. This result in a 18% increase and would bring run revenue from 47% to 52% in the budget. He also noted the per capita \$37.34 is what residents pay for EMS services currently, after estimated run revenue.

Review and possible action for 2022 EMS rate changes:

Brief discussion was held based on the committee recommendation. A motion was made to raise rates as recommended by the committee by Luginbuhl, seconded by Lonsdorf, *motion carried*

New base rates, effective 1/1/2022 will be \$1,300 for a resident and \$1,400 for a non-resident.

Review and possible action on Resolution 2021-06 Funds from Ambulance Sale:

The Chief reviewed the discussion from September regarding the ambulance sale and purchase process. A motion was made to approve the resolution which puts the funds from the sale of the 2011 ambulance into the reserve account and maintains the current assigned fund balance for the 2023 ambulance purchase. Motion by Lonsdorf, seconded by Strassman. *Motion carried.*

The Chief noted that he is also getting on the list for a new ambulance now for purchase in 2023, because of the backlog in sales. A couple of commission members also asked when electric ambulances would be available. The Chief noted that there is a hybrid out there and will see how that vehicle performs over time, but would continue to plan in putting the anti-idle technology on future ambulances.

Review and approval of accounts payable checks as authorized by Chief Anderson: Motion to approve Strassman, Second by Lonsdorf. *Motion carried*

Review and possible action of GASB 54 revisions:

Chief Anderson updated the commission on the amounts and noted the updates. Motion to approve resolution 2021-07 made by Strassman; Second by Luginbuhl. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

None

Adjournment: Motion Strassman, Second by Luginbuhl to adjourn at 7:42 PM. *Motion carried.*

The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2022 at 7 pm.

Approved:


Terry Schnapp, Chair