

**The Minutes of the 585th Meeting
of the ROCK TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 26, 2026**

OPEN MEETING:

The 585th regular monthly meeting of the Rock Township Ambulance District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Ruzicka at 6:01 p.m. at Rock Township Ambulance District Station 4.

ROLL CALL:

Directors and Administrative Personnel – Secretary Mark Paul conducted a roll call of those in attendance. In addition to himself, Chairperson Lynne Ruzicka, Director Paul Horn, Director Brad Parks, Director Jeremy Day, Chief Jerry Appleton, Assistant Chief Andrew West, Deputy Chief Sheila Buchheit, Office Manager Jennifer Ello, Mr. Mark Bishop, Legal Counsel for the District, and Mr. Rick Rognan, Treasurer for the District, were present. Vice-Chairperson Tara Mueller was not expected to attend.

Additional Item – Director Day motioned to excuse Vice-Chairperson Mueller from the meeting. Chairperson Ruzicka seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motioned passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Acknowledgement – Chairperson Ruzicka welcomed everyone.

Public Comments – There were none.

MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of the 584th Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2026 – Director Day motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Parks seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 4 to 0, with Director Day abstaining.

Approval of the Executive Session Minutes from July 22, 2026 – Secretary Paul motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Horn seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 4 to 0, with Director Day abstaining.

FINANCIALS:

July Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rognan reviewed the revenues and expenditures through the end July. The District is 3.8%, approximately \$410,000.00, under budget at this time.

Director Day made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, to pay all bills, and to approve all payroll expenditures. Chairperson Ruzicka seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

August 2026 Cancellation Report – The Directors reviewed the detailed report which represented August assignments to the collection agency by EMS/MC. There were 133 accounts, from 2024, 2025, and 2026, totaling \$58,742.54.

Chairperson Ruzicka motioned to approve the Cancellation Report as presented. Secretary Paul seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief's Comments – In addition to the submitted Chiefs' reports, Chief Appleton reported that the air-conditioning at Station 4 has been repaired.

Review Completed Patient Surveys – There were none to review.

Union Business-Shop Steward, Ashley Denman – Ms. Denman inquired about the status of negotiations. Chief Appleton replied that following this evening's meeting, committee meeting dates can be set.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-03: Capital Reimbursement – Chief Appleton explained that the District is close to the end of the current bond revenue-capital campaign. The District will continue with capital projects, utilizing reserves if needed. This resolution would allow the District to reimburse itself from future bonds.

Secretary Paul motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-03 allowing for capital reimbursement. Chairperson Ruzicka seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed by majority, 4 to 1.

Proposed Public Hearing Notice to set 2026 Tax Rates – Mr. Rognan reviewed the Public Hearing Notice packet and explained each section of the document. The proposed General tax rate to be set is \$.0172 and the Debt Service tax rate is \$.1000, totaling \$.1172, which is lower than 2025. He is requesting the Board's approval to post and publish the notice.

Director Horn motioned to approve posting and publishing the Notice of Public Hearing as presented. Director Day seconded. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Acknowledgement of employee promotion and service – Chief Appleton announced the following service anniversaries for August:

Mr. CJ Wallweber, Paramedic, and Mr. Nathan Baird, Paramedic, four (4) years; and Mr. Mike Moormann, Paramedic, and Ms. Jessie Sutter, Paramedic, eleven (11) years.

Formal interviews for two (2) full-time paramedic positions are occurring tomorrow. The District received forty (40) applications for the positions.

He also reported that Ms. Stephanie Valladares, Paramedic, has accepted a full-time position and will be re-classified from our part-time staff on September 9th.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

There were none.

NEXT MEETING:

The Board set the next regular monthly meeting date for Wednesday, September 23, 2026, immediately following a 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing, at Station 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairperson Ruzicka made a motion to enter into a closed session with closed vote and closed record for the purpose of real estate, litigation, and personnel and contract negotiations pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Director Day seconded. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken as follows: Chairperson Ruzicka, "Yes."; Secretary Paul, "Yes."; Director Horn, "Yes."; Director Parks, "Yes."; and Director Day, "Yes." The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

The Board left open session at 6:23 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Ruzicka motioned to adjourn. Director Day seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0, at 7:12 p.m.



Mark Paul - Secretary of the Board

Board approved, signed, and sealed on this date: 9-23-26

