

**The Minutes of the 560th Meeting
of the ROCK TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 26, 2024**

OPEN MEETING:

The 560th regular monthly meeting of the Rock Township Ambulance District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Jeremy Day at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. The meeting was conducted at Station 4.

ROLL CALL:

Directors and Administrative Personnel – Secretary Mandy Dockery conducted a roll call of those in attendance. In addition to herself, Chairperson Jeremy Day, Director Lynne Ruzicka, Director Mark Paul, Director Andrew West, Chief Jerry Appleton, Deputy Chief Sheila Buchheit, Deputy Chief Joshua Hemmelman, Chief Training Officer Corey Golec, Office Manager Jennifer Ello, and Mr. Mark Bishop, Legal Counsel for the District, were present.

Mr. Rick Rognan, Treasurer for the District, was expected to arrive late. Vice-Chairperson Tara Mueller was not expected to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Acknowledgement – There were no visitors or guests acknowledged.

Public Comments – There were none.

MINUTES:

Approval of the 559th Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2024 – Director West motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Director Paul seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Approval of the Executive Session Minutes from May 22, 2024 – Director West motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Director Paul seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2024 – Director Paul motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Chairperson Day seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 4 to 0, with Secretary Dockery abstaining.

FINANCIALS:

June Cancellation Report – The Directors reviewed the detailed report which represented June assignments to the collection agency by EMS/MC. There were 174 accounts, from 2022, 2023, and 2024, totaling \$83,283.41.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief's Comments – Chief Appleton reported the following:

The vehicles, and other odds and ends, have been placed on Purple Wave. The auction closes on July 16th.

Four members of the staff attended an EMS Leadership event last week.

The District will be hosting a blood drive at Station 4 on July 25th.

The BackStoppers bowling event was well attended and raised a lot of money for a good cause.

Mr. Rognan arrived at 6:08 p.m.

FINANCIALS (continued):

May 2024 Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rognan reported on the May financials. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the month. The District is 1.42% under budget, approximately \$134,000.00, as of the end of May.

Director Paul motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, to pay all bills, and to approve all payroll expenditures. Director West seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Review Completed Patient Surveys – The Directors reviewed several patient surveys.

Union Business-Shop Steward, Ashley Denman – Ms. Denman had nothing to present at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2024-01: Setting the Reimbursement Rate – Mr. Rognan explained Missouri Senate Bill 870, passed in 2018, and the three (3) related Statutes, allowing ambulance districts to be reimbursed up to 100%. The District must adopt the resolution annually, and provide it to all taxing city and county governments by the 30th of June.

Director Paul motioned to adopt Resolution #2024-01, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Rock Township Ambulance District of Jefferson County, Missouri, setting a 100% reimbursement rate for property taxes of every type for the purposes of providing emergency services as authorized under three separate Missouri statutes. Director West seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

HSA (Health Savings Account) Option – Mr. Scott Robson – Chief Appleton explained that the District has been in the IAFF Trust for almost 3 years and we are expecting a sizable increase in premiums. He requested Mr. Robson to look at ways the District could reduce costs. The Health Savings Account (HSA) in conjunction with a plan change was suggested. Mr. Robson explained how the plan deductibles would increase but the District funded HSA would cover the deductibles for the employees. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was clarified that the new health plan would also give access to retirees to purchase insurance at the group rate.

Director West made a motion authorizing Chief Appleton to enter into an agreement with the IAFF Trust to provide the new HSA insurance plan and to provide access to retirees to obtain insurance under the plan and to execute all necessary documents. Chairperson Day seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Mr. Bishop, and the group, discussed the District's legal obligation to procure bids for health insurance, as well.

Station 5 Sewer Connection – Jerrod Joggerst – Chief Appleton requested this item be tabled until the July meeting.

Succussion Plan – Chief Appleton stated that this topic has been placed on the agenda at the Board's request. A group discussion occurred. It was determined that a committee would be formed consisting of members of management, members of the Board of Directors, and members of the shop. The committee will work to develop a job description for an Assistant Chief position. Those interested set a tentative meeting date for 11:00 a.m. on July 22, 2024, at Station 4.

Stryker: LifePak 15 Maintenance Agreement Renewal – Chief Appleton informed the Directors that our 4-year extended service plan on our LifePak 15's expires in July. The LifePaks are 5 years old and the manufacturer's life

expectancy for them is 8 years. Stryker has quoted a 1-year plan for \$20,292.00, and a 4-year plan for \$68,992.80. We have budgeted for 1 year. However, the 4-year plan offers a substantial discount. Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Day motioned to authorize Chief Appleton to enter into an agreement with Styker for the 4-year extended service plan for \$68,992.80 and to execute all necessary documents. Director West seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Acknowledgement of employee promotion and service - Chief Appleton then announced the following service anniversaries for the month of June:

Mr. Aaron Tarlow, Paramedic, Mr. Andrew Willson, Paramedic, Mr. Jax Trayanoff, Paramedic, and Mr. Nick Black, Paramedic, one (1) year; Ms. Rachel Ahrens, Paramedic, and Mr. TJ Nichols, Paramedic, three (3) years; Mr. Ron Lipp, Paramedic, twelve (12) years; and Mr. Alex Wilson, Paramedic, fourteen (14) years.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Secretary Dockery hoped everyone stays cool and keeps hydrated.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular monthly meeting date was set for Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Station 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Ruzicka made a motion to adjourn. Director West seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0, at 7:30 p.m.


Mandy Dockery - Secretary of the Board



Board approved, signed, and sealed on this date: 07/24/24