

**The Minutes of the 574th Meeting
of the ROCK TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 24, 2025**

OPEN MEETING:

The 574th regular monthly meeting of the Rock Township Ambulance District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Tara Mueller at 6:01p.m. at Rock Township Ambulance District Station 4.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing was then called to order by Chairperson Mueller.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion of Resolution 2025-06: Setting the 2025 Tax Rate – Mr. Rognan reviewed the assessments and calculations used to determine the 2025 property tax rate of \$0.1232 cents per one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation. \$0.0232 is designated for general operating expenses and \$0.1000 for the required payment of debt service.

Chairperson Mueller requested comments from those present. There were no comments made.

Chairperson Mueller closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

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

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Acknowledgement – Chairperson Mueller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments – There were none.

Additional Item – Director Ruzicka made a motion to change the order of business (Union Business next). Chairperson Mueller seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Union Business-Shop Steward, Ashley Denman – Ms. Denman presented Members of the Board and Administration with a letter from the Shop stating their intent to open negotiations. They desire a negotiating committee with representatives from the Board, Administration, and union representatives, as has occurred in years past.

MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of the 573rd Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2025 – Director Paul motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Chairperson Mueller seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

FINANCIALS:

August 2025 Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rognan reviewed the revenues and expenditures, and year-to-date balances of each, through the end of August. The District is 3.85%, about \$388,000.00, under budget at this time.

The group discussed future growth, planning, and revenue options.

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

September 2025 Cancellation Report – The Directors reviewed the detailed report which represented September assignments to the collection agency by EMS/MC. There were 188 accounts, from 2024 and 2025, totaling \$83,737.36.

Chairperson Mueller motioned to approve the Cancellation Report as presented. Secretary Dockery 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 Chiefs' reports that were provided, Chief Appleton informed the group of the following:

CTO Golec and other members of Administration will be holding a "First on Scene" class, with the Jefferson County Sheriff's department, on October 7th.

The District and the JC Sheriff's Department will be hosting a trunk or treat at Station 5 on October 23rd for the residents of Seckman Valley.

The Sheriff and Chief have not yet set a date for the Station 5 Open House.

The District is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive, here at Station 4, on October 9th.

Assistant Chief West reported that virtual meeting access is now being conducted using Microsoft Teams, and GoToMeeting is no longer being used.

Review Completed Patient Surveys – The Directors reviewed and discussed the patient surveys that were completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2025-06: Setting the 2025 Tax Rate – Director Paul motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-06, setting the 2025 tax rate. Chairperson Mueller seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Station 3 Construction Update – Mr. Jerrod Joggerst (FGM) – Mr. Joggerst presented diagrams and projected costs to the Board. The project is now ready to go out for bid. Discussion occurred.

Director Paul made a motion authorizing FGM to move forward with the bid process. Director Ruzicka seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

Mr. Joggerst stated that a bid opening meeting will occur on October 16th.

Board Communications – Chairperson Mueller stated that this topic was placed on the agenda at the request of Director Horn. Director Horn stated that he wants to receive his Board packet in paper form. A lengthy group discussion occurred. No action was taken by the Board.

Reflective Striping/Chevron – Chairperson Mueller stated that this topic was placed on the agenda at the request of Director Horn. Director Horn said that there are not enough markers on the duty vehicles, they are not visible

enough with the ghost lettering. In addition, he questioned why the ambulances do not have chevron striping on the back. Chief Appleton offered to provide Director Horn with a safety study which showed that chevron stripes can be more dangerous on the scene of an emergency. Discussion occurred.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

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

Mr. Enze Hao, EMT, Ms. Katie Gugliano, Paramedic, Mr. Luke Kramer, Paramedic, and Ms. Elizabeth Crump, Paramedic, one (1) year; and Mr. Nick Farrel, Paramedic, thirty (30) years.

He also announced that Ms. Katie Reed, Paramedic/Lieutenant, resigned her full-time position, effective November 12th. She will be staying on as a part-time employee.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Director Paul said that he is an advocate of live-streaming the monthly meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular monthly meeting date was set for Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Station 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The Board left open session at 7:14 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Ruzicka made a motion to adjourn. Chairperson Mueller seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0, at 7:33 p.m.


Mandy Dockery - Secretary of the Board



Board approved, signed, and sealed on this date: 10/22/25