

6/20/2005

EMS Commission



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 20, 2005

Chairman McGorty called the Regular Meeting of the EMC Commission to order at 7:45 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Marty Coughlin
Karynn Krill-Weinstein
Jay Francino-Quinn

Also in Attendance

Jason Perillo, Chief EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2005 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Correspondence – 2005 Shelton Farmer's Market flyer, positions posted for Clerk, Open Space Commission and Natural Resources Manager.

MOTION made by Chairman McGorty to skip to item #8 Old Business on the agenda to allow Chief Perillo time to arrive and return to items 6 and 7 upon Chief Perillo's arrival, seconded by Commissioner Coughlin and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Communications

Chairman McGorty stated that there are still a few outstanding Purchase Orders for New England Communications Systems Inc. The secretary will check with Sharon Scanlon in Finance to find out the status.

Chairman McGorty stated that at a previous meeting, \$9,000 was approved to be encumbered, but it is not reflected on the budget Worksheet of June 6, 2005. The

Secretary will check with Sharon Scanlon in Finance to find out why this has not been done. Because the account balance is now \$8,533, the amount to be encumbered should be \$8,500. The past minutes will be checked to show documentation the request was made and when.

Chairman McGorty noted that there is a -\$919 balance in the CMED account and will be greater when the June bill is paid. Commissioner Coughlin stated that it could be because the budget was set before CMED sent in the final cost estimate.

New Business- None

Approval of Payment of Bills

Chairman McGorty stated we have received an invoice from SBC for \$408.64, which is within the normal amount and an outstanding bill of \$412.52, which will be checked on by the Secretary.

EHAC

Chairman McGorty stated we owe \$5,000 for the month of June for the First Responders program.

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to approve payment of the EHAC invoice for June 2005 in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Chairman McGorty stated we owe \$1,800 to EHAC for EMT Training Class offered to the Shelton Residents beginning July 2005. The fee covers payment for instructors, equipment, books, learning materials and State of Connecticut EMT certifications tests.

Commissioner Coughlin questioned the outstanding balance of \$3,200.

Chief Perillo stated that the programs bridges 2 fiscal years.

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to approve the payment of EHAC invoice for \$1,800 for the EMT training for Shelton residents, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED

Chairman McGorty stated that we have not yet received our June Bill for CMED, which will be looked into by the Secretary.

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to authorize the chair to approve payment of the June 2005 CMD bill, provided it is within the usual amount of \$5,055, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Chairman McGorty to return to agenda items 6 and 7, Updates from EHAC and VEMS, seconded by Commissioner Coughlin and passed unanimously.

Update form EHAC

Chief Perillo stated there isn't much new. They received 11 applications for the Crew Chief positions. Interviews of 4 candidates will take place Wednesday with an anticipated start date of July 11, 2005.

Commissioner Coughlin asked how many of the 4 were internal applicants.

Chief Perillo stated that one was an outside candidate, one was internal on the volunteer side, one internal on the paid side and the last was internal from both paid and volunteer.

Chief Perillo stated there is a new ambulance on the way; it has been a little delayed. He will be writing a letter to the State of Connecticut because by regulation, he has 6 months from the date he received license for initial ambulance to put it into service. The 6 months is up July 22. He is working with OEMS to extend that and does not anticipate any problems.

Chief Perillo stated there have been some problems with the oldest ambulance and is not comfortable waiting until the end of 2005 to replace it. The purchase of another van has been approved for its replacement, expected to be in service by September 2005.

Chief Perillo stated that he has finally received a proposed contract from Pitney Bowes. It has gone to the attorneys from EHAC and they are waiting on a response from the Pitney Bowes attorneys.

Commissioner Coughlin asked about the status of the Communication Equipment. Chief Perillo stated that he has most of the equipment and is ready to go. Chief Perillo questioned where the \$9,000 was that should have been encumbered.

Chairman McGorty stated that is on record that we requested it and the Secretary is researching what happened. Chief Perillo stated he does not want it to look like it was a last minute request. Chairman McGorty stated that if there were an issue, we would provide the minutes and the reasoning behind the encumbrance and handhold it thru the process if necessary.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that the open house was wonderful and questioned why they didn't have name badges on, she would have liked to have gotten to know people by name.

Update from VEMS

Chief Perillo stated that VEMS has purchased a new vehicle and it will be in in a couple of months. The bundle billing agreement is finalized, waiting on one more signature, and ready to start on or about July 1, 2005. They will be invoiced in July by VEMS for \$30,000.

Commissioner Coughlin asked of that could be done in monthly installments. Chief Perillo stated that could be done. They will have to hold off on the \$20,000 because Derby has not confirmed it's offer to the expansion of the program. If they do, it's no problem. If they don't, Chief Perillo will need some guidance on what to do. Chief Perillo would like to see the program go forward anyway and do it at a loss. He has contacted the Mayor of Derby and has not heard back, which makes him a little, concerned. What does the board think?

Commissioner Coughlin stated he doesn't think the other towns should have to make up the difference. If VEMS runs at a loss this year, it would probably continue to run at a loss.

Chairman McGorty stated that was one of the concerns to begin with, VEMS not having steady cash flow.

Chief Perillo stated that the expansion of service to add a medic 24/7 isn't financially supported by the number of calls you do which was the reason for the \$20,000.

Chairman McGorty expressed concern that this will hopefully not affect the service that Shelton receives.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn asked of Derby had ever said anything previously about not wanting to fund this?

Chief Perillo stated that they Mayor of Derby had indicated it was something that should be funded and that VEMS was the best provider for the service. However, the chief of Derby ambulance believes that they can provide the service for less money. Chief Perillo will keep the board in the loop regarding the issue.

CMED Dispatch Report

Commissioner Coughlin stated that nothing jumps out as being out of order.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein questioned what Transfer/Interfacility/Palliativ is.

Chief Perillo stated that it is everything else, a catchall--usually from a nursing home or health facility.

Commissioner Coughlin asked why there are some AMR calls that go nowhere.

Chief Perillo stated that it typically occurs if it is a third call and there is no third crew designated on duty. CMED will call EHAC and immediately call AMR for mutual aid. EHAC then gets enough volunteers together and takes the call.

Chief Perillo stated there were 344 calls in May and EHAC responded to 332 of them.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that she was at Griffin Hospital ER that morning and was very impressed with how professional the EHAC crew was that she saw there.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty said that Public Safety Council meeting, a reverse 911 system was discussed. If there is an emergency in a certain area of town, a recorded call can be made to the residents in that area giving them instructions.

Chairman McGorty also stated that in regards to the Homeland Security Grants, they are still working on 2003 money. Chief Perillo has provided what EHAC would need; the Fire Chief and his training officers have provided theirs. It's now with Charlene DeFillippo and she will file all of the information and see what the State says. It's nice to see how thoughtfully done this is, not just looking to spend money where it's not needed.

Chairman McGorty reminded the board that being the summer months, to let her know if there will be any meetings they cannot make.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated she was very impressed with the EHAC Open House, and that the EHAC is very well equipped.

Chairman McGorty stated that she also was impressed with the tours. They were very professional and informative.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated she was recently at a South Central EMS meeting where they discussed Guilford wanting a vehicle to do transports from Nursing Homes and Hospitals. No decision was made, as it affects the commercial ambulance.

Chief Perillo questioned that South Central did not make a recommendation.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein said that a vote was taken and it was decided to let the State make the decision.

Commissioner Francino-Quinn stated he plans on participating in the Relay for Life and commended Chief Perillo and his staff for the great job they have done in regard to this. He was very impressed with the turnout for the last meeting.

Chief Perillo said they had a very good turnout for the June meeting; there were about 25 people who are interested in helping out.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Coughlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Minopoli, Clerk EMS Commission

