



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMS Commission

Minutes of the Special Meeting
August 26, 2008

Chairman McGorty called the special meeting of the EMS Commission to order at 7:34p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present

Noreen McGorty, Chairman
Nancy Minotti
Karynn Krill-Weinstein
Beth Tiberio

Absent

Jay Francino-Quinn

Also Present

Jason Perillo Chief, EHAC

Public Portion – None

Minutes for Approval

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2008 as prepared and distributed, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Woman's Self Defense Class

MOTION made By Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to move agenda items 6 &7, Update from EHAV and VEMS, to later in the meeting when Chief Perillo has arrived, seconded by Commissioner Tiberio and passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Yankee Gas (information only, no motion necessary) \$91.69

Aquairon Water Company (information only, no motion necessary) \$228.12

AT& T (information only, no motion necessary) \$754.65

CMED- for the months of June 2008 in the amount of \$5,332.94, July and August 2008 each in the amount of \$5,561.14 for a total of \$16,455.22.

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay CMED invoice for the months of June, July and August 2008 in the amount of \$16,455.22, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

VEMS invoice for the payment for system expansion and operations enhancement as per the City of Shelton Budget in the amount of \$30,000.00.

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to pay the VEMS invoice in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

VEMS invoice for the payment of bundle billing in conjunction with Senior Citizen ALS payment relief for the residents of the City of Shelton. Amount matches the budgeted amount in the City of Shelton municipal budget.

MOTION made by Commissioner Minotti to pay the VEMS invoice in the amount of \$60,000, seconded by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein and passed unanimously.

CMED Report

Chairman McGorty stated that if any of the Commissioners need the report to be printed and sent to them that could be arranged. The Commissioners said it wouldn't be necessary.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein asked if there is a fly car available at night?

Chairman McGorty stated that she thought there was, but she will verify that.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein expressed concern for the ambulance crew's safety when responding to calls. She was wondering if there would be a need for the police to respond with them. She feels the residents have become a little more aggressive.

Chairman McGorty stated that Shelton doesn't have the kind of crime to require police escorts to calls.

Commissioner Minotti asked what happens when there is a new development, such as Avalon Bay. Do they visit the site to become familiar with the layout?

Chairman McGorty stated that she believes they do. It's a good question for Chief Perillo.

Commissioner Minotti also asked about the new development on Mill Street. Is there enough space for an ambulance or a fire truck to get in there?

Chairman McGorty stated that is another great question for Chief Perillo.

Report of Chairman

Chairman McGorty encouraged everyone to go to the City of Shelton website to review the proposed Charter revisions. She believes it is in the final stage with the Charter Revision Commission. Shelton residents will vote on the proposed charter at the presidential election in November and you should review the document before then. There is one item that applies to the Public Safety Council. Under the old Charter, neither the EMS Commission nor the ambulance service was included. That was because when the Charter was written the ambulances were run through the fire department and was not a separate entity. Chairman McGorty attends the monthly Public Safety Council meetings, but does not have a vote according to the Charter. It has been extremely beneficial to both the City and the ambulance corp. to have a presence at these meetings. Chairman McGorty proposed adding both the Chair of the EMS Commission and the Chief or designee (by the EMS Commission) of the ambulance corp. to the revised Charter. After speaking with several parties including the members of the Public Safety Council, the Board of Alderman and a few members of the Charter Revision Commission they were in favor of her revision to the Charter. However the Charter Revision Commission subsequently rejected and approved a different version. The final revised Charter includes a representative from the ambulance corp. (as designated by the EMS Commission) but it does not include a representative from the EMS Commission. Chairman McGorty explained that while she agrees the ambulance corp. should be added, she felt it should be as an ex officio member (a non voting member) seeing that they are a vendor and the City does not have any control over who they elect unlike the EMS Commission. Chairman McGorty does not agree with this, she believes it is important to have a person that is an employee of the City of Shelton to have the vote.

Chairman McGorty stated that we will be going into Contract negotiations with Echo Hose and VEMS. The contracts are expired and need to be revised to reflect today's conditions.

Chairman McGorty will get everyone copies of the contracts. She would like this to be done as soon as possible. Chief Perillo is on board; she has already spoken with him.

Chairman McGorty stated that the EMS plan also needs to be reviewed to insure that we are up to date and in compliance with State Statutes.

Chairman McGorty stated that in re: to VEMS, she has been attending the monthly meetings. She has heard great things in regards to the employees, they are very professional, their reporting is very accurate and timely. The Griffin Hospital staff stated that the VEMS staff is phenomenal.

Chief Perillo joined the meeting at 8:00pm.

Chairman McGorty stated that there were a few questions from the Commissioners. Is there an EHAC fly car on at nights?

Chief Perillo stated that the fly car is on from 8am to 6 pm during the week. It is available also on the weekends, but is not a policy.

Chairman McGorty asked what the protocol is on new developments.

Chief Perillo stated that once a new road is approved, it is immediately updated in the police dept's dispatch system and CMED's system. As far as getting a better understanding of the development and layout, they will go out and review the site. They are also often consulted with by Planning and Zoning on other issues. Last week Chief Perillo met with the project manager at Avalon Bay in re: to what the size of the numbering would be on the units.

Commissioner Minotti asked how an ambulance will get into the site off of Mill Street.

Chief Perillo stated that there is access off of Commerce, and there is an adequate turn around at the end. Emergency vehicle access is always considered.

Update from EHAC and VEMS

August Status Report

1. TRAINING
 - a. SUMMER EMT CLASSES (ACCELERATED):
 - i. A total of 25 students tested at the State level and all are expected to do very well
 - b. SPRING EMT CLASS:
 - i. We sent 6 students to the state to test.
 - c. FALL EMT CLASS:
 - i. Begins 9/8/2008
 - ii. Ten students are enrolled thus far. We anticipate 15 to 20 students.
 - d. FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CLASS:

- i. We begin our next class on 9/3/2008 which meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
 - ii. This is our second class.
2. VEHICLES
 - a. A new van ambulance was purchased and went into service last week.
3. STAFF UPDATE
 - a. We currently have 13 new members in active stages of precepting.
 - b. There is presently a waiting list of aspiring new members awaiting interviews as we currently have no slots in which to train them.
4. EVENTS AND OUTREACH
 - a. Echo hose Ambulance had a presence at the Neighborhood Watch picnic on August 9, 2008.
 - b. We hosted
 - c. 3 AED's are located at our schools (SHS, Booth Hill, SIS) and were purchased with a grant secured by Echo Hose Ambulance.
 - d. Echo Hose Ambulance facilitated training for school staff.

Commissioner Tiberio asked how they determine who gets the AED's?

Chief Perillo stated the schools that are the farthest away. They are working from the farthest in. As they get them, they will be put into use.

Chairman McGorty asked where they are located in town.

Chief Perillo stated that there is one in City Hall, one in the Community Center, 2 at the High School, one at the Intermediate School and one at Booth Hill School.

Chairman McGorty asked if the school staff has been open to the training.

Chief Perillo stated that the staff has been great.

In re: to call volume numbers, Chief Perillo will have them at the next meeting. Due to a staff member on vacation, they weren't available.

Report of Commissioners

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein stated that there is no central location available for them to meet, so they are still communicating by e-mail.

Chairman McGorty asked how that is going.

Commissioner Krill-Weinstein said that it is going well. One concern recently was other vehicles coming in and taking over another town's territory.

Chairman McGorty stated that that couldn't happen so she is surprised that it would even be a concern.

Commissioner Weinstein provided everyone with a copy of a handout re: a Connecticut Emergency Volunteers Volunteer- A-Thon. It will be on CPTV on Sept. 11 from 8-10pm.

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Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Krill-Weinstein to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Commissioner Minotti and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Minopoli Clerk, EMS Commission