

SPECIAL AMBULANCE ADVISORY FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Sertich at 6:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: City of Mayville: Ald. Sertich, Christine Churchill, Lori Tapola
Town of Leroy: Supervisor Collien, Supervisor Mueller
Town of Hubbard: Supervisor Guenterberg (7:03 p.m.)
Town of Williamstown: Chair Don Hilgendorf, Supervisor Geschke, Trish Roll
Village of Kekoskee: Trustee Schultz (6:34 p.m.)

Members Absent: Town of Lomira

Others Present: Deanna Boldrey, Naomi Kriewald, Erma Franke

Item #2 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #3 – Review of Ambulance Rates.

The Ambulance Rates were reviewed. It was noted that Lifequest recommends the rate increases. The rate increases are then reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee; and then reviewed and approved by the Common Council. The advanced billing rate was noted. Christine Churchill pointed out the \$100 base charge for patients not transported. She did note that a diabetic patient may be charged for the full rate.

Item #4 – Statistical Report.

Christine Churchill reported on the runs to all of the different areas. She commented that there is \$177,000 that is uncollectible due to Medicaid/Medicare and that the Government dictates the amount to be paid. Collections go up and down periodically. Christine continued that it is almost impossible to run a report that shows the runs in each territory as the report will pull by zip code which is not a true picture of that municipality. Christine suggested that each municipality contact their first responders or fire departments for reports.

Christine reported that cardiac is the highest on type of runs. The EMS modems reports of the heart to the hospital before the ambulance arrives. For this type of service an extra phone line was needed.

Christine reported that intercept is done when everything else has been exhausted. There is not a double billing as there are contracts in place.

Christine noted the importance of the first responders at the communities and that they have been included in training.

Christine reported on the future of the transport unit. There was a change to the doctor that handles the medical control. Waiting for state approval.

She also explained the TEMS, Tactical EMS unit. She noted that six EMTs have went through the program, four were covered by a grant. They are weapons certified and have taught self care to law enforcement. The new ambulance has operating run lights and a cooling area. It is gasoline rather than diesel.

Item #5 – Report of Ambulance Equipment Replacement Account.

Ald. Sertich reported that there is \$31,901 in the Ambulance Equipment Replacement Account. The next ambulance to be replaced is 14 years old. The amounts in the equipment fund will go toward the new ambulance. The fund is for ambulance replacement only. The new ambulance will probably be gasoline rather than diesel.

Lori Tapola and Christine Churchill gave an informative demonstration on the types of equipment purchased with fundraisers. Christine noted that there is a relationship with the local foundations and letters were sent to businesses and corporations. The support from local businesses has been outstanding. Also noted during the demonstration was the difference between the old and new equipment. The suction device was shown; the previous suction device was 17 years old. Blood pressure cuff, oxygen level device, and computers were shown. Jump kits were shown, now the new kits are all in one bag. Pagers were noted, as they were purchased with fundraising dollars. The Automatic CPR machine was demonstrated, Lucas II. The machine is approximately \$14,000 a piece. Two were donated to the Mayville EMS. New boards were shown as well

as the PEDs boards. PEDs bags were also shown. These were purchased through a grant. Digital Cameras were also noted. Christine pointed out the importance of the pictures at the scene. The pictures help the doctors and insurance companies understand the scene.

Item #6 – Adjournment

Unanimous consent to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Deanna Boldrey, City