

Ambulance Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

Present: Chief Al Nelson, Tina Gowell, Jim Pierce, Tim Cusick, Earle McCormick, Denise Brown, Pat Saucier, Josh Johnson, Nicholas Kimball, Jason Farris

Dresden Uncollectables: Two bills have been sent to them for their uncollected balance. By contract the balance is due within 15 days of them leaving the service. All necessary steps will be taken to collect the balance of approximately \$50,000.00

Finance report by Denise Brown: Revenue is as expected, income on track. We are expended at 22% which is right on track. The Ambulance service has paid its debt to the general fund and is \$20,000.00 in the black.

MRS billing is doing well with collections, 1 year has passed and we entered into a 3 year contract with a 4% fee from them. After 3 billings, the account goes to The Thomas Agency after 180 for 90 days for collection attempts and then to Tara at the City if still not collected.

Chief Nelson would like to replace Rescue 2. It was in an accident and repaired but is having many issues. It costs about .40c per mile, Rescue 1 is about .30c per mile and Rescue 3 is about .15c per mile. Rescue 1 and 2 were bought together and bonded out for 10 years. Balance is about \$72,000 on the bond. If ordered now, it would not affect the budget until FY 2020. The board agreed to get prices on a new rescue. Motion by Jason Farris, second by Tina Gowell; vote 7-0 to move forward on a price. The new Rescue would be on a truck chassis not a van chassis and would be 4wd. Moving forward, the goal will be to replace each rescue every 6 years on a two year rotation basis.

Chief Nelson asked to add an additional person to allow for 5 people per shift. This would position would almost be paid for by a reduction in overtime. Tina Gowell made a motion to work on the financial impact to each town and it was seconded by Jason Farris; Vote 7-0 to proceed with this information gathering. Minimum staffing was also discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Next meeting February 12, 2018 @ 6:00pm at Gardiner City Hall

Submitted by:

Rusty Greenleaf