



CITY OF GARDINER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Chief Alfred R. Nelson Jr.

Ambulance Advisory Board

Agenda

January 22, 2018 6:00pm

Roll call:

1. Members Present (Name and town represented):

- a. Tina Gowell- Litchfield
- b. Scott MacMaster- Richmond
- c. Jim Grant- Farmingdale
- d. Earl McCormick- WG
- e. Roger Linton- Pitt
- f. Josh Johnson- Alt. Pitt
- g. Denise Brown- Gardiner Finance Director
- h. Tara Miley- Public Safety Assistant
- i. Pat Saucier- GFD
- j. Shawn Ramage- Chelsea
- k. Rick Sieberg- GFD
- l. Jim Pierce- Gardiner

2. Consideration of past meetings minutes:

- a. Correction to the Nov 2017 minutes. Bills do not go to the collection agency until 180 days (after all billing steps have been exhausted).

3. Motion to accept: __Shawn_____ Second: __Tina_____

Vote: In favor __all__ Opposed_____

4. New business:

- a. Discuss budgets and fees for partner communities.
 - i. Dresden is holding their town meeting re: uncollectable bill this evening. Anne Davis is attending.
 - ii. Review of the budget process used to calculate community costs. Numbers on chart are for illustration purposes only, they are not real numbers.
 1. 3 yr avg used to calculate usage fee.

2. Per capita fee is based on population.
3. Call volume was down considerably (200 calls) for 2018.
- iii. Al is proposing a sub-committee to review uncollectable piece and try to come up with a better way to handle these costs.
 1. Scott, Denise (as needed), Tina, Jim P. will address this issue.
- iv. Review of proposed FY19 budget. Based on early projections.
 1. Worker's Compensation rates increased significantly due to a change in legislation. The First Responder job class rate increased due to this change.
 2. Health insurance increases, wage increases.
 3. Billing company fees have been reduced after the initial year from 5% to 4%.
 4. These numbers do not include a 5th employee to cover overtime and to reduce the number of calls we give away.
 5. Members requested updated numbers to show the 5th employee. Al will get those numbers out to members this week and email them to all.
- b. Review uncollectable analysis for each community
 - i. Tina: Is there an opportunity to have Maine Turnpike cover the uncollectable bills that occur on the turnpike?
 - ii. Reviewed FY19 uncollectable sheets. Answered questions regarding the listing.
 - iii. Jim G. suggested reaching out to other Chiefs to see what the uncollectable rates are in their communities and what they are doing about it. Old Town has a very similar business model to ours.

5. Motion to adjourn: Tina, all in favor.

Next meeting February 12, 2018, 6pm at Gardiner City Hall.