



Commission Meeting

July 15, 2021

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Present: Alan Trienen, Russell Schafer, Tom Marx, Bobbi Brown-Present; Via Online: Stephanie Beckman

Citizen Input:

No citizen input

Election of Lodi Area EMS Commission officers-- tabled until next meeting due to lack of attendance.

Treasurer Report-- All bills are normal maintenance. Requests report of expenditures to be included with the other treasurer reports.

Marx makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Trienen 2nd. All in favor, 0 opposed.

Correspondence-- EMS received a letter from Lodi Utilities stating EMS has been under billed for the last 12 years for electricity. They can only back bill for the last two years- There was a bill included we received a \$2981. Marx requests that Schafer send a to Lodi Utilities requesting further clarification. Trienen believes that a letter should be sent to inform the municipalities of the unbudgeted increase.

Trienen makes motion to pay the utility bill and inform the municipalities of the increase, Beckman 2nd, all in favor, 0 opposed

Chief's Report- see attached report

Responsibility of EMS commission-- Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of commission members. Discussion of who will be secretary and take minutes. Tabled until next month.

Beckman motions to table the action of responsibilities of commission and the chief till next month's meeting. Marx 2nd, all in favor, 0 opposed.

EMS Intergovernmental Agreement--Discussion took place regarding the IGA for EMS. It was noted by Chief Schafer that up until this point EMS has not seen nor been involved in this process. A copy was obtained and Chief Schafer noted that the verbage from the fire department IGA was copied into the EMS IGA and that is absolutely not appropriate. Chief Schafer stated that EMS functions as a professional



organization with policies and procedures already in place. Chief Schafer also notes that there is a promotional process in place and that “electing” officers is quite an old method and has been proven to be detrimental to a service as it becomes a popularity contest. Chief Schafer expressed significant concern for this, and the fact that operational items were being included in an IGA that should only determine division of cost, establish ownership, and commission operating practices and that the EMS Chief should be allowed to run his department with Commission approval. Chief Schafer indicated that Lodi EMS is the best running service in Columbia County and that allowing this IGA to be approved will set the service back significantly. The commission agreed that operational items do not belong in the IGA and that none of them had seen this document either.

Marx makes a motion --Recommend the members of the city and the towns meet and discuss with the ems and fire chief the IGA before making agreement. Trienen 2nd, all in favor, 0 opposed.

Treinen stated the Commission's power should be given back.

2022 Lodi EMS Preliminary Budget- The largest increase is health insurance. Schafer will have the budget for everyone’s review next month.

Discussion of an audit every other year. If an audit is required, who pays for it? Is it added into the EMS budget or do municipalities pay for it? A suggestion to bring in Robin Meier who had previously completed an audit was made.

Staffing of Lodi EMS-- discussion of weekend shortage. It’s been very difficult to fill all the weekend shifts. Schafer advised Eric Hardel will be leaving in January/February. Chief plans to have a replacement hired by January 1, 2022. This should ensure the member can operate on their own.

Garage doors replacement--tabled until the next meeting due to not having an estimate.

Next meeting Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: 8:45 PM Motion by Marx, 2nd Beckman, All in favor, 0 opposed

~Bobbi Brown