



Commission meeting 3/20/2013

Called to order 1903

The ambulance director for Pepin Ambulance dropped off a mutual aid request for us to review. Upon looking into this agreement, he was having trouble with staffing his area. He wanted us to cover the Town of Pepin and their service area when they needed help. A discussion ensued and ultimately it was decided that we did not feel we would be able to accommodate their request at this time.

As of this meeting the collections company had brought in about \$1,200. Work was continuing on finding more of the people from bills long ago. Ultimately it is the belief that as the collections group begins to receive newer bills they will start to bring in more money.

EMS Manager scheduling has been going well and is now well received by the crew.

Over the past few months the ambulance service has had a holiday open house and a chili feed for the Grumpy Old Men Festival. This raised about \$200 toward the LUCAS Device.

Nuclear Reception Center training has been ongoing and the official drills will be in August of 2013. We are in the process of putting together a team specifically for the drill so we can make sure our group is as prepared as possible.

LUCAS Device so far we have raised \$15,881 for the purchase of our first device and are only \$750 away from purchasing it.

EDispatch dispatching software to mobile phones was discussed and is an option for the crew. It was decided to approve the purchase of this system.

We discussed the purchase of computers for the ambulances and software options for computerized patient care reports. Along with this, we also talked about having these computers receive information and maps from dispatch to aid in the dispatch and address location aspect. It was decided that we would move forward on the package and request council approval.

Director Lathrop brought up the fact that he was averaging about 70 hours of week with about 20 or so on call in the evenings. Being that we had already budgeted for 2 crew members to be on call at a time. If the director is taking call time outside of a Monday-Friday 0600-1800 he should be allowed to be treated like a crew member. Discussion ensued and ultimately it was decided that if the director takes call time like anyone else outside of his normal hours, he will be paid as a crew member. This is how similar services operate such as Lewiston and St Charles.

The capital planning document that had been prepared and presented to city council was not being brought back to commissions to see and work out the plans for the service for the next 20 years. Ultimately the plan was approved with the first major project being in 2014 for a training center renovation in the amount of \$10,000.

Director Lathrop brought forth the fact that our current CPR instructor rates were \$25/hour for certified CPR instructors and \$15/hour for CPR assistants. He believes that this pay rate is way out of line and based on his experience and knowledge of other services that this should be reduced to \$15/hour for CPR instructors that are certified and \$10/hour for those that are assisting.

Adjourned 2017