

Wabasha Ambulance Commission

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday July 27th, 2011

Ambulance Garage 7pm

Members Present: John Friedmeyer, Mike Wallerich, Dr. Robert Taylor, and Mark Jarstad

Members Absent: Barb Tentis

Others Present: Ryan T. Marking, Ambulance Director

DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Director Marking gave a brief introduction of himself and the current state of the service and the direction in which he plans to take the service.

CALL VOLUME

Marking gave a synopsis of the Calls for Service in 2010 and 2011 YTD totals along with the billing information. Calls were down last year and the first part of 2011 because of an ambulance being out of service for long periods of times to get fixed.

BUDGET

Marking talked about the current budget and the purposed budget for 2012. Marking stated there would be an 8.6% Increase from 2011 because of rising fuel cost, utility cost, projected maintenance cost of ambulances, and employee compensation. Marking also gave a brief review of current revenue/projected revenue and past year's revenue.

AMBULANCE RIG ISSUES AND PLAN TO REPLACE THEM

Marking gave a review of the current ambulances and the problems they have been having. Mr. Friedmeyer gave more prospective into the ambulance problems as he has been dealing with them longer. Marking advised he had received estimates for trade-in-values on both rigs as well as estimates for new rigs. Marking advised that the 3 vendors he has talked to estimated 971 the newest truck is only worth between \$6,000-\$7,000 when it should be worth closer to \$20,000-\$25,000 based on its age but because of the fire and ongoing issues because of that fire it has dropped its value drastically. Currently, the Ambulance Service is putting more money into fixing 971 then it is going to be worth on trade in. 972 the oldest truck which is beyond its recommended replacement date is only worth between \$3,000-\$6,000. Marking advised that the bids for 2 new ambulances ranged from \$248,000-\$267,000 but that he was going to go through the quotes and make

adjustments that he believed would bring down prices. Discussion ensued about the options of replacement vs. keeping what we have.

MOTION MADE BY FRIEDMEYER TO RECOMENED TO COUNCIL TO PURCHASE 2 NEW AMBULANCES WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000. SECONDED BY DR. TAYLOR. ALL AYES

BILLING ISSUES/RATES

Marking advised that he met with the City's Billing Company Expert T Billing during the week that he started. Marking advised that some issues came up that needed to be addressed. Marking stated he has already addressed the issues and they have been fixed. Marking stated that he would like to see a small rate increase as well as a charge for patients who are rendered care and supplies but are either not transported or are taken by helicopter. Currently, the Ambulance Service does not charge those patients and Marking states the city is losing money by not charging. Current rates are as follows;

Resident - \$550
Non-Resident - \$850
No Transport – No Charge
Mileage -\$11 per mile

Marking suggested an increase of \$100 for both the resident and non-resident charges as well as a \$1 a mile increase and a charge of \$300 for patients who receive care and supplies but are either not transported or are taken by helicopter. Marking states that even at these new rates Wabasha Ambualnce Service is still below what other ambulance services charge.

MOTION MADE BY FRIEDMEYER TO RECOMENED TO COUNCIL TO MAKE THE NEW AMBULANCE RATES OF RESIDENT \$650, NON-RESIDENT \$950, NO TRANSPORTS \$300, AND A MILEAGE CHARGE OF \$12 A MILE. SECONDED BY DR. TAYLOR. ALL AYES

EMT RESIGNATION

Marking advised that he received a letter of resignation from Brandon Tice.

ADJOURNMENT

Ryan T. Marking, Ambulance Director