Ambulance Board Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2022

THE MEETING OF THE OGLESBY AMBULANCE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO, AMBULANCE DIRECTOR EDENS, FIRE CHIEF POPURELLA. ABSENT: BRAYTON

Public Forum: None.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EUTIS, SECONDED BY RIGAZIO to approve the meeting minutes from June 8, 2022. AYES: EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO

Director’s Report: Deposit of two checks from insurance company from accident. One for $27,991.70 for old vehicle and $60,533.55 for inside equipment. Original estimate for vehicle was $17,000 to $18,000. Edens and Eutis talked with others with comparable ambulance brought those quotes to adjustor. Averages brought up the final payout for vehicle. Will take the ambulance striping to the insurance for addendum for additional reimbursement.

Loss of employee Medic RN working 2 to 3 days per month and helping with transfers due to health and local flight medic working 2 day per week due broken ankle. Due to short staff ambulance will incur 12 hours OT to cover vacations.

Handouts on Deposits, Calls and Budget distributed and reviewed. Director did get with auditor to align costs on budget. July deposits not included in report until receiving insurance EOB. Budget based on City appropriations, thou Director monitors expenses closely to maintain a break-even service. Discussion on staffing ambulance to avoid more overtime. Difficult to obtain people for community work. Application file empty. Need to determine comparable area ambulance employee wages. Questioning increase of ambulance charges. Director explaining that billing service notifies her to increase charges. Medicare and Medicaid have set reimbursement for services. Private insurance paying more based on coverage. Hiring more fulltime employees can cause difficulty with scheduling considering flexibility needed for transfers without producing overtime. Director will continue to work on needs to maintain schedule, decrease hours she is covering calls, and keep overtime hours down, bringing suggestions to board.

Discuss Appropriations: Discussed during Directors report. Question possibility of obtaining donations from public. Eutis stated that donations stopped with ambulation billing for services in the community and Ambulance Association purchasing equipment for ambulance. Ambulance Association also hosting community annual pork chop dinner. Dinner well attended yearly with 1,100 dinners this past year. Director reported that Ambulance Association recently equipped the three vehicles with eight bullet proof vests and helmets.

Old Business: Eutis reporting that Mayor, Popurella and himself attended first meeting with Rural Fire Protection Board. Invited Board Chairman to attend next meeting scheduled for August 11th.

New Business: Knoblauch to send past meeting minutes to members with agenda for future meetings. Meetings will continue the second Wednesday of the month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN SESSION WAS MADE BY EUTIS, SECONDED BY RIGAZIO. AYES: EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO.