

Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Services Authority
Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 4:58 by Bob Draves.

Present: Bob Draves (South Arm Township), Kevin King (Jordan Township), Tom Reid (City of East Jordan), Julie Waterman (Banks Township), Jay Peck (EMS Director), and Meghan Meyer (Staff)

Absent: Alan Petrie (Echo Township) , Todd Sorenson (Wilson Township)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Draves.

Invocation was given by Jay.

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Change was proposed to move the Executive Committee Report below the EMS Director report. Motion to approve the agenda with the change- Tom, support by Kevin. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion was made by Kevin to approve meeting minutes from February 20th, 2019, support by Julie. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion of money transferred today not reflected in the report at the time of meeting materials printed. Update on Treasurer Alan Petrie being absent today, he is out of state with a family emergency. Motion to approve the treasurers Report- Tom, support by Julie.

Roll call vote:

Draves: Yes

Waterman: Yes

King: Yes

Reid: Yes

Nays: None

Absent: Petrie and Sorenson

Motion passed.

Accountant's Report:

Bob suggested a summary of the report for formal meetings omitting the checks and deposit slips included in the printed materials. Julie: All board members get an e-mail with the full report including the checks and deposit slips for review, a summary omitting this is acceptable for meetings. Motion to approve the accountants report by Julie, support by Kevin. All Ayes.

Roll call vote:

Draves: Yes

Waterman: Yes

King: Yes

Reid: Yes

Nays: None

Absent: Petrie and Sorenson

Motion passed.

Operations Report---comments

Jay spoke of run volume and the board discussed the operations report as a real reflection of the Authority actions on a monthly basis; breaking down the dispatch reasons, geographical locations, and comparisons to previous month as an important and interesting report.

Presentations/Ceremonial: None

Citizen Comment for items on the agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: moved after the EMS Director report. Communications Group report- this committee was eliminated from the agenda last meeting until the committee is needed.

Budget Discussion:

The board discussed how they are familiar with this budget, it was proposed a couple of months ago, and they have reviewed this prior to the meeting. Tom made a motion to approve the budget. Support by Kevin.

Roll call vote:

Draves: Yes

Waterman: Yes

King: Yes

Reid: Yes

Nays: None

Absent: Petrie and Sorenson

Motion passed.

Boyne Valley Township:

This topic will be updated as a part of the Executive Committee Report.

New Ambulance: Jay reported that they are still on schedule for the ambulance to arrive in August this year.

New Business

Rates increase- A proposed increase in rates was presented to the board by Jay, put together by Lisa Carey in the Billing Department. The rate increase was prompted by the higher rates paid by BCBS and also compared to the rates charged by Emmet County and Boyne City. After a review of the items on the list, Julie made a motion to increase the Jordan Valley rates as proposed. Support by Tom.

Roll call vote:

Draves: Yes

Waterman: Yes

King: Yes

Reid: Yes

Nayes: None

Absent: Petrie and Sorenson

Motion passed.

Citizen Comment (for items not on the agenda, limit of three minutes per person): None

Executive Committee Report: Bob re-capped the City of East Jordan meeting, spoke of the budget discussion that began 18 months ago, and discussion with Sue Hobbs.

A discussion occurred regarding Boyne Valley pledging their equipment and a comparison with the funding of the Authority.

There is pressure from Boyne City upon the City of East Jordan and the other JVEMSA municipalities. And Boyne City is withholding information regarding money.

CCE is also not cooperating with handing over numbers and information.

Boyne City is now proposing lower prices and proposing to forgive debts to Boyne Valley (not Wilson, Eveline, etc)

Questions? Tom voiced the concerns of the City of East Jordan; response times and the 190K equipment allotment. He stated that Tom Cannon requests clarification. Bob explained the plan at year three and

the opportunity for Boyne Valley to leave the Authority in six months if they are not happy, and how we would make adjustments in the first two years. Jay explained how it will be a contract price until 2020 and at this point there has been no discussion of raising millage.

A discussion occurred regarding who manages the Authority; clarifying it is this board and Director Peck that manages the Authority.

Jordan Township is officially the 1st in agreement (signed), Echo Township meeting is tonight, and Banks Township on Monday.

Discussion continued regarding Boyne Valley and the apparent animosity that is unnecessary. Boyne City is taking this to the public with the full press corps. Boyne Valley has made the decision to NOT stay with Boyne City.

Jay- There was a PNR article from Monday that was very accurate. **Jay will e-mail the board the article.

-out of agenda order- under New Business: Jay shared with the board that he has learned that Emmet County EMS writes off all co-pays and overage fees for Veterans and requested if JVEMSA should do the same. The board agreed this would be a good idea and requested Jay write up a policy to mimic the policy of Emmet County.

-out of agenda order- Back to the Mileage Rate Approval- Jay proposed the Authority change mileage rates to the current federal rate. Julie made a motion to keep the rates consistent with the federal rates. Support by Kevin, All ayes, motion passed.

EMS Director Report:

Jay expressed his satisfaction to the board regarding the new part-time EMT positions. They are being extremely helpful in keeping things clean and in order at the station.

Chris Faulknor EMT-P expressed how nice it is to have an extra pair of hands to accompany him as the Primary Medic when responding in the echo unit.

Meghan concurred and added how impressed she is with the new part-time EMT's taking the initiative to go beyond their one daily task.

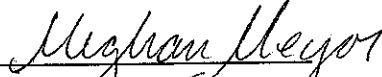
Jay added that JVEMSA is now officially licensed by the State for continuing education and presented the certificate to the board. The Authority passed the inspection this afternoon.

Authority Board Member Comments:

Tom- thank you for the clarification regarding Boyne Valley. And he says he loves the enthusiasm of the staff.

Jay- mentioned to all board members when fielded with questions regarding Boyne Valley, please contact myself or someone on the Executive Committee if you would like and we can help answer those questions.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. Support by Tom. Meeting adjourned.


Submitted by: Meghan Meyer


Kevin King, Authority Secretary