

Hartsville/Trousdale Emergency Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 7th, 2023 | 6pm | Trousdale Community Center, 301 E Main street

Members Present: Lesley Overman, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Brian Crook, David Thomas

Others Present: Mayor Jack McCall, EMS Director Matt Batey, Rescue Chief Daniel Harris, Fire Chief Mark Beeler, Jay Woodard

Absent: Richard Johnson

Chairman Lesley Overman called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Review of Minutes from last meeting

Brian Crook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by David Thomas

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION TOPIC EMS REVIEW, presented by Chief Matt Batey

- Budget
- Insurance reimbursement/ adjustment to rate of ambulance fee
 - Request for rate comparison from Chief Batey to present at August meeting
- New ambulance harness is on hold
- EMS does have visiting hours in place
- EMS collections at 74% *without contractual insurance write offs*
 - Bad debt write off: With the new Write Off policy, "bad debt" have increased while "other" write offs have become nonexistent
 - 7% of collections are collected thru Fox Collections
- Applications/staffing/Overtime
 - May need overtime budget amendment to finish out the fiscal year
 - Recruiting programs / Possible grant programs to pay for EMT/paramedic certifications
 - PRN positions are allowed and could be used to alleviate overtime expense
 - Commission Crook questioned the hiring process with the Mayor/Dept Heads; this matter is referred to the Personnel Committee

DISCUSSION TOPIC FIRE DEPT REVIEW, presented by Chief Mark Beeler

- Equipment purchasing and future needs
- Update on brush truck (commitment letter)
- Call activity

DISCUSSION TOPIC RESCUE DEPT REVIEW, presented by Chief Daniel Harris

- Reading of Medical First Responder
- Training
 - Extrication Certifications/ new EVOK and VKF instructors/"lost person" training/ swift water
- Vehicles in / out of service, new Tahoe purchased
- Calls
- Grant update for uniforms
- New Dispatch app

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chairman Lesley Overman brought the topic of merging all emergency service departments
 - Open to discussion. Need legal opinion for process
- Next meeting set for first Wednesday of the month at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURN

- Motion made by Amber Russell to adjourn. Seconded by David Nollner