

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 5, 2024 | MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amber Russell, *Chair*

Brian Crook

David Nollner, *Vice Chair*

Lesley Overman

David Thomas, *Secretary*

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Beeler, Ken Buckmaster, Scott Olds, Timmy Moore, Lonnie Giese

Meeting was opened by Chair Amber Russell. A quorum was determined with 5 members present.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

EMA/EMS – Chief Batey was absent due to a conference and not able to give a report.

Fire Dept – Mark Beeler

- **Brush Trucks**
 - o In repair – waiting on suspension parts at Blankenship. No timeline given
 - o On Order – Sales rep is dodging calls. No updates can be gathered.
- **Turnout Gear**
 - o All sets that were ordered last year have been received. Three more sets were ordered in June for the Chief and Assistants
- **100th Anniversary** went well. Celebration was held at the station with previous chiefs and staff attending
- **Training.** Monthly training for the department. Most recent was with Life Flight. Lafayette to offer a 64 hour state class. Two members of the HTC VF should be able to participate.
- **Burn Permits.** Chief Beeler deferred to David Thomas, Chairman of Codes and Zoning (CZ). CZ is reviewing the language for the permit and working with Rick Gregory to finalize details. Beeler and Buckmaster have been very helpful throughout the process
- **Blasting Permits.** CZ is researching the concerns from the Commission and ironing out the language. Should have it brought back to Commission by the end of the year.
- **Per Diem.** Beeler is proposing an increase from \$30/per call to \$50 based on trainings and certifications. Pay has not changed since 2016. Resolution would need to be presented to Commission. Payout happens in December as the year runs from Dec 1 – Nov 30.
- **Budget.** Funding was requested for one time purchases of equipment. Truck maintenance has increased due to an aging fleet. Primary response trucks are 2008 and 1991. The Pumper truck is not considered a first response truck. A new engine is estimated at \$500K-700K equipped. Nollner asked about a Ladder Truck; this would run around \$2M fully equipped. Current fleet is still passing certifications and working as they should.

Rescue – Timmy Moore

- Handout was given to those in attendance.
- **Vehicles.** All running fine, no issues
- **Building.** Still dealing with a mold issue and water comes in through the back. Building Maintenance staff has it on their list.
- **Surplus items.** Passed through Commission. Truck was transferred to Fire Department
- **Tahoe.** Stripping and Equipment install has been completed.

- **Training.** Monthly schedule being followed. Topics have included extrication, CPR, and Search & Rescue among others.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Per Diem.** Overman asked if the response to calls had changed since the budget hearings. According to Moore, dispatch now calls out twice if rescue is needed. Rescue does not respond to medical calls

Public Comment

None presented.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Nollner, seconded by Crook.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

*Minutes submitted by
David Thomas*