

Emergency Medical Services
Committee Meeting
Monday August 6, 2018

LOCATION: Barnes Fire Hall at 9:03AM

ATTENDANCE: Bill Pence, Rose Baldwin, Tom Renz, Diane Rupnow, Seana Frint, Guy Johnston and Carl E. Heltne

Motion to approve agenda by Bill Pence and seconded by Diane Rupnow. Motion passed unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting by Diane Rupnow second by Rose Baldwin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bill Pence reviewed a PowerPoint template for an illustration listing the options we would bring to the Town of Barnes board. The current options include:

- Maintain the current EMS (Emergency Medical Service) with EMT-Basic,
- Current EMS plus two daytime hired EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians),
- Contract Paramedic on site with continuation of current EMS system
- Contract Paramedic plus two daytime hired EMT supplementing current EMS system
- Total Outsource of EMS with EMT and Paramedic on site
- Bayfield county wide EMS system.

This would include information about pros, cons and cost of each option. As the committee proceeds with its due diligence this illustration will be developed.

The draft RFP (Request for Proposals), one for contract paramedic service and the second for outsourcing of the EMS with addition of paramedic service, were discussed and edits were suggested.

A motion was made by Carl Heltne and seconded by Bill Pence that our process would be to use the paper titled "Paramedic Response Agreement" as our talking paper when we meet with Sawyer County personal. That discussion would serve to assist in further development of the RFP. The draft RFP would then be sent to the Town of Barnes board and next steps would then ensue at the direction of the Town Board. This motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The draft of the Bayfield county letter in support of a County EMS option was reviewed and edited along with the cover letter for the Town of Barnes board. This will be forwarded to the Town of Barnes board. We discussed notifying our state legislators of our actions. Diane Rupnow will research and add language to the letter. Following final edits, motion made by Rose Baldwin and seconded by Diane Rupnow to send the letter and suggestions in support of a county EMS option to the Town of Barnes board for

review at their August meeting. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Guy Johnston will get this put on their agenda.

Guy Johnston reviewed EMT staffing criteria and estimated costs for the option of adding two paid full time EMT's. Discussion regarding adding other duties to supplement time when they are not on runs such as a tie in to the fire department and/or other work needed by the town. This document is intended as information for the upcoming Town of Barnes meeting to address questions on staffing, services, and estimated costs.

Guy Johnston said Ray Lemke from state licensing EMS would be available to meet with our EMS committee. He will contact him to set up a meeting date and time.

Bill Pence presented information on volunteering in America. Over the past 10 years there has been a 4% decline and this continued decline is not expected to change.

The EMS committee is invited to the next Town of Barnes ambulance committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 5th at 7 pm. The next EMS committee meeting will be Sept. 5th at 5 p.m. prior to the ambulance meeting at the Fire Department Training Room.

Motion made by Rose Baldwin and seconded by Diane Rupnow to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.