

Emergency Medical Service

Committee Meeting

Friday May 18, 2018

Location: Barnes Town Office

Attendees: Bill Pence, Guy Johnston, Carl Heltne, Seana Frint, Rose Baldwin Diane Rupnow

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on May 18, 2018

Roll call was completed, quorum declared and verification of public notice completed.

Agenda was reviewed and motion was made by Bill Pence and seconded by Rose Baldwin approved by unanimous vote without subtraction or addition.

Minutes of the Emergency Medical Service Committee meeting of April 9, 2018 were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Rose Baldwin and seconded by Bill Pence and approved by unanimous vote.

A question and answer session with Mitch Rice, Director of Sawyer County Ambulance Service, occurred. This discussion was introduced by Mitch Rice giving the committee information on the history of the Sawyer County service, current staffing and relationship with other communities. The focus of the discussion then centered on possible short term and long-term relationship with the Sawyer County Service that would increase the level of service to the Town of Barnes and may help stabilize the Town of Barnes service. Options included a Rapid Response Vehicle that would be staffed by a Paramedic who would be located in Barnes while on duty and be able to respond within 2 minutes of a call. The Town of Barnes would provide ambulance service staffed by current personnel. Discussion focused on a short-term contract for this summer and the development of a "Request for Proposal" that would involve a contractual relationship over a longer period of time. The scope of service that could be offered over time was discussed as well as process and procedures that needed to be adhered to within the Town of Barnes and Sawyer County.

At this time a motion was made by Rose Baldwin and seconded by Carl E. Heltne and approved by unanimous vote to table the review of 2016 and 2017 billing summary from Life Quest.

The committee discussed further information gathering opportunities and will work toward meeting with representatives from Bayfield County and the Medical Director of The Town of Barnes Emergency Medical Services. It was the committee impression that we must have input from multiple sources before we make any recommendation to the Town of Barnes board.

The next two meetings will be held on June 1, 2018 and June 29, 2018 at 9:00 AM to be held in the Town of Barnes Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Diane Rupnow and seconded by Seana Frint. Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the committee.

Respectfully submitted;

Carl E. Heltne, Recording Secretary

