

TOWN OF BARNES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2016

3:00 PM in the Barnes Town Office

Meeting Minutes

1. Call Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMSC) Meeting to Order

Guy Johnston called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

2. Roll call to establish quorum and verification of public notice

Present: Guy Johnston, Bill Pence, Rose Baldwin, Chris Webb, Tom Krob

Absent: Kara Foat, Tom Renz, Dr. Carl Heltne

3. Approve the agenda

Guy asked for approval of the agenda. Motion was made by Bill and seconded by Rose. All were in favor.

4. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting – discussion and possible action

Motion made by Guy and seconded by Chris to approve the distributed minutes. All were in favor.

5. Review any outstanding issues from previous meetings – discussion and possible action

The question remains on how much we actually collect on everything billed? Chris has reviewed data on this and wants to go back to the statements to do some further reconciliation of numbers before feeling confident to report on it accurately. She will bring information to the next committee meeting.

Chris also reported that she was recently at a Town Association Meeting where she talked with Dennis Pocerich, Bayfield County Board Chairman. She asked him if the county was interested in taking over smaller town ambulance services. As smaller communities are not able to support their own ambulance services, they look at the larger companies to provide them with EMS. These towns are finding they cannot afford the \$100-\$130,000 to buy into the services the larger ambulance companies offer. She also asked him about a Bayfield County Ambulance service. He said that this topic has come up in discussions with the county board.

6. Review and discuss latest version of Power Point presentation

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing Draft 4 of the power point presentation. We hope to finalize our work for a series of communication meetings in May. Guy asked if we should have a separate report for our presentation to the Town Board or use the power point we are working on. We agreed that a separate report was not necessary and that we would have speaker notes and a packet of supporting materials like the surveys used with other ambulance providers, expanded budget information, etc. One outstanding meeting with Dr. Schultz is scheduled for April 5th in Duluth. Dr. Heltne and Rose are attending and will bring back any information that would be useful in the power point. Bill asked if Rose and Chris might help him do an updated review of the power point, add speaker notes, and determine supporting materials. Both agreed to help him with this and Bill will set a meeting for next week.

7. Set future meeting dates – discussion and possible action

The committee discussed a presentation plan and all agreed that the first presentation should be with the Barnes Ambulance staff. The recommendation of the committee is that a first presentation be given to the Barnes Ambulance personnel at their monthly business meeting on Wednesday May 4th. Guy will speak with Tom Renz about this. The following week on May 10th, we will have an EMS Committee meeting where the Town Board is invited and a second presentation will be given to them. A third presentation will be given at the regular scheduled Town Board meeting a week later on May 17th. By doing smaller meetings we felt it would be easier to communicate and answer questions with those attending. Guy is on the agenda for this evening's March town board meeting. He will give an update on our committee work including this presentation plan.

8. Adjourn

Motion made by Chris and seconded by Rose to adjourn the meeting 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.