

On August 10, 2011 the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority Board held a meeting in the Presque Isle County Courthouse Courtroom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Zakshesky, at 6:05 p.m., Secretary, Martha Roznowski called the roll.

Bearinger Township	Pat Augustine	Belknap Township	Rose Fryske
Bismarck	John Kleiber	Krakow Township	Richard Biermacher
Metz Township	Tom Hein	Moltke Township	Gary Klein
Ocqueoc Township	Jerry Counterman	Posen Township	James Zakshesky
Pulawski Township	Martha Roznowski	Rogers City	Deb Greene
Rogers Township	Absent	Allied EMS Rep.	George Korthauer
Allied EMS Rep.	Jim Fleury	Allied EMS Rep.	Debra Meert

A motion was made by Deb Greene with support by John Kleiber to accept the minutes with the correction that Rose Fryske did not stay after the last meeting to make sure no one came later for the budget hearing. All in favor and the motion carried.

The treasurers report was given. A motion was made by John Kleiber and seconded by Pat Augustine to accept the report. All in favor and the motion carried.

Rose Fryske will take the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes to the bank to have them remove Neil Sorgenfrei from the records, as he is no longer the vice chairman.

Nominations for officers, for the year, were opened. Deb Greene nominated Jim Zakshesky for chairman. Seconded by Louis Urban. No other nominations were made. A motion by Deb Greene to close nominations, seconded by Louis Urban. All in favor, nominations closed. Jim received the chairman position by acclamation.

A nomination was made by Deb Greene for Pat Augustine for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Richard Biermacher. No other nominations were made and Deb Greene made a motion seconded by Richard Biermacher to close nominations. Pat Augustine was nominated by acclamation.

Nominations for Martha Roznowski for secretary was made by Jerry Counterman and seconded by Deb Greene. No other nominations were made. A motion to close nominations was made by Richard Biermacher and seconded by Jerry Counterman. All in favor and Martha Roznowski was elected secretary by acclamation.

The nomination for Treasurer was opened. Deb Greene nominated Jerry Counterman for treasurer. Seconded by Louis Urban. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Deb Greene to close the nominations and seconded by Louis Urban. All in favor and Jerry Counterman was nominated by acclamation.

Deb Greene said she had an experience with Allied recently. Within one week, a call was received, on the answering machine, to please pay the bill and send it in. Deb stated the person died and felt that if a family member would have been contacted that the phone call would have been very vainness. Deb Meert stated that perhaps an error was made when the papers were released to medical insurance. She assured us this was not protocol and agreed it would be very devastating, to a family, to receive such a call, so soon after a family members death.

Pat Augustine stated she called an ambulance, last month, for her husband. She gave him 2 aspirin before they arrived. The paramedic complained she gave him too much and also commented on the gravel driveway to get to the truck. She did not appreciated their comments. Jim Fleury stated he would look back and see who the person was and speak with them.

The Allied report was presented for June and July. Total runs in July were down a little.

Broad banding will be in by 2013. Radios will need to be re-programmed or new ones bought. We have only one that was bought in 2000 that can be reprogrammed. It will cost about \$200.00. A new radio will cost about \$6,000.00. It might be possible to get a grant for up to \$4,000.00 from Region 7 and Homeland Security. We would be in competition with the Sheriff's department for a grant from region 7.

There are led lights and emission standards that have contributed to an increase of about \$10,000.00 to a new ambulance. Jim said a new chase was discussed but the paint will not stick because of corrosion. He stated he would like to wait until next June in the hope that some of the bugs would be worked out.

Deb reported the May and June revenue was very good. Expenses were in check. Some additional expense was due to an educational EMS expo in Grand Rapids. June was good and below what we expected. July figures are not complete yet but it looks like it may be down. A motion was made by Pat Augustine and seconded by Richard Biermacher to accept the Allied report. All in favor and the motion carried.

There are three fire departments in this ambulance authority area. First responders have gone in the ambulance to assist. They are covered under the first responders workman's comp. If they are driving the ambulance our workman's comp will cover them. All other issues would fall under liability coverage.

A bill from Mike Vogler, in the amount of \$12.50 was given to Deb Meert.

Steve Lappan, from the Lappan Agency visited. He gave an update on changes within the program. He stated the Michigan Township Participating Plan has been serving entities since 1985 through the Par Plan. One of the issues, affecting us the most, is the liability coverage for wrongful acts. Another important one is property coverage such as computers and supplies. Crime coverage protects us from someone who might want our money, inside and outside the premises. A double signature is required on written checks and a reconciliation of the checking account is done. He also discussed the current funds in our accounts against the amount of our treasurer's bond. He said bonds are not insurance. It means if monies are taken we have to prosecute and then the insurance company will pay and in turn try and collect from the party. The state says all municipalities must have worker compensation. We are covered under our townships but we should be recognized by our board as a liaison. Flood and earthquake insurance is also new. Effective on July 1 another change is some proceeds will be placed in a fund and will give an opportunity to offer grants to the members.

Mr. Lappan presented us with a proposal to lock into a 3 year contract. The cost would be \$2,558.00 every year for the next 3 years to include a bond of \$300,000.00 on the treasurer. A motion was made by Deb Greene and seconded by Jerry Counterman to go with the 3 year contract. All were in favor and the motion carried. Jerry Counterman, our Treasurer, will provide a financial statement to Lappan Agency.

Deb Meert will check if insurance on our rigs is replacement.

A motion was made by Deb Greene and supported by John Kleiber to pay the bills. A bill to Basel Oil for \$475.22, Bayport - \$1,227.00 and Allied - \$39,711.95 subsidy.

A motion was made by Jerry Counterman to adjourn. Seconded by Louis Urban. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be October 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Martha Roznowski,

Secretary, Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority