

## **Emergency Ambulance Board Meeting Minutes: May 24, 2022**

THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE OGLESBY AMBULANCE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: BRAYTON, EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO, AMBULANCE DIRECTOR EDENS.

Public Forum: None

Minutes: Initial and emergency meeting minutes will be reviewed at next regular meeting.

Discussion on Ambulance replacement: Purpose is to make recommendations to take to the City Council for a used ambulance replacement that would come out of city's general fund. Ambulance will lose income if not replaced. Replacement vs Bluebook cost from insurance not available yet. Ambulance Director Edens gave a report of a traffic accident involving Medic 42 ambulance occurring on May 14, 2022, on Interstate I-55 during a transfer from Streator Hospital going to Streamwood. The ambulance stopped for construction and was rear ended by a commercial box truck. The ambulance is a total loss. State Police talking over phone to owner of commercial truck could not determine if covered by insurance. Ambulance insurance will have to determine this. Patient sore from cot straps securement. One employee seriously injured and hospitalized for 2 days.

Edens questioned how she should address important notifications to board members. Eutis instructed to notify him or Chairman Knoblauch.

Edens reported that a new ambulance would take dealers 2 years due to lack of chassis availability. Any price increase over that time is the buyers. Price of new unit is \$300,000.00. No loaners from any dealership are available. She distributed and reviewed five used ambulances found at different dealerships with pictures and pertinent data recorded.

El Paso Ambulance Squad with 2019 F 450 Gas 7.3 L, 2-wheel drive with remount MedTech 2010, has 143,097 miles, \$75,000 without cot and \$85,000 with cot/mount. Question gas vs diesel with Eutis responding past gas ambulance he worked with needed two engines in 5 years. Gas engines are not good with short trips and constant idling.

Foster Coach Sales with 2015 Medix/Mercedes Spinter, diesel with 95,381 miles, \$48,000 with cot and \$45,000 without cot. A small box with need to reach over patient for supplies. Supply areas small. Unable to fit power cots.

Alexis 2208 Diesel with 183,172 miles. No cot and in extremely poor shape. \$15,000.

Alexis 2001 Diesel with 2001 MedTech box 49,238 miles. \$35,000 power cot and mount included but no power lift mount. All new tires. Very clean. Has been a loaner unit. To remount box to new chassis looking at Feb – Mar 2023. Price for remount \$190,000 using used ambulance box for \$35,000. The remount would take 120 to 150 days after chassis arrive.

Foster Coach Sales has 2022 F 550 4x4 with remount MedTech 2012. Diesel. \$230,000-235,000. Lettering and design done by RK Graphics Clinton IA - comes to Foster Coach in Sterling. Oglesby has used this company for all our units purchased since 2006. New truck with warranty. Eutis stated life expectancy of ambulance 20 years for diesel. Eutis also stated that safety equipment for seatbelt for employees needed. Edens stated cost approx. \$1,200 for each seatbelt. Reported that since last purchase of ambulance in 2016 they have doubled in cost.

Knoblauch noted Edens due diligence in obtaining all information for ambulance replacement. Seeking a motion to bring to City Council at next meeting, to purchase Foster Coach Sales 2022 ambulance. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAYTON, SECONDED BY RIGAZIO to bring to City Council at next meeting, to purchase Foster Coach Sales 2022 F 550 4x4 with a MedTech 2012 box. AYES: BRAYTON, EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO. Brayton questioned if another agency could share an ambulance for transfers. Edens stated in past could get loaner from dealer by paying insurance on ambulance, but no dealerships have loaners at this time. Eutis stating that IL Dept of Public Health licenses ambulances prior to operating by the agency. Agency cannot share ambulances. Eutis will check with city attorney of possibility of emergency purchase.

Old Business: Rigazio discussed setting up a maintenance cost analysis program to determine where we are year to date with budget – line-item budget. Eutis in agreement with setting up line-item budget for all areas that can match with appropriations. Edens has been doing this break out but interested in input. Eutis states all bills signed off by Edens and himself except electric, phone, or fuel bills. Edens tracks deposits and directs to ambulance. Knoblauch states monthly reports with yearly totals are available from city clerk. Rigazio will assist Director with line-item budget.

Eutis would like Director's Report placed on agenda to voice any concerns with board.

New Business: Edens addresses need for the replacement of new cot and stair chair damaged in recent accident since there is an 8 week wait on items. Does have a power cot but would need \$24,000 mounting hardware. Eutis will wait for insurance payor. Rigazio questioned who would negotiate price of ambulance. Eutis stating that he had had quite a bit of experience with dealership. Price could also depend on number of ambulances purchased in the past.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN SESSION WAS MADE BY RIGAZIO, SECONDED BY EUTIS. AYES: BRAYTON, EUTIS, KNOBLAUCH, MUNSON, RIGAZIO.

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