

Emergency Medical Service

Committee Meeting

Friday June 1, 2018

Location: Barnes Town Office

Attendees: Bill Pence, Guy Johnston, Carl Heltne, Seana Frint, James Krook and Diane Rupnow

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on June 1, 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 Diane Rupnow approved by unanimous vote without subtraction or addition.

Minutes of the Emergency Medical Service Committee meeting of May 15, 2018 reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by James Krook and seconded by Bill Pence and approved by unanimous vote.

A question and answer session with James Crandall, District 12, Bayfield County Supervisors occurred. To his knowledge there has not been any discussion at Bayfield Supervisor meetings of a county wide approach to EMS. He did state that those communities that are served by and are part of the Great Divide EMS organization such as Drummond have not had budgeted expense for this service as revenue from facility to facility transport has yielded sufficient revenue to cover EMS services.

If the Town of Barnes wished to initiate discussion at the County level they should submit a written request to have this issue entertained at that level. He expressed the opinion that this would be a difficult issue to move forward at the County level because of costs and increased responsibilities that by regulation were in the domain of towns within the county.

Reports from the Town of Barnes were reviewed. In 2016 and 2017 65 runs by Barnes EMS occurred. Runs billed were 34 in 2016 and 31 in 2017. Response time by mean, not median, appeared prompt. A comment was made that a more valid measurement would be median. With reference to Mutual Aid Requests, the small numbers of total runs and thus requests for such assistances are difficult to understand the impact on individuals within the community when viewed from a pure number perspective, yet it was noted that Barnes EMS continues to rely on other services to fulfill responsibilities. It was noted that the Town of Barnes annual budget for EMS was less than 2016. Seana Frint gave an explanation of this reality.

Dates individuals had open were collected that would be summited to Johnathan Schutz M.D. for his consideration as we endeavor to set up a time for a meeting with him. The purpose of such a meeting is to understand what his vision of the future state could be.

The committee discussed proceeding with a multi -pronged approach:

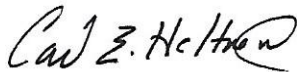
- A sample service agreement was reviewed between Sawyer County Ambulance (SCA) and the town of Bass Lake. Bill Pence agreed to draft a preliminary version of this contract to be used for

a short-term agreement between the Town of Barnes and SCA for the summer months. This would provide 24/7 on site coverage of a Paramedic in the town of Barnes to supplement our existing ambulance service. After drafting this preliminary contract, he would send it out to the committee for review. The “working group” i.e. Pence, Heltne, Rupnow, and Johnston would meet to approve the final draft before presenting this to the Town Board. Hopefully in time for their June meeting.

- After hearing from County Supervisor, James Crandall, the Committee felt that the best approach would be to compose a letter to the Town Board requesting them to send an official letter to the Bayfield County Board, going on record that in the interests of all County residents a County wide EMS is needed and appropriate. (Realizing that this is not a quick of cheap proposal. In the long term it is the most efficient sustainable.)
- Consider recommending the drafting of an RFP (Request for Proposal) detailing the needs aof the Town of Barnes for EMS service to be met by a contractual relationship with established and financially viable EMS services within the region working in conjunction with the Barnes EMS. The goals of this action would be to increase the level of care, enhance sustainability of the service and meet the needs in a fiscally responsible manner. This consideration will be discussed at the next EMS Committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Diane Rupnow and seconded by Carl E. Heltne. Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the committee.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl E. Heltne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'H'.

Carl E. Heltne

Recording Secretary