

Emergency Medical Service Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

LOCATION: Barnes Fire Hall at 0900 hrs

ATTENDANCE; Tom Renz, Donna Porter, Rose Baldwin, Diane Rupnow, Carl Heltne, Jim Krook, Guy Johnston

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rupnow and seconded by Baldwin.  
Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes for the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Baldwin and seconded by Renz. Motion passed.

EMT APPLICATION PROCESS-No applications were received before the deadline of May 30<sup>th</sup>. The application process will be broadened using the same job description and hiring requirements. The new deadline is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussion touched on revising the job description and the shortage of interested/qualified, personnel throughout the EMS services. The Committee suggested creating a poster or banner that can be distributed throughout the TOB to generate interest. The Committee put together ideas for the poster and Tom Renz said he will get some printed in time for upcoming summer events.

SAWYER COUNTY AMBULANCE- Johnston and Heltne reported on their recent meeting with S.C. Safety Committee. They gave their permission for the Ambulance Director, Nate Dunston, to continue talks with TOB for S.C. Ambulance to respond with either a two person crew with ambulance or a single paramedic in a support vehicle to every call TOB Ambulance is dispatched to. Costs involved and specifics to be determined before final approval be either agencies. TOB Board will be asked for direction.

POLICE/FIRE COMMISSION-The EMS Committee had agreed at the meeting to research the pros/cons of such a Commission for the TOB. Some of the related State Statutes were distributed for review. The Town of Iron River will be contacted for information on their existing Fire Commission. Members of the EMS Committee expressed their concern that this was beyond the scope of the Committees mission statement but agreed that to determine how it would affect the overall operation of the Fire and Ambulance Departments some research would be required. This would not interfere with the main safety objective of the Committee.

LETTER OF CONCERN-The EMS Committee felt that another letter of concern should be drafted and sent to the TOB representatives at the State Legislature and County officials. A similar letter was sent last year to the County officials. The letter would address EMS related concerns and focus on State and County support to local communities. The letter will be drafted and forwarded to the Town Board for their signatures.

Motion to adjourn was made by Baldwin and seconded by Rupnow. Motion passed. Adjourned at 1040hrs.

Submitted by GDJ