Wayland Area Emergency Services

Regular Meeting 3-12-25

1. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance- Present: Joe Kramer (City of Wayland), John Tuinstra (Dorr), Jim Martin (Dorr), Cade Bosler (Hopkins), Steve Deer (Leighton), Greg Bultsma (Leighton), Henry Reinart (Monterey), Corey Ribble (Orangeville), Vivian Conner (Orangeville), Jim Pitsch (Salem), Michelle Harris (Watson), Tim Holmes (Watson), Roger VanVolkinburg (Wayland),Brenda Mays GM and Kathy Velthouse MO. Absent: Mike DeWeerd (City of Wayland), Eric Alberta (Hopkins), Sarah Lynema (Martin), Lois Commons (Monterey), Sue Kamyszek (Wayland)
3. January minutes- Motion was made by Joe; supported by Vivian to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
4. The board held a moment of silence for Harold Schumaker.
5. Financial Report- Brenda shared the report. Approval of the report was made by Jim with support from Henry. Overall, the year ended rather good.
6. Yankee Springs- Rob Heethuis, Supervisor of Yankee Springs Township, read the letter of intent to withdraw from Wayland Ambulance Authority. He also expressed his appreciation for all we have done and is happy with the service. The board shared our appreciation for his input over the years. The subcommittee had met previously. The contract requires a 90-day notice so in order to abide by the contract, they agreed to April 10, 2025. Jim Pitsch made a motion that we do not accept Yankee Springs offer to leave early but do accept the departure date of April 10, 2025, with the prorated settlement of $2,930.52 with the expectation that all equipment and supplies will be picked up by WAEMS on April 11, 2025. The motion also states that we thank them for their participation in WAEMS services. Cade supported. The motion passed unanimously. After discussing that all members need to accept this agreement as a board before it becomes official. Michelle made the motion to withdraw the aforementioned motion. Supported by Vivan. Motion passed unanimously. Then Jim restated the original motion along with adding that it will become official once all members accept it at their individual board meetings. This motion was supported by Cade and passed uncontested. Brenda said she would send all Vital care members a letter to inform them of their membership ending on April 11, 2025.
7. Billing Services-Henry suggested we keep the non-resident fee and increase it from $50 to $75. Henry made a motion to keep the non-resident fee and increase it by $75 per incident. Jim supported. Motion passed. A second motion was offered by Henry to approve the attached table as amended. Joe gave support. This motion also passed.
8. Refusals billing- Brenda shared an update from the past six months. Jim made the motion to continue billing refusals. Supported by Craig. Motion passed.
9. Revised formula without Yankee Springs- Brenda shared these figures with the board. A motion to amend the formula without Yankee Springs as presented was offered by Jim and supported by Henry. The motion passed.
10. 2025-2026 Budget- Brenda reviewed the changes. Craig offered a motion to accept the budget with changes. Cade supported. Motion passed.
11. No public comment
12. Insurance- no changes
13. Rhodes lawsuit- it was settled out of court.
14. Personnel issues- Brenda let us know they hired a full time paramedic to fill a vacancy.
15. Personnel Policies-
    1. PP 64.0- #4, 6. – 2-year increase was added. Joe made the motion to approve policy 64.0, #4, 6. with the addition. Vivian supported. Motion passed.
    2. 71.15 PTO/ESTA- this was added because of the new Mi law giving new sick time requirements. Michelle made the motion to approve the PTO/ESTA policy as presented. Henry supported. Motion passed.
    3. Policy 60.2 – Henry made the motion to approve Policy 60.2 with changes; see attached. Supported by Tim. Motion carried.
    4. Philosophy & Purpose- Brenda shared this document with us. Vivan made the motion to approve with changes. Tim gave a second. Motion passed.
16. Election of Officers- After a discussion if any changes were wanted a motion to keep officers as currently seated; Chair Steve Deer, VC Henry Reinart, Secretary Mike DeWeerd, Treasurer Sue Kamyszek was made by Michelle. Supported by Jim. Motion passed.
17. Truck issues- none
18. History & Education- Joe shared with us that he is invested a lot of time looking through articles and pictures as he has prepared a power point. He is not quite done yet. Joe asked for some assistance with any major events since Bob was director, when area C started running and when did Martin start EMT services. Kathy, Jim, and Brenda were able to contribute some information for discussion. Joe said there was a lot that happened in the first 10 years of establishing services. We appreciate Joe’s work very much.
19. A motion to adjourn at 9:10pm was made by Henry with support from Tim. Motion carried.

Submitted by Michelle Harris Watson Township as substitute secretary,

Michelle Harris