

New Carlisle Town Council Work Session Memorandum, January 26, 2016

The Work Session began at 5:55 PM.

Present were President Carter, Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Rypma, Council Member Vermillion and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt.

Also in attendance were Josh Schweizer, Brian Countryman, Nick Zarate, John Mrozinski, Jeff Roseboom, Cal Dittmar, Jill Doll and Dave Doll.

- Fire Chief Josh Schweizer presented information on repairs needed on the ladder truck with an estimated cost of \$60,000.
- He has contacted Emergency Vehicle Response about performing an evaluation of the fire department fleet that will identify needs and make recommendations for a replacement schedule.
- Josh provided information on billing for fire calls for consideration. He will get more information to Council Member Rypma on this.
- Josh feels that we need to develop and have a plan in place for providing fire service to meet the needs of the potential growth in the industrial area. Discussion was held on different options for continuing to meet the needs for equipment and manpower.

- EMS Chief Brian Countryman stated that he feels there is a lack of communication with the board and extended an invitation to the council and anyone in town to come over.
- Brian also feels there are problems with purchasing that need to be resolved.
- Brian reports that the Advanced EMT course is currently in progress and we have two EMTs actively taking the class. One of our EMTs was able to obtain state approval to test out of the class. Brian will have an adjusted invoice as we were originally billed for four students.

- EMS Assistant Chief Amanda Nally presented information on patient billing and outstanding accounts for the EMS. There was discussion on options for seeking collection of these accounts. Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt stated that this has been discussed on numerous occasions in the past and most recently when the ambulance ordinance was amended to include billing of all patients. At that time the council decided to not pursue collection of outstanding accounts. She reports that the clerk's office currently submits outstanding utility accounts to a collection agency that was authorized by ordinance.

- Brian reports that he has decertified the oldest ambulance and that although we put a new transmission in at a cost of \$6,000 there are several other issues with it and it has not been used for three years. He has advertised it for sale on the internet.

Attorney Andrea Halpin replied that there are specific statutes regarding disposal of equipment that must be followed. Sue Moffitt stated that this ambulance was used in 2013 and until RA 91 was purchased and put in service in 2014.

- Brian reported that they currently use RA191 as the primary ambulance with RA91, our newest, as the secondary. He feels that because RA91 is gasoline powered as opposed to diesel, it requires re-fueling approximately every 2.5 trips and this could be problematic on a busy day.
- Brian reports that the ambulance station house will need roof repair this spring because of issues from the way it was first repaired several years ago and he will obtain three quotes.

Vice President Vojtko asked if, because this was caused by storm damage, it has been turned in to our insurance. Brian stated that it has not but he will talk to them.

- Amanda reported that she and Brian are ready to test for AEMT certification. She reports that there are opportunities for additional education through seminars that she and Brian would like to take.
- Brian reported that the ambulance service is now certified for BLS and ALS.

The work session was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer