

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Minutes of Meeting
October 28, 2022

ATTENDING: Steve Tilly Royalton Twp. Mike Hildebrand, Oronoko Twp.
John Wilk, Lake Twp. Dennis Krotzer, Baroda Twp.
William Boyd Sr., Bridgman City Ed Meny, St Joseph Twp.
Cathy Yates, Benton Charter Twp. Paul Sprung, Berrien Twp.
Sheri Kesterke, Berrien Springs Al DiBrito, Corwell Health St Joseph
Allen Weich, Chikaming Twp. Elaine Bokhart, Lisa Flemming
David Chandler, Sodus Twp. Brian Ratter, Nicole Smith,
Brandon Chiarello, Lincoln Twp. Brian Florey, Medic 1 Ambulance
Jack Rogers, New Buffalo Twp. Dr. Byers, Corwell Health St Joseph
Steve Neubecker, St Joseph City
Brian Kazmierzak, Benton Harbor City

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Weich and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kesterke at 8:30 a.m. The roll was called, and the above listed quorum was present. A motion was made by Boyd Sr. and seconded by Tilly to accept the September minutes as sent. Motion carried. A motion was then made to approve the October 11 special meeting by Meny and seconded by Kazmierzak. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING:

A motion was made by Neubecker to *go into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material that is exempt from disclosure under state and federal statute.* seconded by Meny. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor. The meeting was closed at 8:31 a.m. and opened again at 9:23 a.m.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The list of bills for the month of September in the amount of \$468,701.33 was presented and a motion to approve the bills was made by Kesterke and seconded by Yates. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

DIRECTORS REPORT:

CREW CHIEF FIELD REPORTS:

Ratter reported that we participated in a trunk or treat last night. We were at LMC to recruit for our classes. On the 29th he reported we will be participating in five trunk or treats.

HOSPITAL REPORT:

DiBrito had to leave and gave Ratter his report. There are currently six COVID patients in Niles and ten in St. Joseph. The grand opening at St Joseph is set for November 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The executive committee met regarding Wiley's increase in pay while interim director. Hildebrand made a motion to increase Wiley's pay to \$115,000.00 going back to September. Kazmierzak seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committees were discussed, and it was decided that several committees were needed. Tilly, Kazmierzak and Chiarello agreed to be on a facilities committee. They will meet as needed. Allen will put together a bylaws committee that will also look at the handbook.

Wage opener was discussed in regards to the union contract. The executive board will start looking at right away along with Wilk and Neubecker.

AUDIENCE:

Byer reported the will be new protocols coming out in January, there will be small changes. EMT's will start texting notifications to the E.R. unless serious illness or injury and then they will still call.

ADJOURNMENT:

Neubecker made a motion to adjourn at 9:48, Kazmierzak seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2022

Medic 1 Office