

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MET MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 6:01 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE KNISELY CENTRE.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

MR. ROB MAURER
MR. JOHN ZUCAL
CHAIR MR. KELLY RICKLIC
SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM
FIRE CHIEF JIM PARRISH

GUESTS WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MR. DEAN HOLLAND, MR. DAN LANZER, MRS. CHERYL RAMOS, MAYOR JOEL DAY, LAW DIRECTOR MARVIN FETE, SERVICE DIRECTOR RON MCABIER, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK, COUNCIL CLERK JULIE COURTRIGHT, NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE CHIEF JIM PARRISH, AND PAYROLL SPECIALIST FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DENISE PHILLIPS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS AMBULANCE RATES FOR 2020 (RESOLUTION 26-2019)

MR. RICKLIC MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

PRESENTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF IS THE REVIEW OF THE AMBULANCE RATES. TALKING WITH THE FIRE CHIEF THERE WAS NO INCREASE LAST YEAR. HE'S RECOMMENDING A 15% INCREASE AND A \$2.00 MILAGE INCREASE. THIS KEEPS US BELOW SMITH AMBULANCE. THE RATE INCREASE IS STILL VERY COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET.

CHIEF PARRISH HAD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

AS YOU KNOW BY ORDINANCE WE ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW THE AMBULANCE RATES EACH YEAR.

MR. RICKLIC ASKED IF COUNCIL NEEDED TO PASS THE ORDINANCE AS AN EMERGENCY TONIGHT. CHIEF PARRISH SAID THERE'S NO HURRY.

MR. RICKLIC AND MR. ZUCAL BOTH AGREED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD PASS THE ORDINANCE AS AN EMERGENCY DURING THE REGULAR MEETING THAT EVENING.

MRS. RAMOS ASKED CHIEF PARRISH TO GO OVER THE CATEGORIES WITH COUNCIL.

MR. MAURER ASKED IF THE CITY TRIED TO KEEP THEIR RATES COMPARABLE TO MEDICAID.

CHIEF PARRISH REFERRED TO A COST COLLECTION DATA STUDY THAT WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE STATE IN FIVE YEARS.

MRS. RAMOS ASKED CHIEF PARRISH IF PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE COULD SET UP A PAYMENT PLAN. CHIEF PARRISH SAID THEY CAN. HE SAID VERY SELDOM DO THEY TURN SOMEONE IN FOR COLLECTION.

AUDITOR GUNDY ASKED IF THEY WERE USING THE SAME COLLECTION AGENCY, CHIEF PARRISH SAID THEY WERE.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL SPECIALIST DENISE PHILLIPS INTRODUCED HERSELF TO COUNCIL.

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED THAT RESOLUTION 26-2019 BE PASSED TO THE
SAFETY HEALTH AND SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS

THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER
RESOLUTION 26-2019
WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE COMMITTEE MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:14PM.