



Thomaston Ambulance Commission

237 South Main Street Thomaston, CT 06787

Richard O'Connell, Chairman
Edward Andreski, Vice-Chairman
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David J. Bertnagel
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Meeting Minutes **Wednesday December 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.** **Thomaston Ambulance Building**

Attendance: Chairman Richard O'Connell, Vice- Chairman Edward Andreski, Commissioner David Bertnagel, Commission Wayne Kamens, Commissioner Michael Flaherty.

Others in attendance: TVAC Acting President Daniella Ouelette, TVAC Secretary Lori Geddes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman O'Connell

The minutes of the special meeting on November 18, 2009 were tabled until January 2010.

Chairman O'Connell reports there is no correspondence for the month.

Commissioner Bertnagel presented the financial report to the Commission for 2009-2010 and states that the 2009-2010 budget will have some shortfalls. He further added that the \$10,000 for the stipend for run money has been moved to the pension line item out of the Ambulance Commission budget. Chairman O'Connell would like a listing of utility expenses and call volume for the next commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Bertnagel will get this information prepared. Commissioner Bertnagel states that budget is due to the Town on January 4, 2010 and would like to have the consensus of Commission as to what to submit. Chairman O'Connell states that the budget would be submitted after the next commission meeting in January and that he would speak with the First Selectman regarding this tomorrow. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Andreski and seconded by Commissioner Kamens to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bertnagel presented the bills for the month. He states that all the bills have been submitted for payment and everything should be up to date. The Cesco Steel bill that was discussed last month was for bumper repair on unit #1 and is ours to pay. A motion was made to pay the other bills as presented by Commissioner Kamens and seconded by Vice-Chairman Andreski. Motion carried 5-0.

Acting President Ouelette presented the TVAC report for the month of November 2009. Daniella states that the calls appear to be less than last year and that there may be a shortfall in revenue recovery funds. Daniella also states that she has had the units inspected and new insurance cards are going to be picked up from Town Hall. In attendance with Daniella was Robert Norton, Jr. He is coordinating radio repairs, etc. He states that there are no working pagers anymore and this is becoming a problem. After a brief presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bertnagel to purchase 5 new pagers at \$364/pager with three year warranty and engraving. A motion was made to purchase not to exceed \$1,860. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kamens. Motion carried 5-0. Robert Norton, Jr., was asked to have a complete inventory of all pager/radio equipment within the next two months to



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the commission. Acting President Ouelette will have all members fill out inventory forms and have them checked at the next few meetings of the Corps.

Robert Norton Jr, also brought forward to the commission information concerning issues addressed at the last Town Safety Committee meeting. Information such as light bulbs being placed in regular trash, etc. A motion was made by commissioner Bertnagel and seconded by Vice-Chairman Andreski to accept the TVAC report as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Kamens spoke about the EMCOR Services quote for \$2,193 on the outside air sensor and motor. Commissioner Flaherty also states that the price is very good and that the work should be done. It was the consensus of the commission to have the work done in the spring of 2010.

Acting President Ouelette states that she will be in contact with the vendors this week concerning the scratch on unit #2. Other than that all the vehicles have been registered and insured.

A motion was made by commissioner Bertnagel and seconded by commissioner Flaherty to accept the building and vehicle reports as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman O'Connell states that last month we spoke about the calendar for 2010. A motion was made by commissioner Kamens and seconded by Vice-Chairman Andreski to approve the meeting calendar for 2010 (2nd Wednesday at 7PM at Ambulance Headquarters, except for August 2010) and to file with the Town Clerk. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman O'Connell states that he would like the agenda to include the election of Commission officers on the January 2010 agenda.

Acting President Daniela Ouelette states that David Hawley will be resigning his seat as President of the Corps and that there will be a special meeting next week for the election of President and Vice-President of the Corps.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bertnagel and seconded by Vice-Chairman Andreski to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion carried 5-0

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