

## **Fire Department Special Meeting March 29, 2017**

Mayor Henshaw opened the meeting at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Donnie Cox, Dave Hudson, Jan Occhi, Ronnie Brock, Don Truitt and Lisa Wessels. Also, present: City Clerk-Terri Gibson, Richie Springer from Cottage Hospital (EMS-Emergency Medical Services) and Mark Guthrie (Genesis Hospital)

Richie Springer explained the fire department/ambulance must belong to a EMS system and Cottage Hospital is a EMS for first responder and EMT paramedics. In addition, our department then operates under a doctor's license. He also explained that our ambulance service had already been operating under Cottage Hospital's protocol and procedures under Dr. Herman who is above Richie. Mark however operates under Genesis EMS system and therefore they run under Genesis EMS protocol and procedures. Richie also explained the doctor must sign off on all calls. Richie has applied for the non-transport license and is now waiting on the State of Illinois. It is mandatory for first responder to attend a minimum of 54 hours training, plus 30 hours of continuing education and renew their license every 4 years.

Mark explained he had been working on scheduling a date for a first responder class, as the training was included in the ambulance contract between Keithsburg and Genesis. However, he also mentioned that he had to apply through the state of Illinois approximately 60 days in advance prior to starting the class. Davina had notified him in January that she wanted to get a class started, but he wanted to wait until our contract was signed. Mark mentioned the training and protocol between Cottage and Genesis may be a little different, such as Cottage Hospital's EMS allows first responder to use epee pins, king airway, and medications, however Genesis EMS does not. Mark cannot supply our vehicle with medications, however Richie can write a waiver for medicines. A handoff form must be supplied at the time of transfer listing all medications given. Davina explained they had just received the forms. After much discussion, Mark and Davina are going to meet and discuss options regarding the AD machines and pads.

Dave asked if the training should have been through Genesis and Mark replied "it doesn't really matter". Judy Brown explained this was discussed at a prior meeting with Genesis and they were aware we weren't going to change from Cottage EMS system. Rich explained this isn't a problem. Mark once again explained Genesis would be supplying our non-transport vehicle with oxygen and most necessary supplies, however they would not be supplying medications and the king airways was questionable. Davina mentioned they have been amazing to work with. Genesis will also replace items that have expired.

Time: 6:38pm

Jan made a motion to approve; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk