

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brenda Fournier, Chair
John Kozlowski
Dave Karschnick
Bob Adrian, guest

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Sumerix-Bates, Executive Manager
Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator
Mark Hall, Emergency Services Coordinator
Fire Chief Bill Forbush, Alpena City Fire Department
Lynn Bunting, Board Assistant

Chair Fournier called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed new County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah.

INFORMATION ITEM: Emergency Services Coordinator Mark Hall reported that they received a check in the amount of \$1,695.70 for disposal of the two old ambulances at the scrap yard. Mark informed the committee that an invoice will be coming from Jerome's Towing in the amount of \$100 and that he will pay this out of one of his line items in his budget. Tammy informed the committee that the revenue went into the Miscellaneous Revenue line item.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Fournier presented the current Ambulance Fund Policy for discussion and update of the fiscal procedure/policies. Fire Chief Bill Forbush presented a policy revision that he passed out to the committee for review (attachment #1). The committee reviewed and discussed the Ambulance Fund Policy revision proposal. Chief Forbush reported that he will send a list of people that passed the training to the Commissioners Office and will update the policy per the committee's recommendation/approval.

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends to approve the Ambulance Fund Policy with revised changes as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chief Bill Forbush passed out a 911 Private Road Sign estimates for easier reads for 911 calls and fire services. He reported there are issues with the house numbers and that these street signs would be less expensive than the regular street signs. Chief Forbush informed the committee that he would hand out to only people that need it and supply the ones that are missing.

Emergency Services Coordinator Hall reported there is an issue for 911 calls with regards to properties with no address and no home on the property and recommends an address to every parcel. County Executive Manager Tammy Bates reported there is a letter of agreement with the Road Commission for \$2,000 for public and private road signs. Bill reported that the green signs would work for the private road signs. Discussion on possibly \$5,000 from ARPA monies toward the cost of the private signs.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion on training cost of \$500 and recommendation to increase from \$400 to \$500. Moved by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends to approve to increase the Ambulance Fund training cost reimbursement from \$400 to \$500 as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Tammy presented a training reimbursement request from Green Township (attachment #2). Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #3: The Committee recommends to approve the training reimbursement to Green Township in the amount of \$400 for Patrick Martin pending verification of passing the class and obtaining a license.

Other requests from Townships will be kept until the class is over, Bill Forbush informs the County who passed the class and then the requests for reimbursement will be handled.

INFORMATION ITEM: Emergency Services Coordinator Mark Hall presented the Ambulance & First Responders Millage 2022 recommended allocation and projects request in the amount of \$150,000 and passed out to the committee for review and approval (attachment #3). Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #4: The Committee recommends to approve the Ambulance & First Responders Millage 2022 recommended allocation and projects request for the Emergency Services Budget for 2022 as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Fournier presented the 2022 Budget for discussion and recommendation. Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #5: The Committee recommends to transfer \$100,000 from line item #210-651-972 (Equipment/City Contract) into a reserve fund line item within the Ambulance Fund as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #6: The Committee recommends to approve the 2022
Budget recommendations as presented.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by
Commissioner Kozlowski. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Brenda Fournier, Chair

Lynn Bunting, Board Assistant

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Alpena County Ambulance Fund

FISCAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: This is a policy to establish expenditure guidelines for funding ambulance and emergency medical services countywide. The Ambulance Fund pays for the following items: contract and equipment for ambulance services, medical control, first responder calls, first responder equipment, emergency services training, 911 private road signs and other items as approved by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners.

Abbreviations commonly used throughout this document: EMS (Emergency Medical Services), MCA (Medical Control Authority), MFR (Medical First Responders).

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

General Guidelines:

1. **EMS agencies have an inherit responsibility to budget for EMS training, equipment, and supplies and should not rely solely on the County for funding.**
2. Requests to the County for EMS training and reimbursement, and for EMS equipment and/or supplies, are to be made through the Alpena County Board of Commissioners Office, 720 W. Chisholm Street, Suite 7, Alpena, MI 49707. The Commissioners Office will distribute copies of EMS requests to the Medical Control Director and non-EMS requests to the County Coordinator. These requests will be reviewed and recommendations made to the Finance Committee of the County of Alpena.
3. Only those requests made by the city or township representative, the fire chief, and/or the fire administrator will be considered.
4. Eligible Fire Departments are specified as follows with name and how many stations in parentheses: Alpena City (1), Alpena Township (2), Green Township (1), Hubbard Lake (1), Long Rapids (1), Maple Ridge Township (1), Sanborn Township (1) and Wilson Township (1).
5. EMS agencies requesting funding may be requested to provide justification for the request including budget information, spending history, documentation of need, etc.
6. It shall be understood that acceptance of any County funding through the Ambulance Fund shall constitute acceptance of and willingness to abide by these Guidelines.
7. Alpena County reserves the right to make additions, deletions, or changes to this agreement without prior notice.

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| Contract for Ambulance Services |
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1. The County of Alpena currently contracts for ambulance services and equipment with monies to come out of the Ambulance Fund. See contract for specific details.

Medical Control

1. The County of Alpena does not contract for Medical Control. Medical Control authorities are statutorily required to be operated by hospitals and provide medical oversight, protocols, and communications.

First Responder Calls

1. The following conditions apply for appropriations from the Ambulance Fund for EMS First Responder calls:
 - a. To qualify for an appropriation, the EMS agency must document all responses in the MIEMIS System within 24 hours of the response.
 - b. The appropriation, if any, will be determined by run volume by the ambulance committee.
2. An appropriation check will be issued at the beginning of each quarter: January, April, July, and October.

First Responder Equipment

1. "Equipment" is defined as a non-disposable item with a useful life of two (2) or more years.
 - a. Requests for equipment funding will only be granted when it can be documented that the equipment will be utilized by or benefits the EMS system.
 - b. Funding for equipment may be provided for but generally limited to replacement of out-dated equipment, new equipment required by the MCA, or equipment needed to meet regulatory guidelines for a newly established agency.
 - c. Costs associated with maintenance, repairs, and elective up-upgrades to EMS equipment are the responsibility of the EMS agency.
 - d. Equipment that is being replaced must be surrendered to the county, evaluated and offered to other agencies as surplus equipment.
 - e. Circulating equipment falls under the First Responder equipment line item.
 - f. Purchases that are not pre-approved will not be considered.
2. Communications:
 - a. An expense charged to the first responder's equipment line item.
 - b. A fifty percent (50%) matching grant up to \$750 for each station for communications equipment and related fees for medical first responders. This item includes radios, pagers, mike fees, license fees, etc.
3. "Supplies" are defined as disposable items with a useful and/or shelf life of less than two (2) years... The purchase of EMS supplies is the responsibility of the EMS agency. EMS supplies are not reimbursable by the County.
 - a. All batteries, regardless of type or intended use (radio, pager, defibrillator,

- monitor, etc.), are considered “supplies”.
- b. Defibrillator pads are considered supplies.

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| EMS Training |
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1. EMS training funds are available only to those licensed EMS agencies who have coverage area within Alpena County borders.
2. The “trainee” must be a member of the host EMS agency.
3. The County is under no obligation to financially support any EMS training program or course or individual trainee. The decision to financially support an EMS training program or an individual’s participation will be based on, but not limited to:
 - a. Available funding
 - b. Need and ultimate impact on quality of care provided to the Community
 - c. MCA quality improvement activities
4. The County reserves the right to limit the number of participants to which it will provide financial support.
5. The County reserves the right to fund only a percentage of the course tuition.
6. Under no circumstances will the County reimburse an EMS agency or governmental agency for the following expenses incurred by EMS personnel for training programs:
 - a. Travel costs, mileage
 - b. Lodging and meals
 - c. Overtime
 - d. Backfilling of personnel
7. Initial EMS Training Programs (MFR, EMT)
 - a. Only those programs coordinated by or through the County are eligible for tuition reimbursement. The County ambulance contractor shall provide a listing to the Ambulance Committee of students enrolled in MFR or EMT courses and the departments they represent at the beginning of such courses.
 - b. Tuition and all other programs fees (supplies, etc.) are the responsibility of the local unit of government and/or the trainee.
 - c. Upon successful completion of the course, and State of Michigan licensure, the local unit of government may request reimbursement from the County using the County via the Ambulance Committee. A copy of the State of Michigan license must be submitted, along with a copy of the initial application for reimbursement which was submitted before the class began.
 - d. The County strongly suggests that local units of government not reimburse their personnel until after one (1) year of continuous service has occurred post graduation.
 - e. The County will not reimburse for course supplies, examination fees, or any other associated costs.
 - f. In the event the trainee does not successfully complete the course, the County will not reimburse the cost of program tuition.

- g. Reimbursement shall only be made to eligible units of government, not individuals. Eligible units of government include the City of Alpena, Charter Township of Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Wilson, Maple Ridge, Sanborn, Ossineke (via Hubbard Lake FD) and Wellington (via Long Rapids FD).
- h. Reimbursement for Medical First Responder (MFR/EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) education shall be limited to \$500 per student. No reimbursement is available for other levels of initial EMS education.

EMS Continuing Education Programs

- 1. The County, through its ambulance service contractor, shall provide at least six (6) hours of EMS continuing education each year at no cost. The Ambulance Committee may consider requests for additional EMS Continuing Education programs.

911 Private Road Signs

- 1. Public Street Signs for Private Roads:
 - a. An expense charged to the sign line item in the Ambulance Fund..
 - b. Either a citizen or a local unit of government can request a road sign erected to identify a private road for emergency purposes after verifying with the County Equalization Department that a road name is needed, it does not duplicate street names and receives the proper addressing ranges. The local unit of government must approve the name of the private road in their minutes and submit a request for the sign in writing along with a copy of the minutes to the Alpena County Commissioners' Office, 720 W. Chisholm Street, Suite 7, Alpena, MI 49707. Road signs will only be purchased one time for the same road.
 - c. The County Commissioners' Office will then submit a letter of approval to the County Road Commission that a sign be made up.
 - d. The Road Commission will then bill the County Ambulance fund annually by December 1st for these signs.
 - e. The local unit of government is responsible for contacting the Road Commission after they receive a copy of the letter from the County requesting the signage. Townships or the citizen will be required to install them on a private roadway off the public right of way. The Road Commission will install them on a public right of way.

Replacement of Public Road Signs

- 1. Replacement of Street Signs for Public Roads:
 - a. An expense charged to the Replacement sign line item in the Ambulance Fund.
 - b. The Road Commission will determine if a replacement sign is needed for public roads. If a sign has been damaged or is missing due to accident, the Road Commission will attempt to recover the cost of replacement signs caused by vehicular accidents through their insurance. If cost is recovered, the County will not be charged for this sign replacement. If signs are being stolen and can be prosecuted, all measures will be taken to recover the cost of sign replacement.
 - c. The Road Commission will bill the County annually by December 1st by sending a

bill listing all road signs replaced, itemizing materials and labor to the County Commissioners' Office, 720 W. Chisholm Street, Suite 7, Alpena, MI 49707.

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

1. Records for the following will be kept in the County Commissioners' Office:
 - a. Ambulance Contract
 - b. EMS training requests
 - c. First Responder Equipment Requests
 - d. 911 Road Sign Requests

The above is not meant to be all inclusive. Requests will be considered on an individual basis. The County's procurement policies will be followed for the purchase of equipment unless the purchase is made within another agreement. All previous board actions that may address any of the items contained in this procedure are hereby null and void .tsb



Alpena County

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AMBULANCE FUND EMS TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Information

REQUESTING
AGENCY:

Green Township

Mailing Address:

2650 Calcut Road, Lachine 4975

Phone:

989-379-2398

Email:

sumerikcleveland@gmail.com

Fax:

Description of training reimbursement requested: **(\$400.00 maximum per person)



MFR

☐ EMT

☐ EMTS

☐ EMTP

☐ IC

☐ OTHER _____

Dates of Training: From: 9-2020 To: _____

Individuals name: ~~Michael Zolnieretz, Angie Woleszyk, Patrick~~ ~~MacE...~~

Cost of the program tuition only: ~~\$1200.00~~ \$400.00
(Reimbursement does not include course supplies, examination fees, or any other associated costs)

Is individual training a member of your fire department?



Yes



No

If this request for reimbursement is approved, the individual must complete the training and obtain a state license. After licensure is obtained, the requesting agency will supply copies of the training bill along with proof of payment and a copy of the state license within one year of the completion of the class. Specifics of reimbursement are listed in the Ambulance Fund Policy and may change from time to time. Please check current policy.

Mark L. Cota
Fire Chief/Fire Administrator Signature

Date

9-13-21

[Signature]
Township Supervisor

Date

9/13/2021

County Approval

County Request No. _____ Date Received: _____ Initials: _____

Was this request approved for reimbursement after obtaining the license?



Yes



No

11-24-15



208 N. FIRST AVE.
ALPENa, MI 49707
(989) 354-1720 fax (989) 354-1709

Invoice Number: 20-0000205
Invoice Date: 09/17/2020
Due Date: 10/17/2020
Service Date: 09/17/2020

GREEN TOWNSHIP
MELONY SUMERIX
2650 CALCUT ROAD
LACHINE, MI 49753

19216
10/1/20

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price | Amount |
|--|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER CLASS - TUITION AND BOOKS FOUR STUDENTS | | | |
| 1 | STUDENT TRAINING AND BOOK | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 |

Rachael, Dakota, Angie, Portia

MFR TUITION & BOOKS
FOUR STUDENTS

Total Invoice: 2,400.00
Payments Applied: 0.00
Invoice Balance: 2,400.00

Due within 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at
(989) 354-1720



GREEN TOWNSHIP

GENERAL FUND
14221 Alfalfa Road
Lachine, Michigan 49753
989-379-6038



74-7646/2724

10/12/2020

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

City Of Alpena Clerk's Office

\$ **2,400.00

*Two Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100******

DOLLARS

*City of Alpena
208 N. First Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707*

MEMO

MFR Class - 4 persons

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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GREEN TOWNSHIP General Fund

*City Of Alpena Clerk's Office
336 FIRE DEPT:965 Training*

10/12/2020

19216
2,400.00

HPC General Fu MFR Class - 4 persons

2,400.00

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10/12/2020

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2,400.00

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2,400.00

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AMBULANCE & FIRST RESPONDERS MILLAGE 2022

2022 Recommended allocation & projects

\$150,000.00

- Central Tower reserve account \$75,000.00 Hold with in the
Ambulance committee budget 210-000-382.000

(Expense Line Items)

- Motorola 7500 console annual lease \$49,700.00 261-325-970.003
 - First responders radio replacement \$20,000.00 261-325-970.003
 - Equip mobile dispatch trailer \$2500.00 261-325-970.003
 - Portable radio battery replacement project \$2000.00 261-325-970.003
 - Radio accessories \$800.00 261-325-970.003
- \$150,000.00
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BUDGET REPORT FOR ALPENA COUNTY

Calculations as of 12/31/2021

| GL NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | 2018 ACTIVITY | 2019 ACTIVITY | 2020 ACTIVITY | 2021 AMENDED BUDGET | 2021 ACTIVITY THRU 12/31/21 | 2022 DEPARTMENT REQU BUDGET | BOAR |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 210-651-403.000 | CURRENT TAXES-EXTRA SPECIAL VOTED | 866,182 | 878,951 | 898,994 | 1,451,403 | 1,421,921 | 1,482,697 | |
| 210-651-411.000 | DELINQUENT REAL (SETTLEMENTS) | 14 | 42 | 347 | | 39 | 50 | |
| 210-651-412.000 | DELINQUENT PERSONAL/DNR | 8,462 | 7,388 | 6,192 | 8,536 | 9,119 | 8,644 | |
| 210-651-437.000 | CURRENT IFT'S COLLECTIONS | 936 | 363 | 82 | 595 | | 412 | |
| 210-651-573.000 | LOCAL COM STABILIZATION SHARE TAX | (4,837) | 49,518 | 37,458 | 25,000 | 27,295 | 27,500 | |
| 210-651-665.000 | INVESTMENT EARNINGS | 5,719 | 5,896 | 3,484 | 1,500 | 457 | 1,500 | |
| 210-651-677.000 | REIMBURSEMENTS & REFUNDS | | | 500 | | 2,646 | | |
| 210-651-684.000 | MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE | | | 3,020 | 10,000 | 1,125 | | |
| 210-651-727.000 | SUPPLIES - RESTOCKING DRUG BOXES/ | 6,775 | 5,700 | | 22,500 | | | |
| 210-651-727.001 | CITY DISPOSAL 1ST RESPONDER SUPPL | | | | | | | |
| 210-651-801.000 | CITY CONTRACT PAYMENTS 2019-2020 | 716,078 | 733,460 | 748,130 | 940,000 | 705,000 | | |
| 210-651-801.001 | GIS AERIAL PHOTOS | | | | 1,000 | | | |
| 210-651-801.002 | ATTORNEY FEES | | | | 2 | 3 | | |
| 210-651-801.003 | PROFES SERVICES - BANK MAINTENANC | | | | | | | |
| 210-651-802.000 | MEDICAL CONTROL CONTRACT | | | | | | | |
| 210-651-803.000 | CENTRAL SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT | 41,834 | 34,266 | 30,962 | 25,527 | 19,145 | | |
| 210-651-803.001 | FIRST RESPONDER CALLS | 114,000 | | | 117,000 | 87,750 | | |
| 210-651-903.000 | PRINTING & BINDING | | | | 1,000 | | | |
| 210-651-955.000 | CONTINGENCY FUND | | | | 5,000 | | | |
| 210-651-955.001 | MED CONTROL CONTRACT-TRAINING | 1,200 | 400 | | | | | |
| 210-651-962.000 | COUNTY SETTLEMENTS | 521 | 1,422 | 1,615 | | 371 | | |
| 210-651-972.000 | EQUIPMENT/CITY CONTRACT | | | 200,982 | 100,000 | | | |
| 210-651-972.001 | EQUIPMENT | | | | 2,000 | | | |
| 210-651-972.002 | PUBLIC/PRIVATE ROAD SIGNS (1/3 CI | 2,000 | | | | | | |
| 210-651-972.003 | FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT | | | | | | | |
| 210-651-995.000 | TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUND- E911 | | | | 81,688 | 64,492 | | |

Add 911 signs

Where should ambulance
money be put? (#100,000)

\$100,000 is being moved
from a 2021 line item
into a reserved line item.

10,000
22,500
940,000
1,000
5
25,527
117,000
1,000
5,000
2,000
2,000
75,000
5,000

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