

WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Waushara County Public Safety Committee was called to order on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, @ at 4:30 P.M., by Committee Chair Donna Kalata. Committee members present: Donna Kalata, Everett Eckstein, Mark Kerschner and Mark Piechowski.

Others present: Sheriff Elect Wally Zuehlke, Lt. Stacy Vaccaro, Lt. Ryan McElroy, Lt. Heather Wittig and Darlene Masticola – Waushara County Sheriff's Office, EMS Director Brian Donaldson – Waushara County EMS, Ruth Zouski – Waushara County Corporation Counsel, Robert Sivick – Waushara County Administrator and Joel Jodarski, County resident.

Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Everett Eckstein to approve the agenda, making the notation that the minutes to approve are dated 12/5/2018, not 11/7/2018. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Everett Eckstein and seconded by Mark Piechowski to approve the minutes of the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 5, 2018. Motion carried.

Public Comments – No public comments

Fire Services – No report.

Coroner

Corporation Counsel Zouski advised that Deputy Medical Examiner Jill Kelly's official start date is 1/7/2019; however they have met and set her schedule for January 2019. Corporation Counsel Zouski also advised that surrounding counties with ME's will help if needed and are available.

Seven (7) applications were received for the Medical Examiner position, and those will be forwarded on to Executive Committee for consideration.

Coroner – Old Business - None

Coroner – New Business - None

EMS Reports – Director Brian Donaldson

EMS fund raising is going well, \$27,000 received through the end of 2018. Fund raising goal set at \$31,500.

EMS Monthly Reports

Calls for Service:

November 2018 – 194, compared to 250 in November 2017

2018 Year to Date Calls for service: 2,459

Service is on pace for 2,687 calls for 2018. Total calls for service in 2017 - 2684

November 2018 Financials:

Charges for service: \$258,655.52

Contractual adjustments: \$113,383.66

Payments: \$105,485.05

2018 Year to Date Collection Activity: Accounts to Corporation Counsel totaling \$106,607.60 and payments received on those accounts - \$87,628.13.

Days in Accounts Receivable: 4th quarter 2018 average 71.01. 2013 Benchmark - 87.

EMS – Old Business - None

EMS – New Business

A) Collection Action Account Information: Director Donaldson requested approval for accounts to be submitted to Corporation Counsel for collection as action as follows: 10 death no asset accounts totaling \$3,613.33, and 12 collection accounts totaling \$9,669.10, for a total of \$13,282.43. Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Everett Eckstein to approve same. Motion carried.

B) Fee Schedule: Director Donaldson presented and discussed proposed rates for 2019. Most rates increased by 2.25%, however, charges for BLS treatment no transport and ALS treatment no transport were reduced by \$30 and \$50 respectively and there was no change to the ALS2 treatment no transport. Director Donaldson also advised there was an increase for Medicare allowables for 2019, and that these rates are on the radar for EMS Associations to discuss. County Administrator Sivick advised he and Clerk of Court Melissa Zamzow are on the WCA Judicial/Public Safety Steering Committee and suggested that Director Donaldson attend a meeting with them to discuss issues pertaining to Medicare/Medicaid rates. After discussion, motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Everett Eckstein to approve the 2019 EMS Fee Schedule as proposed by Director Donaldson. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Report – None

Old Business – Emergency Management – None

New Business – Emergency Management – None

Sheriff's Reports

Lt. Wittig – Jail

ADP today – 95.

Correction Officer interviews scheduled again next week. Jail still four positions short, with one job offer out.

Old Business – Sheriff – None

New Business – Sheriff

A) Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Waushara County Code – Reference Noise from Barking Dogs: Corporation Counsel Zouski advised sample language for this had been sent to Sheriff's Administrative staff for review, however, hasn't received input back at this time. Corporation Counsel requested the item be tabled till the February meeting so she can discuss proposed ordinance changes with law enforcement. Mr. Jodarski requested permission to speak, Chair Kalata granted permission. Mr. Jodarski stated he understands that officers are busy with numerous calls, and questioned if retired officers could be hired to handle these types of complaints. County Administrator Sivick advised these are code enforcement issues, county budget dollars are tight, and there are processes to follow. Motion was made by Everett Eckstein and seconded by Mark Kerschner to table this item and bring back at the February 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, starting at 4:30 PM, in Room 109 at the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Everett Eckstein and seconded by Mark Piechowski to adjourn @ 4:47 PM, with Committee members Kalata, Eckstein, Kerschner and Piechowski present at adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Darlene Masticola, Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant