

Ambulance Committee Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2003

The Ambulance Committee met in council chambers at 6:30 P.M. for a second time to review the current ordinance. The following members were present: Finance Chair Sandy Cox, Salary Chair Jim Locker, Safety Health & Service Chair Sam Hitchcock, Safety Director Greg Popham, Fire Chief Jamie Snyder, Law Director Mike Johnson, and Mayor Ron Brodzinski. Guests present were Councilman Joel Day, Ella Slough and the media.

At the previous meeting of March 10th, committee members had requested that Fire Chief Snyder obtain figures from Smith Ambulance for further comparison of area rates. Chief Snyder brought a document to this meeting listing the following rates for Smith Ambulance in addition to the current rates for Dover and the proposed rates for New Philadelphia.:

Smith Ambulance - New Phila:

BLS Transport	\$325.00
ALS Transport	\$450.00 (one paramedic) to \$525.00 (two paramedics)
Loaded Mileage	\$ 7.50
Medic Assist	\$ 68.00 (within county)
Extrication	\$275.00

Dover F.D.:

Resident:

BLS Transport	\$170.00
ALS Transport	\$300.00
Loaded Mileage	\$ 8.41

Non-Resident:

BLS Transport	\$220.00
ALS Transport	\$300.00
Loaded Mileage	\$ 8.41

Proposed New Phila P.D.:

BLS Transport	\$170.00
ALS Transport	\$300.00
Loaded Mileage	\$ 8.41

Non-Resident:

BLS Transport	\$220.00
ALS Transport	\$350.00
Loaded Mileage	\$ 8.41
Medic Assist	\$150.00

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Chief Snyder explained that the mileage fee would most likely be reimbursed by Medicare and that the medic assist fee would only apply to out-of-town ambulance services needing a medic assist enroute to the hospital. He said that most medic assists are handled by Smith Ambulance and that New Phila only handles a few requests yearly.

Chief Snyder made a motion to request that Law Director Mike Johnson draw up an ordinance to replace the existing ordinance 143.02 reflecting the increase in ambulance rates and present it to full council. Safety Director seconded the motion and the committee voted as follows: Sandy Cox - yea; Jim Locker - yea; Sam Hitchcock - yea; Greg Popham - yea and Jamie Snyder - yea. Passed unanimously.

At 6:46 P.M., with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam R. Hitchcock, Chairman
AMBULANCE COMMITTEE
CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA