

Tri-City Ambulance Board of Directors
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Geneva Fire Department Headquarters
200 Eastside Drive
8:30 AM

Present: Mayor Schielke, Batavia; Ald. Bob Swanson, Geneva; Mr. Gene Olmstead, Batavia FPD; Ald. David Pietryla, St. Charles; Ald. Dean Kilburg, Geneva; Ald. Ronald Silkaitis, St. Charles

Absent: Ald. Alan Wolff, Batavia

Also Present: Fire Chief Scott Swanson, St. Charles; Fire Chief Randy Deicke, Batavia Fire Department; Fire Chief Michael Antenore, Geneva Fire Department; Craig Hanson, Batavia Fire Department; Trent Moser, PSI; Stephanie Hanson, TCA Administrator; Larry Robbins, PSI; Brian Holman, PSI; Mike DiSilvestro, PSI; Carole Murphy, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Schielke called the special meeting of the Tri-City Ambulance Board of Directors to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll was called with six members present.

3. Public Forum

4. New Business

a. Discussion of Alternative Ambulance Staffing

i. Contingency Ambulance Deployment

Ms. Hanson referred to the December meeting regarding staffing issues. She said staffing is at a crisis situation at this point, and reviewed the staffing at the three Fire Departments with 11 openings out of 32 positions in total. M252 has been out of service since June 2021 to help alleviate some of the overtime for the paramedics. This crisis is across the nation and is directly affecting TCA.

She summarized her thoughts including taking an ambulance out of service, browning out an ambulance, as well as an option for alternate staffing to hire back EMT's to fill the open positions.

Mayor Schielke asked the Board for their questions and input.

Discussions followed with the Board and representatives from PSI.

Ms. Hanson let the Board know she needed some type of decision today regarding the staffing crisis before losing more staff. She had presented the numbers of shifting staff for coverage and trying to work quickly. The use of EMTs would temporary and will still be able to provide the same

number of ambulances and the same service to the residents of the Tri- Cities. She also ran the cost of being able to obtain additional Paramedics.

b. Discussion of PSI contract paramedic compensation

There was a brief dialog regarding the pay scale of the Paramedics. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting which is being scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2022 to determine the starting salary for a Paramedic.

5. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Schielke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ald. Pietryla and seconded by Ald. Swanson to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Tri City Ambulance Board.

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of those members present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Murphy, Recording Secretary