Ambulance Advisory Board
August 10, 2026

Present: Chief Rick Sieberg, City Manager Thomas Hill, Town Manager Jim Chandler, Chief Mike Gross, Chief Ron Cunningham, Tim Cusick, Jay Danforth, Nick Kimball, Doug Ebert, Shawn Ramage, Rusty Greenleaf, Jay Simanski, Nick Whimore, Julie LaRoche, Josh Johnson, Jesse Thompson, Marc Cone, Shawn Dolley

Chair Shawn Ramage called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Motion to accept minutes from May 11, 2026 by Doug Ebert, second by Julie LaRoche - approved 12-0

Old Business:

Rescue 2 is still running but is reaching the end of its use. Chief Seiberg is waiting for final numbers from Denise to see if there is enough money in fund balance to pay to re-chassis the box.

New Business:

Reimbursement Discussion: Revenue is down for the past fiscal year. According to our billing company this is common at this time. Some of the contributing factors according to them are: Copays have increased, Medicare rates which are 60% of our calls, HMO's individual's copay was $100 and is now $300, deductibles have increased and people are not meeting them.

Future Service Discussion: All partner communities are in agreement that we need additional staffing in the service. The representatives realize this will come with an added cost but are willing to look at numbers.

***Staffing increase and retention: As a point of discussion, Shawn Ramage addressed the issue of not only staffing for the Ambulance Service but for call members for all the partner communities. Every community is struggling to recruit members for their call crew. A lengthy discussion ensued and we decided to send out a survey to town officials/chiefs to gather information and see how we can work together to build a call crew for all communities. This will be a long process, but we need to begin to figure out a way to work together and combine our efforts.

Shawn Dolley recommends we meet more often than quarterly, prepare financials to represent our current situation, and share a three or four year average to help calculate new pricing for the partner communities.

A meeting may be scheduled I October just to discuss the survey.

Next Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting: November 9, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by Doug Ebert, second by Jim Chandler - Approved 12-0

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Greenleaf