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Selectboard:
Jan Gaudio
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2021 Time:2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Rev:0

Select Board Members Present: Jan Gaudio and Walter Reitz
Others: Terri Baines, Amy Drinkwater, David Elwell and Ralph Demmons

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment

IV. New Business

A. Presentation of the following budgets

- **Ralph Demmons - ACO**

Demmons presented his 18-month budget to the Board.

Wages and Stipend has increased the recommended 3%.

Mileage increased to \$225 (six months \$75, 12 months \$150).

Supplies increased to \$625 (six months \$475. One time buy of traps, catch pole and gloves. 12 months \$150).

Training has not been funded for a few years. Demmons needs to complete the basic course for ACO's and take other classes to keep his certification current. He proposed \$150 in his budget (six months \$50. 12 months \$100.00)

- **Amy Drinkwater – Ambulance Director**

Drinkwater presented her 18-month budget. She is requesting a computer/fax, that works with the ambulance billing system. They previously had one that was rigged but to be HIPPA compliant they need their own line. To clarify she said not a new line, but a new computer/fax so they can receive their faxes in the ambulance area.

There was a discussion on the history of purchasing computers. In the past they were under capital expense. Last year the tablets were a line item in the ambulance budget.

Under equipment Drinkwater would like to purchase a Scoop Stretcher. The cost is \$900.

Reitz asked for a projection of calls. Drinkwater said she averaged calls made during the day over the last couple of years and add half that many for the night calls. Reitz asked if the wages line was underfunded. Drinkwater didn't feel that it was because the Town will be reimbursed through FEMA for OIC shifts once the application is submitted.

Drinkwater forecast her revenue would be under two years ago but higher than last year.

There was a brief discussion on a new billing contractor. Drinkwater is in the process of gathering these numbers and will update her budget to reflect these numbers.

Gaudio asked if the stretcher may be purchased through a grant. Drinkwater said she would look into available grants.

V. Adjourn

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to adjourn at 2:31 pm.

Motion passed 2-0.

Minutes approved by Selectboard 3-9-2021