

**June 23, 2021
Wednesday 8:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. Also present were Theresa Laino, Vice Chair, Aaron Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor, Ambulance Service Review Committee members Kyle Rohner, Township EMS Director, Sally Bensley, Susanne Duffy, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary

Kyle Wright (Captain) and Karl Will (President), members of the Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp were also in attendance to explain how the ambulance service operates and answer any questions committee members may have.

Mr. Wright explained that Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp is a combination service with approximately 70% of their service provided by volunteers. The corp primarily covers Delaware Township but provides services to other areas when needed. There is a low call volume so only 1 ambulance is staffed at a time and the ambulance is out of service for 4 – 8 hours per week.

The corp has offered its service to the Monroe County Control Center when a unit is needed for the area; they get dispatched to less than 20 calls per year by Monroe County Control Center.

Mr. Rohner asked how many vehicles the ambulance corp has – Mr. Will answered they currently have 3 4-wheel drive vehicles with 2 of them being fully stocked at all times.

Mr. Rohner then expressed an interest in using Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp for more calls in Lehman Township. Mr. Will explained that they respond primarily in Delaware Township and this would need to be discussed with the supervisors of that township.

Ms. Bensley questioned what hospitals patients are primarily transported to. Mr. Wright explained that patients are mostly transported to Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis New York, Newton Medical Center in Newton New Jersey, Lehigh Valley Pocono in East Stroudsburg Pa, and St. Luke's in Bartonsville Pa. They will go further to a specialty facility if needed.

Ms. Bensley then asked how the billing is handled when transporting to facilities further away versus facilities closer. Mr. Wright explained there is a set fee schedule and billing is handled by a third-party billing company, Quick Med Claims, and patients are billed per mile at a set rate per mile. They also utilize a collection agency when needed.

Ms. Bensley questioned the salary rates for employees of the corp. Mr. Wright answered that EMT's are paid \$12 - \$13 per hour and paramedics are paid \$18 per hour.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Will then left the meeting.

Following a discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Logsdon draft a letter to the Monroe County Control Center indicating the supervisors want Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp to be the primary ambulance service for Lehman Township.

Mr. Rohner reminded the committee of the meeting next Tuesday, June 29 at 3:00 P.M. with Suburban Ambulance.

Kyle Rohner presented quotes he obtained for 4 ambulances and explained the equipment included in the quotes. All ambulances will need to be equipped with radios and pagers will need to be purchased for employees. Ms. Bensley asked about the delivery timeframe for an ambulance. Kyle explained that it will take some time because ambulances are built when ordered.

Mr. Springs questioned if a determination has been made as to where the ambulances will be housed in Lehman Township. There is discussion with the Bushkill Fire Company to house one at their new building near Pocono Ranchlands when it is built and another will be kept at the fire house on Evergreen Drive.

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Rohner to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 A.M. second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary