

Re: CHS Ambulance Service

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Mon 1/30/2023 3:20 PM

To: Erick Burd <eburd@hopewelltpfire.org>;

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Maybe PFAS will just continue one more month??

From: Erick Burd <eburd@hopewelltpfire.org>

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 2:10:41 PM

To: jdavy@penningtonboro.org

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Subject: Re: CHS Ambulance Service

Forgot to mention one other thing. We just learned at the end of last week that CHS won't be able to start until April 1st. That leaves a month-long gap between when PFAS quits responding and when CHS is onboard.

Erick

From: jdavy@penningtonboro.org <jdavy@penningtonboro.org>

Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 at 1:52 PM

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Subject: [External Email] Re: CHS Ambulance Service

Hello Erick,

With the Capital Health Service set to commence on March 1st, shouldn't we do a Shared Services Agreement with the fire district that facilitates EMS services for Pennington Borough in the amount of \$25,230.

The agreement should set forth not only the amount but the terms of the EMS services to be provided.

We have a Council Meeting on 2/6; not sure we can fashion an agreement by then but we should try so that it is in place by March 1.

FYI - the PFAS building does revert back to Pennington Borough; however, the Rescue Squad says that will not be for another 4 to 5 months after March 1 as they have business closeout to conduct. As I mentioned, I don't think there will be a problem housing the CHS ambulances there but I do need to talk to the Council about it. Naomi McCarty indicated to me that they will discuss with you the placement of CHS ambulances there for the interim 4 to 5 months.

We do, though, need to work out the shared services agreement quickly.

Peace,
Jim Davy
Mayor - Pennington
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From: jdavy@penningtonboro.org
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 1:40 PM
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Please do not respond.

FYI: \$25,230.

From: Erick Burd <eburd@hopewelltwpfire.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 1:38 PM
To: jdavy@penningtonboro.org
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Pennington Boro's share for the contract will be \$25,230.00.
Thanks,
Erick

From: jdavy@penningtonboro.org <jdavy@penningtonboro.org>
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 1:32 PM
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Erick,

Can you confirm for me how much will be Pennington's Share of the Cost?

Peace,
Jim Davy

From: Erick Burd <eburd@hopewelltwpfire.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:47:16 AM
To: Sky Morehouse; jdavy@penningtonboro.org; Courtney Peters-Manning
Subject: CHS Ambulance Service

All,

Apologies that I haven't been communicating more frequently. This has been a very fast-paced dynamic series of events. This is not the only issue the Board is handling but it is the most critical. Pennington First Aid will not make it to March 1st and they will be relying heavily on Titusville, Hopewell, Ewing and Lawrence to fill that void, which will mean longer wait times for ambulances. We will also be maxxing out the career staff to fill the void as well. We will be asking CHS to have their ambulance come online as soon as possible.

We are meeting with CHS today to iron out the contract. I have requested Pennington First Aid to cover the first year's cost entirely as they have significant financial assets through donations solely for the purpose of providing EMS. I am waiting on that decision which we will learn the outcome on the 24th.

The Township has passed its EMS billing resolutions and we will be contracting with an EMS billing company that will cover the calls that the volunteers handle. Each Boro will need to pass a resolution for EMS billing as well. We can all use our EMS billing company. They charge 6% of the revenue so no one will see a charge for this. In order to bill each municipality needs its own Medicare ID number. Once we have filled out the form I'll send a copy of it out as well as our resolution as a sample.

While its it a great and critical thing for our community that volunteers continue to be active, each call we will lose that 6% billing cost which will then leave a minor funding gap.

Mayor Davy, as I anticipate Pennington Boro will actually realize a savings, while Hopewell Twp and Boro (who already contributes for services) will be expending money. I request Pennington Boro cover this amount. Correct me if I am wrong, but Pennington Boro has paid for Pennington First Aid's Workmen's Comp and LOSAP. I don't imagine this 6% would be a large amount and come anywhere near the funding you have provided in the past.

Thank you everyone for all your cooperation in working on this. Please let me know if you want to discuss any of this as it's all very new for all of us. We are scheduling an operations meeting with the volunteer squad officers, career staff, and CHS to work out the operational details for next week. Let me know if you have anyone that wants to attend, I'll be there as well. We are trying for Thursday at 6 at the Twp municipal building. dinner will be provided due to the timing of the meeting.

Best,
Erick

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