

Fire and EMS Association Minutes

June 24, 2013 at EMS Building

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Hodel at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary stated for the record that notice had been posted according to Open Meeting Laws.

Members Present: Roger Hodel, Dan Palmer, Mark Gundlach, Deb Kazmar, Howard Ward, Ted Fahey, Fred Clark and Secretary Julie Bigler

Others Present: Bradley Roraff and Kimberly Bierback from Three Rivers Billing, Chansé Kazmarski, Fire Chief Ron Babler and Gary Ziegler

Discussion held on Fire Call Fees - It would be up to the Fire Association discretion on where the billing would stop (i.e. after 3 billings) or if it would go to collection. Three Rivers only gets paid on what they collect. The Association can bill only the ones they want to and can bill on their own if they decide to. An ordinance for each municipality needs to be done and the money collected needs to be designated specifically to an account. Gary Ziegler will look into attaching an assist fee for the Fire Department.

Presentation by Bradley Roraff and Kimberly Bierbach from Three Rivers Billing-They currently do the billing for the Belleville EMS. Motor vehicle accident billing makes up the majority of the bills done. They would bill the landowner for fire and vehicle and not the insurance company. Home owners and vehicle insurance typically pays for fire calls. They would charge per vehicle serviced by fire department and could have multiple billing for each call. An ordinance needs to be done before billing will be paid by insurance (required by insurance companies). 5 1/2 % charge back to Three Rivers for fire calls. Some structure fires are billed as 1<sup>st</sup> hour at \$500 with each additional 1/2 hour at \$250. Insurance companies generally have paid up to \$15000. An option of charging a minimum fee when Fire Department actually assists EMS on calls.

**Motion made by Dan Palmer, seconded by Mark Gundlach to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.**

Next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Bigler, Secretary