

**MINUTES**  
**Special EMSOC**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:00 PM**  
**SAA Training Room**

**Members Present:** Pat Lombardi, Wendy Rossi, and Tome Schutte.

**Members Absent:** Frankie Casanova.

**Others Present:** Scott Andrews, Debbi Lavranchuk, Bryan Ryan, Jon Lovisolo, Mark Morris, Karen Spargo, Ben Kovalsky and Lianna Staffieri.

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Lombardi at 7:00 PM.

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone salutes the flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Discussion and approval of Sept 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve September 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Wendy Rossi

Second: Tom Schutte

Vote: 3-Yes

0-No

0-Absent

**ITEM #4: Discussion on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters Balance Sheets.**

Scott Andrews, SAA Director, stated that SAA receives small donations periodically from organizations such as the Pumpkin Festival, Seymour Tradition, etc. He stated that SAA is going to start an annual appeal. He stated that they need to increase their revenue because they are losing quite a bit through the state.

Scott stated that SAA is slated to lose roughly \$55,000.00 from Medicare to Medicaid crossover dollars. The Governor's budget has eliminated the crossover funding which is approximately \$55,000.00. In addition, the appropriations committee has entered into discussions and looked at reducing Medicaid payments from all patients by another 5.6%. This will reduce potential income by a little over \$9,000.00. He stated they are looking at a potential \$60-65,000.00 loss.

Tom Schutte inquired if SAA is targeted to lose \$65,000.00 next year?

Scott stated that he hopes it won't be progressive. He stated that the number represents a 38% cut since 2011.

Wendy Rossi suggested a boot drive similar to what the fire department does.

Scott stated that it might not be a good idea. They are going after grant monies. In their current grant situation, they are looking for \$14,000.00 for vehicles and to upgrade equipment. They apply for small grants for specific needs.

**ITEM #5: Discussion on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Profit Loss Statement and Budget vs Actual.**

Pat Lombardi stated that building repairs and maintenance seem to fluctuate.

Scott stated that they have been doing a lot more work. The town is responsible for most repairs and maintenance, by contract, except for routine maintenance. He stated that there will always be fluctuations with building repairs and maintenance.

Pat inquired about the anticipated revenue.

Scott stated that they are running below what they had budgeted for. He stated that the write offs have increased significantly. The major reason is that people aren't making an attempt to pay debt. Moving forward, he stated, that is one area that they can work toward bringing in revenue for SAA. He stated that in February they wrote off over \$50,000.00 and they have approximately \$130,000.00 in private pay.

**ITEM #6: Discussion on Commission vacancies.**

Pat Lombardi stated that there are two vacancies on this commission. He stated that Jason Weaving has been gone for quite some time and Ted Holly resigned in January. He stated that he doesn't know Frankie Casanova, the alternate. He asked SAA board members if they could spread the word and see if anyone would be interested in joining the commission. He stated that the vacancies need to be filled.

**ITEM #7: Directors Comments.**

Scott Andrews stated that he met with the First Selectman and Bob Petinella, Executive Director of Valley EMS and began the EMS plan that the state requires. The First Selectmen and community leaders need to sign off on it. The plan will be written up in a few weeks and will be brought to the Board of Selectmen meeting for their approval.

Pat Lombardi inquired about their oldest bill in terms of days.

Scott stated less than 30 days.

Pat inquired about any discount agreements given with vendors if SAA pays early.

Scott stated only with one vendor and it is not significant.

Pat inquired about staffing.

Scott stated that they have been fortunate to cover the vast majority of shifts with volunteers. He stated that they are not shorthanded as far as people. He stated that people's schedules have changed so much over time.

Tom Schutte inquired about the shifts that need coverage.

Scott stated that the shifts that need coverage are all over the place. There are only a couple shifts that are routinely open. He stated that SAA brought in three more new members. One or two members have experience. He stated that the biggest drawback for a new member is that they have no experience. We make them go through a process before they go out on their own.

Pat Lombardi commented on the full EMT class schedule.

Scott stated that the class is full and the instructor is doing extremely well.

Bryan Ryan stated that they are going to be starting program where a team of their people will attend EMT classes. The team will give a synopsis of what they do at SAA, in addition to what SAA offers.

**ITEM #8: New Business.**

Debbi Lavranchuk passed out an updated list of their board members.

Pat Lombardi congratulated Ben Kovalsky on his reward.

**ITEM #9: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #10: Next EMSOC meeting – September 15, 2015.**

Pat Lombardi stated that this meeting will be a longer meeting.

**ITEM #11: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Motion: Wendy Rossi

Second: Tom Schutte

Vote: 3-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Submitted by,



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