

CENTRAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH COMMISSION

TRUMBULL TOWN HALL

LONG HILL CONFERENCE ROOM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

MINUTES

Members present: Kevin Mulligan, Chairman, Alex Rauso, Fire Marshal's Office; Barbara Crandall, Director TEMS; Brian Casey, Clerk of the Works; Glenn Byrnes, Deputy Chief of Police; Michael DeVecchio, Director of Operations TEMS and Bob Zitnay, Nichols Fire District.

Members absent: James Blanchfield, Secretary and Dave Bogen, CEDC Commission Member/LH Fire and District Representative.

Others present: Doug Bogen, Dep. Chief Long Hill; Wayne Szymt, Chairman of the TRDC;

Vi Watson, Commission Chairman of Trumbull EMS; Pete Rousso, Long Hill Chief, Paul Ruskay, Trumbull Center Fire Commissioner/TRDC Commission; Bob Daston, Commissioner for Long Hill Fire District and Daniel F. Schopick, Esq., Town of Trumbull Counsel.

Others absent: John Butz, Director of TRDC.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Mulligan at 5:35 p.m.

Brian Casey read the minutes from the previous meeting of August 17, 2009.

MOTION MADE by Michael DeVecchio to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Glenn Byrnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Bogen notified Kevin Mulligan via e-mail that the Long Hill Fire Commission is not ready to release the ISO information to the CEDC.

Glenn Byrnes stated that Peter Oliver is in the process of interviewing all the respective parties regarding the Regional Dispatch Center.

Old Business

Wayne Szymt submitted a written response from Stephen R. Bellis, Esq. of The Pellegrino Law Firm regarding not releasing the Training information to the CEDC.

See attached. A copy was provided to Daniel F. Schopick, Esq., Town of Trumbull Counsel for further review.

Discussion continued.

Brian Casey stated that the Reverse 911 system will be operational by October, 2009. The training will be performed by Lt. Kirby and Brian Casey.

Kevin Mulligan stated that the 06611 system will not be shut down until the Reverse 911 system is fully operational. Residents currently using the 06611 will be notified and they will be able to sign-up for the Reverse 911 system.

Brian Casey stated that the 150' communications tower at the Police Department has been approved by P & Z.

Kevin Mulligan read an outline of questions regarding combining dispatch centers.

1. Is there currently a contract with TRDC and the town, if not, it needs to be addressed for both current and future operations. Bob Zitnay stated that future agreements should be contractual. Currently it is believed that there is no contract between the town and TRDC. More investigation is required.
2. With TRDC providing E911 services for the town, who is legally liable for deficiencies, errors and omissions caused by TRDC? Can CEDC members and or the town of Trumbull be held liable?
3. Does legal counsel have the opinion that TRDC is acting as an agent of the town.
4. Is the town of Trumbull required to solicit bids for services regarding emergency dispatching when an outside agency such as TRDC is being entertained?

Discussion continued.

Kevin Mulligan requested from Wayne Szymt to receive a copy of the minutes from the TRDC on a monthly basis at the CEDC meetings. Wayne stated he would consult his board for consideration.

Pete Rousso stated that Peter Oliver will be providing governance in his proposal regarding the dispatch center.

Kevin Mulligan stated that TRDC has done a great job.

Wayne Szymt stated that TRDC has errors and omissions and liability coverage. Daniel F. Schopick, Esq. stated that he would like to see the insurance policies for TRDC. Wayne Szymt responded that he would provide them.

MOTION MADE to adjourn by Brian Casey and seconded by Mike DeIVecchio. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christina L. Pereiro
Clerk