Members Present: Diane Mayo (Chairman); Shea Gregg (arrived 7:06 PM); Joel Hirshfield; Philip Lukianuk; Jeffrey Pranger; Matthew Wheeler

Also Attending: Leigh Goodman, TEMS Chief

Members Absent: Tom Kiely, Jr.

Chairman Mayo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was observed for Andrew Weber’s (EMS Supervisor, Paramedic) mother, Debbie Lietuvninkas, respectfully known as “Mama Tiger”.

Public Comment:
• None

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of November 30, 2021 . . . A Motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield, seconded by Mr. Pranger, to approve the minutes with a correction to the date in the header from “November 30m 2921” to “November 30, 2021”. Motion carried unanimously (5 – 0).

Chief’s Report
• See attached Chief’s Report and overview.

Old Business
• Pandemic COVID-10 report: See attached Chief’s Report

• Building update: Planning for the building update was delayed due to the COVID surge. Meetings including initial needs assessment, planning and design are restarting. Funding for the building will be included in the 5yr capital plan, along with grant funding if available.

• Deployment Pattern/Proposal/Staff Update: EMT interviews are taking place this week, followed by full-time staff interviews next week. Four new volunteers were welcomed. A review of the Chief’s report will show the increase in volume currently being faced by the department. There is no doubt this trend will result in longer wait times for responses. TEMS is at a critical juncture and must make changes in its staffing to adequately adjust to the needs of the Town. Several proposals will be presented to the Town to address this issue.

• Fleet Update: As a direct result of COVID supply chain shortages, delivery of the previously ordered fleet vehicles has been delayed. A new command vehicle has not been found due to supply issues. It is expected that 903 will be delivered in March and there is no update for the 902.
New Business

- **Discussion: Special Agency Account & Use of Funds:** Chief reported that the current Special Agency surplus stands at just under $60,000. Several requests were made to the Commission, with discussion thereof. The first request was for Adobe Analytics software. Mr. Bill Chin of the Town’s IT Department will handle that request. Additional requests were discussed and motions made as follows:

  A motion was made by Mr. Hirschfeld; seconded by Mr. Lukianuk to approve the purchase of membership in the American Ambulance Association for 1-year at a cost of $1,500 to be funded from the Special Agency Account. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

  A motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield; seconded by Mr. Pranger to approve the purchase of new furniture (including couches, beds and table) and linens for the break room at a cost of $12,000 to be funded from the Special Agency Account. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

  A motion was made by Mr. Hershfield; seconded by Mr. Lukinuk to approve the purchase of replacement TV for the break room at a cost of $700 to be funded from the Special Agency Account. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

- **FY 2022/2023 Budget Proposal:** Mr. Pranger asked fellow Commissioners if they had any objection to him volunteering at the TEMS despite the fact that he was a member of the Commission. As there were no objections from the Commission, Mr. Pranger will ask permission from Town Hall.

- **FY 2022/2023 Budget Proposal:** Chief is in the middle of preparing next fiscal year’s budget which will essentially be the same as this year with the exception of the salaries. Several different options are being discussed with the Town’s Finance Department.

- **Compensation Update:** Commissioners Mayo and Hirshfield have been meeting with the First Selectman and Mr. Tom McCarthy of the Town’s HR department to discuss the status of the compensation & contract for the EMS Chief. They report that the discussions have been positive and they are continuing to work on the matter.

- **Thank You:** The entire Commission and Chief thanked Mrs. Christine Plumeau for filling in as clerk and for helping out with some MUNIS and invoice processing at TEMS in recent weeks. Office Manager, Kate O’Connor, is due to return to the office on February 1st.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Hirshfield at 8:15 PM; seconded by Mr. Lukianuk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).
Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
TEMS Commission Clerk
PANDEMIC COVID 19

Trumbull EMS faced several challenges with the most recent surge, but due to our ongoing surveillance and proactive mitigation plans we were able to navigate through it with success.

We implemented stringent mask upgrades prior to the actual surge which kept our work force safe with no unnecessary exposure, isolation or quarantine periods required.

While we were hoping to wind down our employee PCR testing operations for the winter holiday break, due to the unexpected demand for testing and lack of community clinic appointments, we did continue to test which provided our town with a much needed service to keep employees safe and ensure we minimized the transmission of the disease.

The last 6 months of 21, we were testing on average around 25 employees a month, Since Dec 1st, we have tested a further 540 employees.. A total of 152 of these tested positive.

% of PCR Results COV+By Week 12/20-01/24

- 33%
- 24%
- 22%
- 14%
- 7%
Trumbull EMS is currently interviewing for vacant FTE paramedic and PD EMT & paramedic positions. We welcomed back former EMT Supervisor Sonny to our team in his new role as per diem paramedic.

Our volunteers have continued to be a huge strength to our department ensuring that as we faced region wide staffing shortages, multiple sick team members and increased call volumes we could still successfully meet and/or exceed our current minimum staffing levels.

Please join us in congratulating our 4 newest cleared volunteer EMTS Zachary Rudich (TEMS PACE alum), Ibrahim Dabuol, Matthew Abban & Rohan Mistry.

Trumbull EMS has also requested that an enhanced deployment pattern & additional staff be onboarded as soon as possible.
COMENDATIONS

STEMI EXCELLENCE
Paramedic Eric Diaz
EMT Naomi Gauruder

CLINICAL- FIELD ROSC
Paramedic Michael Santiana
EMT Alan Bensen
EMT Rohan Mistry
Paramedic Chris Simoni
EMT Diana Louw
EMT Jason Weinstein
Paramedic Chris Lovell
EMT Dave Colon

COMMUNITY- OUTREACH
EMR Robert Heilbrun
EMT Richard Mayo
EMT Shirley Mayo
EMT Barbara Crandall
EMT Madeline Plumb
EMT Shannon Pranger

CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2021

10 Advanced Airway Management
20 CVA/Stroke Alerts
21 STEMI/Cardiac Alerts
26 Infectious Disease Alerts
19 Trauma Alerts
120 Pharmacological Interventions
6 Defib/Cardioversion/TCP
Statistics

45% of all calls for service required advanced life support prehospital care.

Pharmacological pain management 49% non-narcotic medical management.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Trumbull EMS provided multiple first aid programs and tours for local prechools, girl scouts, boy scouts, cubs and daisies.

We provided event medical standby services at multiple football games, and community events.

Trumbull EMS certified many people in CPR and firstaid, both community members and healthcare clinicians.

"Your team transported my elderly father-in-law from my home in Trumbull to the hospital on Friday and they were wonderful, professional and competent. It was a moment of comfort during a whirlwind of worries and uncertainty. Please extend our gratitude and recognition for all they do and the risks they take, not only for my personal situation on Friday, but for all the families and their loved ones during these stressful times!"
Our proposed deployment pattern change will allow us to increase the amount of transport units and staff available to meet the demands of our community. I believe we must act now with implementing the initial phase of this plan to ensure the continued wellbeing and safety of the community we serve, along with our employees. The following key factors are industry accepted indicators that change/action is warranted to ensure continuity of operations:

- Current call volume has increased from the pandemic lows by approximately 34%.
- We did 480 calls in November as opposed to pandemic call low average of 330.
- Requests for mutual aid into town have increased by 39% since February despite our supervisors covering extra calls.
- Requests for mutual aid response to our neighboring towns have increased 89% since February.
HAPPY NEW YEAR
HERE FOR YOU
IN 2022