

**Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, September 18, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order *Additional information on agenda item is attached or at City Hall
2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda
 - a. Bills: Checks # 27558-27603, 956E-961E (1-8)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #67561 – 67598
 - c. Approve July 11 Library Board Minutes, Expenditures & Report & August Expenditures & Report (9-15)
 - d. Approve August 14 Lake Commission Minutes (16-17)
 - e. Approve August 21 EDA Minutes (18-19)
 - f. Approve August 24 Utilities Commission Minutes (20-21)
 - g. Approve September 5 City Council Minutes (22-26)
 - h. Approve Electric Rate Study*
3. Public – A total of ten (10) minutes is allotted for individuals to briefly discuss a topic of concern or provide comments to the Council.
4. CGMC, Marty Seifert- Government Relations
 - a. Discussion/Action – Legislative Update/ Overview
5. Fire & Ambulance Hall
 - a. Discussion/Action – Fire & Ambulance Hall Next Steps
6. City Attorney
7. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion/Action – City HSA Contribution
8. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion/Action – Commissions/Boards Update
9. Adjourn

MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
July 11th, 2023

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Members Present: Carol L., Rachel S., Rick H., Rochelle M.

Members Absent: Rachel B.,

Staff Present: Daniel Mick

Others Present: Michael Mueller,

Others Absent: Andy Ysker

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 PM by Chairperson Rachel S.

Additions: NA

Reports: Rochelle M. / Rachel B. approved minutes after minor correction for May 9th, 2023 meeting minutes.

Daniel M. presented the June Monthly reports indicating 2886 total circulation and expenditures in the amount of \$3349.08. M/S Rachel B. / Rochelle M. to accept the June reports as given and to approve the June expenditures, Motion carried.

Old Business: Daniel M. reported that the Plum Creek Purchased Chromebooks arrived and presented the rules and fine schedule for the devices. Ashley the new janitor at the library has started and its going well. The sneer Memorial Donation arrived and has been added to the library funds, the family has requested the money be used for only children programming, books and other children based needs at the library.

In New Business:

Daniel M. presented the updated 2024 Capital Improvement plan, the 2022 audit review, proposed budget for 2024 and the asbestos removal quote. The improvement plan focuses on redoing the back office for the library, with the removal of asbestos, new carpet can be installed and it can be reorganized for a more employee friendly workable space. In the improvement plan new cabinetry was also presented to add a new work area behind the circulation desk with built in DVD storage, Daniel will continue to research and receive quotes for the job.

Director Check In: Daniel M. reported a very busy past few weeks and more to come. All the prior programs have been successful and the children have enjoyed them greatly. He believes the library is ready for the largest events of the summer and hopes to see a large crowd.

Materials Suggested: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Mick

Mountain Lake
Public Library
July 2023

Children	
Audio	33
Books	1055
DVDs	120
Non Print	0
Multi Media	8
Periodicals	18
ADULT	
Audio	3
Books	763
DVDs	112
Non Print	7
Multi Media	0
Periodicals	44
Other Physical Media	0
SUBTOTAL	2163
Ebooks	62
Downloadable Audio	140
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2834
ILLN/(M/Link)	9
Interlibrary Loan Sent	237
Interlibrary Loan Received	223

REVENUE	
Cash Income	\$ 13.94
County Revenue	\$ -
Donations (Monetary)	\$ 5.00
Fines	\$ 57.30
Misc. Revenue	\$ 167.79
Meeting Room Rental	\$ -
Sale of supplies	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 244.03
EXPENDITURES	
Books	\$ 578.08
Periodicals	\$ 301.67
Audio/Visual	\$ 165.71
Gas Utilities	\$ 25.55
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 7.99
Office Supplies	\$ 426.28
Library Supplies	\$ 244.65
Postage	\$ 66.00
Project Expense	\$ 199.33
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 578.95
Repairs & Maint-Janitorial	\$ 73.69
Tech/Automation Expense	\$ -
Telephone	\$ -
Travel	\$ -
MISC.	\$ -
PCLS Delivery	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,667.90

LIBRARY CASH EXPENDITURES

Expenditure	Description		Total
Post Office	Stamps		\$66.00
Care & Sahre	Binders & Wrapping Paper		\$1.87
		Sub-Total:	\$67.87
		Final Total:	\$2,667.90

LIBRARY REVENUE

Revenue	Description	Budget #	Total
MHC Postage Refund	Refund for postage for the shipping of cookbooks.	Petty Cash	\$13.94
Tye Dye Donations	Donations received from Tye Dye Craft Day	Petty Cash	\$5.00
Cash Box Drop	Print Revenue	Petty Cash	\$100.00
Cash Box Drop	Print Revenue	Misc: 36200	\$67.79
Cash Box Drop	Fines	Fines:35000	\$57.30
		Total:	\$244.03

Mountain Lake
Public Library
August 2023

Children	
Audio	31
Books	1029
DVDs	137
Non Print	0
Multi Media	3
Periodicals	16
ADULT	
Audio	5
Books	548
DVDs	114
Non Print	61
Multi Media	0
Periodicals	30
Other Physical Media	
SUBTOTAL:	1974
Ebooks	38
Downloadable Audio	110
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2469
ILLN/(MNLink)	27
Interlibrary Loan Sent	224
Interlibrary Loan Received	96

REVENUE	
Cash Income	\$ 68.35
County Revenue	\$ -
Donations (Monetary)	\$ 38.00
Fines	\$ 17.00
Misc. Revenue	\$ 16.24
Meeting Room Rental	\$ -
Sale of supplies	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 139.59
EXPENDITURES	
Books	\$ 778.18
Periodicals	\$ 89.97
Audio/Visual	\$ 144.73
Gas Utilities	\$ 25.55
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 35.49
Office Supplies	\$ 102.97
Library Supplies	\$ -
Postage	\$ -
Project Expense	\$ 723.73
Repairs & Maintenance Building	\$ 1,868.71
Repairs & Maint-Materials	\$ 6.00
Tech/Automation Expense	\$ 39.86
Telephone	\$ -
Training & Instruction	\$ 520.00
MISC.	\$ 1,982.23
PCLS Delivery	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,317.42

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

Expenditure	Description	Budget #	Total
A&B Business	Monthly Bill	200	\$102.97
Nobles Library	Disc Clean & Repair	220	\$6.00
MLA	Membership Renewal	308	\$145.00
MLA	Convention Registration	308	\$375.00
Amazon	Scanner	309	\$39.86
Mn Energy	Monthly Bill	383	\$25.55
Amazon	LED Bulbs	400	\$35.49
FloorCity	Carpet Squares & Glue	401	\$1,868.71
KDOM	Advertisements	430	\$181.00
Sneer-Library Store	Book Browser & Talking Globe	430	\$1,785.25
Sneer-Amazon	Security Chains	430	\$15.98
Amazon-Sneer	Flying Ball	434	\$25.60
Amazon-Sneer	Giant 4 in a Row & Bag	434	\$188.98
Amazon-Sneer	Giant Sorry, floor spots, Ladder Toss, Giant Janga, Pinbo	434	\$282.16
Amazon	Hotdog Holders	434	\$7.99
Amazon	Snack Packs	434	\$75.96
Amazon	tablecloth, construction paper, usb extension, curtain lights, Alien Inflatable, Dome	434	\$125.05
Amazon	Tablecloth	434	\$17.99
Ingram	Monthly orders	520	\$701.01
Amazon	Books	520	\$47.38
Amazon	Book	520	\$12.99
Amazon	Book	520	\$16.80
People Mag.	Renewal (2 Years)	591	\$40.00
Southern Living	Renewal (2 Years)	591	\$25.00
Country Living	Renewal (2 Years)	591	\$24.97
Amazon	DVD	592	\$19.96
Amazon	DVD Cases	592	\$38.80
Amazon	DVD	592	\$18.10
Amazon	Cord Clips	592	\$9.99
Amazon	DVDs	592	\$57.88
		Sub-Total:	\$6,317.42

LIBRARY CASH EXPENDITURES

Expenditure	Description		Total
Pharmacy	Batteries		\$16.02
Pharmacy	Storage Tub		\$12.28
Pharmacy	Batteries		\$21.37
Maynards	Hot Dogs, Buns, Pan & Ice		\$32.41
		Sub-Total:	\$82.08
		Final Total:	\$6,399.50

LIBRARY REVENUE

Revenue	Description	Budget #	Total
People Mag.	Refund	36200	\$14.57
Better Homes & Gardens	Refund	36200	\$1.67
Donations	End of Summer Party	Cash Bag	\$38.00
Cash Drop	Prints	36200	\$68.35
Cash Drop	Fines	35000	\$17.00
		Total:	\$139.59

Lake Commission Meeting**Monday, August 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.****Members Present:** Dave Bucklin, Nathan Harder, Janell Bargen, Jon Beyer, Randy Loewen, Jean Haberman**Guests Present:** Michael Mueller, City Administrator; Mike Nelson, Mayor; Rachel Yoder

Chair Bucklin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. M/S/P Loewen/Harder to approve agenda and minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting.

M/S/P Bargen/Harder to approve the resignation of Joey Morey as a member on the Lake Commission. His support and work on the Lake Commission is appreciated.

Treasurer's Report (8/14/2023)**Weed Harvester Income/Expense:**

Beginning Balance:	\$20,528.69
Interest Income	85.96
3 rd Ave Auto - Alternator	(247.55)
3 rd Ave Auto – Marine Terminals	(5.35)
3 rd Ave Auto – Starter Cable	(28.62)
3 rd Ave Auto – 12v Starter	<u>(122.30)</u>
Ending Balance	\$20,210.83

Trail Income/Expense:

Beginning Balance:	(266.49)
Interest Income – May 2023	85.97
Country Pride – Fuel	(16.50)
Country Pride – Fuel	<u>(32.68)</u>
Ending Balance	\$303.28

M/S/P Bucklin/Harder to approve Treasurer's Report.

Lake Projects:

Can Bin: Nathan agreed to be responsible for arranging the use of the City's generator for emptying the can bin. Joey Morey will be contacted to train Nathan in the use of the generator. A later date will be set for emptying the can bin.

Beach: The shoreline needs to be cleaned. The large snail that was found on the beach is likely a Chinese Mystery Snail.

Harvesting: The old harvester has been taken out of the lake and will be for sale. Devon Rempel ran the harvester for 7 hours and barely found any vegetation. The lack of vegetation is likely caused by carp rooting in the lake bottom while searching for food.

Trail:

- Dave reported that there is some poison ivy growing on the shoreline a short distance from the boat launch. The City will spray it with Roundup.
- Janell and Jean chopped down the Wild Parsnip growing on the southwest side of the boardwalk. Rachel Yoder is concerned about the rapid spread and future management of Wild Parsnip.
- Mike Nelson would like to re-open the lookout trail spur leading up to the bench on the north side of lake. It is the number two attraction listed on the trail map. Jon Beyer will talk to Brian Nyberg, Area Wildlife Supervisor, to obtain permission to mow and repair the old trail spur.
- The City has weed-whipped beside the boardwalk and also fixed a loose board. They have also sprayed the weeds growing in and beside the trail.

Jean nominated Randy Loewen as Vice-Chair to replace Joey Morey. M/S/P Bucklin/Bergen to cease nominations and elect Randy as Vice-Chair.

Next Lake Commission meeting is September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Haberman,
Secretary/Treasurer

Economic Development Authority
Monday, August 21, 2023
Mt. Lake City Hall
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Jerry Haberman, Mike Nelson, Darla Kruser, Phil Skow, Eileen Augustin, Steve Syverson. Vern Peterson and Clara Johnson, Advisors.

ABSENT: Mitch Schroeder

STAFF: Rod Hamilton and Tabitha Garloff

GUESTS: John & Tammy Engstrom, Green Door Vintage and Travis & Jamie Smith, Just Us Fitness.

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of July 17th, 2023, Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills. Motion made by Darla to approve the consent agenda with the addition of approval of resolution 4-23. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Resolution 5-23. Interfund Loan Transfer. Motion made by Darla to approve resolution 5-23. Seconded by Eileen. Motion carried. Motion made by Phil to approve resolution 4-23 contingent on city council approval on September 5, 2023. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.
4. 10th Street Building: John and Tammy Engstrom were in attendance to discuss potential purchase of the 10th Street Building. John stated that their goal for Green Door Vintage is to bring people to their store and Mountain Lake instead of taking their antique show to other locations and that they have a vested interest in downtown Mountain Lake. John and Tammy offers are: 1) extend the lease term to 12/21/23 to allow time to plan if sale is approved. 2) \$62,000 for building with \$6,750 of lease payments going towards purchase price per lease agreement. Closing date of January 1, 2024, if offer accepted. 3) If the offer is not accepted, The Engstrom's would like to do a new 2-year lease agreement for \$750 a month. The Engstrom's were excused. Board discussion continued. The boarded decision was to 1) counteroffer \$72,500 purchase price less \$6,750 lease payments per lease agreement and closing January 2024 or 2) new 2-year lease agreement at \$1,000 a month. Motion made by Mike. Seconded by Darla. Motion carried. Rod will contact John and Tammy.
5. Just Us Fitness. Travis and Jamie have submitted a loan request for \$23,000 to purchase new gym equipment. Travis and Jamies stated they have gym equipment that needs updating to keep the fitness center up to date. Travis gave a brief overview of what they will be purchasing. The Smiths were dismissed. Discussion continued. Motion made by Steve to approve a \$23,000 loan for 10 years at 4% interest. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Tabitha will have documents prepared and contact Travis and Jamie.

6. Hotel Abatement. Approve Hotel Abatement Resolution contingent on City Council approval on September 5th. Nothing is needed currently.
7. Herrig & Hiebert Properties, LLC. loan terms. Upon TIF approval the loan request will be processed, and loan paperwork prepared. Board discusses future gap financing loan processing. Motion made by Steve stating for any loan needed in 2023 for commercial lot projects the loan will be interest free for 4 months due to the precedence previously set. Beginning 2024 all loans will accrue interest from the date of the loan. Seconded by Phil. Motion carried.
8. Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership Grant. The same proposal as 2022 is opening in October. Private developers can access grant funds. Rod will reach out to the developers that have inquired on building housing in Mountain Lake to discuss their interest.
9. Krienke Foods International, Inc. Krienke Foods made the property tax payment and July lease payment. August lease payment has not been received. Notice of default and intent to evict letter has been sent for August payment.
10. Mountain Lake Christian School/Little Care Bears Daycare update. Karen has been notified that August rent will be prorated per her request of needing additional time to clean out the building. Final walk through is scheduled for August 21st and closing is August 24th.
11. Lakeview Estates Assessments. Discussed cost of assessments. Assessments on properties are non-negotiable. Discussed Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership grant. Motion made by Mike to move forward with grant application for 4 twin homes on Golf Course Road. Seconded by Phil. Motion carried.
12. Midway Estates Furnace Vent Issue. Tabitha gave a brief overview of the issues with the furnace vents. Motion made by Steve to approve the estimate from Handy Heating and Cooling to fix the vents. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
13. Commercial Park. Update if time allows. Nothing new to report.
14. Business Leads. Update if time allows. Nothing new to report.
14. GENERAL DISCUSSION:
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting is September 18th, 2023.
 - c. Other Business.
15. ADJOURN. President Haberman adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, August 24, 2023
7 AM**

Members Present: Mark Langland; Todd Johnson; City Council Liaison Dean Janzen; Brian Janzen; Sue Garloff

Members Absent: David Savage

Staff Present: Jill Falk; Utilities Office Manager; Dave Watkins; Electric Superintendent Steve Peters; Lineman; Taylor Nesmoe; Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Scott Pankratz; Water/Wastewater Worker

Others Present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Johnson seconded by Garloff to approve the August 10th Minutes, and Check Numbers 22778-22816 (488E-490E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

- The underground at Nickel Construction has been completed and the transformer needs to be set and wired. Cross Country Underground will be coming out next week to complete the boring.
- Watkins stated that he still has not received the results report from the pole testing. There are still additional poles that have not been tested, but he will be meeting with them tomorrow.
- Watkins and Peters will meet with Barr Engineering today for the generator project.
- An invoice has been paid for Kulseth Lawn and Landscaping in the amount of \$5,299. This was the total cost to remove all of the old light pole pavers and replace them with new ones. A motion was made by Brian Janzen, requesting payment from the city for the total cost of these repairs, as the poles belong to them. The motion was then seconded by Langland and the motion passed.

Water/Wastewater Department

- DC Braun had previously been contacted for all lift station maintenance. However, after several scheduling conflicts and other issues, Nesmoe has decided to begin working with Electric Pump instead.
- The membrane replacement in the Water Treatment plant has been completed. At the last test, the water hardness level has dropped down between 11 and 12.

- A line on Seventh Street North by Randy Junker's house has been causing some issues. It had previously been dug up and repaired and after a second leak, Nickel came out to repair and service the line. However, another leak has been noticed, so Nesmoe stated they will be shutting off the water today to dig once again.

City Administrator

Mueller was not present at the meeting and no items were added to the agenda for discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
6:30 p.m. – Redevelopment Project & TIF 2-2 Public Hearing
6:30 p.m. – Hotel Abatement Public Hearing
6:30 p.m. - Regular City Council Meeting**

Members Present: Andrew Ysker, Dean Janzen, Darla Kruser, Bryan Bargaen, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Maryellen Suhrhoff City Attorney; Rod Hamilton EDA Director; Emily Kunkel Ambulance Director; Dave Watkins Electric Superintendent

Others Present: Sue Garloff, Tom Appel, Doug Regehr, Cheryl Hiebert

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bargaen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks # 27476-27557, 944E-955E
Payroll: Checks #67508 – 67560
Approve July 10 Lake Commission Minutes
Approve July 17 EDA Minutes
Approve July 27 Utilities Commission Minutes
Approve August 7 City Council Minutes
Approve August 10 Utilities Commission Minutes
Approve August Street Department Report
Approve \$9,322.88 Transfer to Police Savings
Approve \$39,532.85 Transfer to Street Department Savings
Hire Noelle Henning & Rogacion Martinez, EMT
Hire Andrew Kinnetz, Part Time Police Officer, effective August 19, 2023
Approve Resolution #25-23 \$10,000 Fire Relief Donation
Approve Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) \$10,000 Grant
Approve Resolution #26-23 Grant Navigation Support
Approve Resolution #27-23 Good Sam Raffle

Public

Doug Regehr spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Public Hearing for TIF 2-2 & Abatement for Hotel

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to close the meeting and open the public hearing. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Janzen to close the public hearing and open the meeting. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Economic Development Authority- Redevelopment Project & TIF 2-2

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution # 22-23 – TIF 2-2. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Economic Development Authority- Abatement for Hotel

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Janzen to approve Resolution # 23-23 – Abatement for Hotel. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ambulance

Emily Kunkel Ambulance Director proposed Ambulance price increases, please see Attachment A. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Bargaen to approve the ambulance price increases as proposed, effective 1/1/2024. Motion carried 3 – 0. Kruser and Ysker abstained.

Street Department

The City did not receive any sealed bids for the 1989 Ford L8000. The City will either work with Mountain Lake Automotive to sell the vehicle or lower the price and publish it for sale less than \$10,000.

The City Council decided to not continue the sidewalk on 412 7th Street.

Chamber of Commerce

Cheryl Hiebert and Sue Garloff discussed the concerns with the concrete edging that was installed in Memory Park and considered the options to rectify the situation.

2024 Budget & Levy

The council reviewed the preliminary 2024 levy and budget. General Fund \$607,749.12; Library Fund \$143,430.63; Fire Fund \$28,923.67; Ambulance Fund \$45,673.64; Emergency Services Fund (New Fire/Ambulance Hall) \$35,000; Lake Commission Fund \$7,450.00; Bond Funds \$132,052.50 and EDA \$23,500 for a total proposed tax levy of \$1,023,779.56. The 2024 preliminary levy is set at a 4.9% increase from last year's levy of \$975,526.69. Motion by Janzen, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution # 24-23 - 2024 Preliminary Levy. Motion carried 5 – 0. The Truth in Taxation hearing is set for December 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

City Attorney

An update was given to the council regarding civil processes on various properties, public nuisances, current processes, court procedures, agreements, and plans. There was a first reading for regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places.

City Administrator

Provided an update on the City's health insurance plan and will be discussing potential plan changes with the employees before bringing it back to Council if there's any changes or requests.

Roundtable

An update was given to the council regarding board and commission meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

Attachment A

Mountain Lake Ambulance Proposal

Billing Increase

Current: \$650 Base, \$15 per loaded mile, 3 free lift assists then \$150 after

Proposed: \$850 Base, \$20 per loaded mile, \$200 lift assist

Reason: Prices for everything are going up and we want to stay in line with local services, which are charging between \$750 - \$1,000 for their base, \$15 - \$30 per loaded mile, and \$250 - \$450 for a lift assist. Want to increase the loaded mile because gas is expensive and some of the transfers are getting further away.

Pay Increase

Current: \$10/meeting, \$30/hr on a run for the 1st hour and \$20/hr after, \$11,000 officer pay (divided amongst the 6 officers)

Proposed: \$25/meeting, \$30/hr, \$16,000 officer pay (divided amongst the 6 officers), \$200/refresher

Reason: Wanting to increase meeting pay to boost attendance and participation at our meetings. Area services are getting a minimum of \$25/meeting, and some are getting paid up to \$20/hr to attend meetings. Want to change run pay to \$30/hr and drop the \$20/hr after the first and just keep it at \$30 to simplify things. Most calls are completed in 1 hour and the extra \$10/hr for one that's 2 hours should be covered by the billing increase. Wanting to increase officer pay up \$5,000 because a lot of work is being put in, and our entire officer pay allocation is less than what other areas pay just their director. Wanting to pay \$200 to each EMT who takes the refresher course. This is only going to be every other year, to keep their license current. Hopefully this will increase longevity and be a motivational factor for people to continue to renew. The refresher course is a whole weekend (Saturday and Sunday), so it would be nice to compensate them for attending. Local areas are paying between \$150-\$480 to their EMT's when they take their refresher course.

Per Capita for Townships

Current: \$5/capita

Proposed: \$10/capita

Reason: This charge hasn't been increased for many years until recently when we increased it up from \$3/capita. We still only receive about \$5,000 from townships currently, so this would increase it to \$10,000 to increase our revenue. Area services are around the same right now, with plans to maybe go up to \$30/capita in the future.

Events

Current: No Charge

Proposed: \$60/hr to cover an event

Reason: It's getting harder for people to volunteer their time to sit at an event for free. I would like to pay our personnel \$30/hr to be at an event, and we would bill the host \$60/hr. This will allow 2 people to be at an event and will cover the wages for them. This will not affect the budget significantly as it should even out.

Conclusion

I did some research and spoke to neighboring services, and I believe these changes are necessary to keep our service in line with other area services. Prices are increasing on everything, so these changes are needed. If everyone refreshed and we gave them each \$200, that would be a cost of \$5,000 total, every other year, and for meetings, if we increase from \$10 to \$25 per meeting and we have perfect attendance at every meeting, that would be a yearly increase of \$4,500. Both amounts and the increase in officer pay should be more than covered in an increase in billing.

Emily Kunkel

Mountain Lake Ambulance Director