



Central Vermont Public Safety Authority

"Together is Better"



Board Minutes October 11, 2018

BOARD PRESENT: Douglas Hoyt, Tom Golonka, Kim Cheney, Mike Smith, Sam Dworkin Martin Prevost

OTHERS: Paco Aumand (Ex Dir), David Delcore, J Aldsworth, Laura Heidin, Tim Bombardier, Tony Facos, Doug Eastman, Steve McKenzie

AGENDA Approved. Also approved Minutes of June 21, 2018 and August 2,2018

WARRANTS approved, \$2000 for Sheldon Cohen consultation and invoice from Eternity for web design,

NEW MEMBER moved by Cheney seconded by Hoyt to ratify vote of election by Capital Fire (CFMAS).

EX DIR REPORT. PACO reported (1) on meeting of CWIG meeting concerning reduction dispatch staff from 13 to 10 as recommend by Cohen. Compared Burlington Calls of 45,000 with 12 dispatchers vs. 30,000 calls 9 dispatchers and 1 supervisor. Discussion only as to feasibility. No action taken at CWIG meeting or CVPSA Board.

(2) State Library Building in Berlin would not be available for rental.

(3) Chittenden Regional Dispatch wants to hire a management company for consultation and Executive Director.

(4) Web site is nearing completion by Eternity Corp. Email provider, Netfirms for CVPSA is discontinued.

(5) Attended Montpelier Planning Commission session regarding new City Master plan, presented plans of CVPSA to group

(6) CAP WEST has reviewed revised memo of understanding concerning joining CVPSA and found it acceptable. Discussion followed by CVPSA board concerning ability of Capital West to finance through bonding. It does not have such authority. No all members of CFMAS are also members of CAP WEST.

(7) Discussion of collapsing all dispatch services into Montpelier. 18 towns represented by CAP WEST would be dispatched. Number of dispatchers required discussed to achieve 2-person coverage 24/7. Would be at least 10 plus a supervisor, 7 from Montpelier and 4(of 6) from Barre. Discussion of funding formula noting a common definition of a "call" is required. Chiefs Bombardier and Facos both thought need for only 2 dispatchers on duty 24/7 was unrealistic. Often it is necessary to have 3 dispatchers on duty if crisis events occur. If the "collapse" model were used, it would require use of all existing Montpelier equipment, and space limitations would lead to reduced staff. Chief FACO says there is a need for a simulcast system before a CAD system to improve dispatching.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM