

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY
 LEGGETT
 MERLINO
 CONOVER
 SHEPLER
 DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
 BRAYMER
 BRUNO
 DRISCOLL
 HOGAN
 MAGOWAN
 STROUGH (VIA ZOOM)
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
ASHLEY RIVERS, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
JOE CONNELLY, JOHNSBURG EMS
MIKE GERACI, TOWN OF HORICON BOARD MEMBER, NORTH WARREN EMS
 BOARD MEMBER
ISSACHAR MODERT, LOCAL 2230, GLENS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NORTH
 WARREN EMS
TOM ORDWAY, LOCAL 2230, GLENS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT
DAMON RIESZ, GLENS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 7, 2021 meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): “Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.” All of the Committee members in attendance were physically present.

Mr. Geraghty called the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Committee to order at 11:26 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those in attendance; those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. A copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review with the Discussion Items, Mr. Geraghty apprised the purpose of the meeting was to hold discussion to develop a solution due to the shortage of Emergency Medical Services (*EMS*) providers in the County, indicating most agencies were struggling to find a stable work force to fulfill the needs of their community. He read aloud the goal of the EMS Task Force from the March 2, 2018 meeting. He reported there had been many EMS Taskforce Organizational meetings without any action and COVID had derailed the meetings in 2020. He noted suggestions he had were located on the back of the agenda, advising he felt the solution was to create a County-wide EMS District.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to the necessity of efficiently providing Emergency Medical Services and what the creation of a County-wide EMS District entailed, during which comments were made by: Mike Geraci, *Town of Horicon Board Member*, North Warren EMS Board Member, Tom Ordway, *Local 2230 President*, Glens Falls Fire Department, Joe Connely, *Johnsburg EMS Director*, Damon Riesz, *Glens Falls Fire Department*, and Ashley Rivers, *Office of Emergency Services*.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Geraghty requested Ann Marie Mason, *Director, Office of Emergency Services*, obtain current staff listings from the local EMS agencies in order to determine employee costs for the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Emergency Medical Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Leggett, Mr. Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board