

**TOWN OF HARRISBURG
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Harrisburg Town Hall
October 24, 2019
9:00 am**

MINUTES

Present:

Debbie Rogers Lowery, Janet Rackley, Tihisha Sharif, Larry Aldridge, Adam Abernathy, Artie Craig, Corey Jones, George South

Meeting called to order.

Incident Review:

Fire Department – Employee was injured while assisting EMS loading patient into ambulance. Hand was caught in the stretcher and requires stitches. This was the electric stretcher that was being controlled by the EMS operator. Lack of communication from the EMS operator cited as one cause for the incident. When these new stretchers were put into service the firefighters were trained on how they operated and how to load and unload them from the ambulance, but there was no specific safety training. Determination: Non-Preventable for our employee due to lack of safety training on this type of stretcher. Additional safety training will be requested. Tihisha will send the information to James Greene, training captain.

Parks and Recreation – Employee was emptying trash cans at Harrisburg Park by the handles and not wearing gloves. He was bitten by fire ants that were on the can. Determination: Preventable.

OSHA DART Rate Inspections

Debbie discussed examples of violations and fines due to DART rate inspections at other towns.

Safety Grants:

Deadline for applying for this round of grants is October 31, 2019 and will be awarded in November. Tihisha stated that we haven't applied yet because we are not allowed to submit a new request until we have received the check from the last grant, and we have not received that check. Debbie will call to find out where the check is.

Other

Discussed making sure we stay on top of SDS in all departments. Fire, Parks and Recreation and Public Works have a good system in place now and George will work with Victoria White here at Town Hall to make sure we are keeping this current.

Bloodborne Pathogen training – Fire Department does their own, Larry will take care of all other departments.

Hazard Communication training – Larry to take care of this for all departments.

PPE Assessments need to be reviewed annually.

Debbie showed pictures of violations from other companies.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from August 22, 2019 were approved by consensus of the committee.

There will be no meeting in November as it falls on Thanksgiving Day, and the meeting in December falls on the day after Christmas, so we will have a combined Nov/Dec meeting on December 5, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Debbie Lowery, Safety Consultant

Larry Aldridge, Safety Officer