



State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • February 20th 2018

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, February 20th 2018 at 9:32 A.M. in the conference room of the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office at 7418 North Hills Boulevard, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Chair Jerry Vint called the meeting to order with roll call; Tom Brown Wayne Edwards, Matt Ross, Reggie Binns, Carrie Meeks, Heath Tibbs and , Avon Phillips were present. Board member joe Spadoni arrived after roll call. Also in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigators Tracy Watson and John Williams and legal counsel Karen Wallace.

Mr. Vint welcomed guests.

The Minutes for the Board Meetings from November 15th 2017 were approved as mailed on a motion by Ross. Second by Tibbs. Motion carried. 8-0

In the Treasurers absence Steve Rogers reported expenditures for the month of January, \$28,888.23 and revenue for the month as \$27,350.81. The ending balance in the treasury account is \$338,403.73. Rogers reported that the appropriations bill had moved through the process. He also indicated that for the next four (4) months expenses would be watched closely. Ross made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Phillips. Motion carried.8-0

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for January [Attached]

Chair turned the meeting over to the hearing officer for disciplinary hearings.

Disciplinary Hearings

Case Number. 2018-12-052 Carl Martin dba Martin's wrecker Service

Respondent found in violation of ACA § 27-50-1201 (a) and Board rule 4.1 by releasing the involved vehicle to an unrelated person without requiring proof of ownership or by other written arrangement between the owner or lienholder and the towing and storage firm. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 for the violation and respondent or his agent is required to take a rules and regulations class from the Board's director or inspectors within 30 days from the date of service of this Order.

Case Number. 2018-11-040 Paul Vujjicic dba Classic 24 Hour Towing

Respondent found in violation of ACA § 27-50-1201 (a) and Board rule 6.1 and 6.2, by towing a vehicle within the State of Arkansas without first obtaining/maintaining a valid consent/non-consent towing license and safety permit. Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-1203 (e) (1) (A) and Board Rule 4.1 by overcharging for all unlicensed and unpermitted services. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.00 for each of the violations or a total civil penalty of \$10,000.00; the total civil penalty must be paid before Respondent will be allowed to obtain any towing license from the board.

Board Meeting Reconvened

Consent Agreements / Offers of Settlements

Complaint Number. 2018-11-038 Steve Garey dba Garey Towing

Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to a \$250.00 civil penalty for towing with the owners personal vehicle. Motion was made by Phillips. Second by Meeks. Motion carried 8-0 with one abstention.

In his Director's Report Rogers updated the Board on TIM, the need for a survey, tow industry statistics and a comparison of the complaint reports comparing 2016 to 2017 noting the increase in calls. Rogers also spoke briefly regarding the upcoming legislative workshop handing out proposed language for several bills.

Chair Vint asked that the board move into executive session, he asked director Steve Rogers to remain.

Following the executive session the following motion was offered by the chair: I move that we direct Steve Rogers to set up a meeting with OPM as soon as schedules permit to discuss a reclassification of all of this board's staff that would allow us, working with OPM, to set salaries that are comparable to other state employees in similar agencies. That meeting should include the chair or a designee from this board as the chair sees fit. Second by Spadoni. Motion carried 9-0

The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th 2018, to be held at the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

Signed _____
Jerry Vint, Chair

Attest _____
Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)