

May 4,2020

To: Killingly Town Council

From: Randy Daggett

Re: workers compensation appropriation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Council for their continued support over the last 80 years, moving into a difficult fiscal year budget process I understand the fear of the unknown ,funding from the state, and the economic condition caused by the State wide lock down. K B Ambulance`s request for funding from the Town has always been conservative and appreciated, you have covered our workers compensation and \$20000 for equipment purchases for the last 16 years. For the upcoming year it has been decided that we must seek our own workers compensation policy at a cost of \$79238.00 per year. In a normal year this would be a budget buster, however due to the COVID—19 we have seen a 25% reduction in our call volume which translates into a 25% reduction in revenue. The Town managers recommendation to defund your 911 ambulance service would be devastating to KB, at this point and cause significant cuts in service. I am not certain why all of a sudden KB is being cut to accommodate other programs such as police protection, we are a vital part of the community`s 911 service and as essential to the Town as law enforcement. I am asking the Town for \$60000 for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in lieu of workers compensation and the additional \$20,000 we have received for 16 years, so basically KB will be taking a \$20,000 loss in funding from the Town during a pandemic, not sure why we are being singled out by the budget makers while our people are on the front lines exposing themselves to the Covid-49 virus every day. A few examples of much smaller Towns and there contribution to the EMS system in their towns

Woodstock \$151,240 plus workers comp

Community (Thompson) \$75000 plus workers comp

Scotland \$138843 plus workers comp

Hampton & Chaplin \$52800 plus workers workers

I am certainly not asking for that type commitment for KB Ambulance I am just looking for an equitable amount that will not cripple us to the point of cutting service in order to maintain our budget and service. I ask the Town Council to be fair and compassionate and at least fund us to the \$60000 level and our equipment funds at \$20000, it is a reasonable request and the saving in realized in account 50237 workers compensation should off set most of our request.

Sincerely,

Randy Daggett  
Chief of Service  
K.B. Ambulance Corps, Inc.