

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE.

The Steering Committee appointed last week at the call meeting to provide ways and means for raising sufficient funds with which to purchase a suitable ambulance for Freehold met Monday night at the Municipal building and announced their plans for the short and intensive drive. Only twelve were present, nine men and three women. Chairman Fred Branford explained the plan of the financial campaign. Dr. Harvey Brown was elected secretary in place of Andrew Conover who felt he could not serve.

The chairman explained that the town had been divided into districts, and captains appointed who in turn will appoint helpers. Every individual is expected to give something, for the ambulance is a community project and for the use of the community.

A competent committee is investigating the cost of the ambulance. The amount wanted is \$3,000. Whatever surplus remains will be put aside as a fund for its upkeep. The drive will be made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, August 19, 20, 21. Thursday evening, August 21, the solicitors will report at the Municipal Building.

Members of the Rug Mill were present assuring their co-operation and financial support. Mr Branford made it clear that after the ambulance had been purchased, it would be turned over to the Town Commissioners formally. They will house it and decide the rules of usage. The doctors will devise a plan for ambulance attendants. No fee will be charged for its use, but any gratuitous contributions will be added to the upkeep fund.

That Freehold needs an ambulance, no one will deny.

Dr. Brown gave a lengthy explanation to the representatives of the Rug Mill as to the purposed use and upkeep of the ambulance.

A town ambulance will strengthen the medical efficiency of the town.

FOR A TOWN AMBULANCE

When the war was in progress, an appeal for the Red Cross, for war work activities, or similar forms of philanthropic endeavor, met with instant response from the people of Freehold. But now that the war is over there are still necessary things which the community should be willing to do gladly. We are sure that there is patriotism and civic pride sufficient in Freehold to accomplish any good purpose if the matter is fairly and fully presented.

There was when there were no public hospitals in rural sections of the country. Those needing treatment in such institutions were obliged to go to the nearest cities. And so now, Freehold, New Brunswick, Long Branch, Spring Lake, Asbury Park, Lakewood, have hospitals and it is getting to be more and more the practice for doctors to send such of their patients as need special or surgical treatment to the hospital. Frequently in acute cases the trip must be a quick one if the life of the patient is to be saved. Hence the subject of the acquisition of the necessary ground and building for a town ambulance is a matter of the greatest importance.

The movement was on foot in Freehold as early as 1914, when the Freehold Improvement Association had its inception with a few officers of the town and was fairly launched at a citizens' meeting held last week. The action then taken was reported in last week's Transcript. Since then the town has been divided into eleven districts, each with a representative, and a house-to-house canvass for funds will be made on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. It is the purpose to call the interest and support of every head of a household, and no money will be too small. The sum desired to be raised and thought to be sufficient for all needs, is \$10,000. It is not the purpose to ask large contributions, but it is desired that every person shall give something.

The details as far as worked out, are to purchase the best possible ambulance and equipment that the money raised will buy. The town council will house the vehicle in the municipal building and furnish out of maintenance. It is also proposed to acquire an ambulance corps, of sufficient size and with proper qualifications, so that whenever there is need for the ambulance somebody will be on hand to go with it. The doctors of the town will exercise their judgment as to the necessity for the use of the ambulance, and it will be for the comfort and convenience of all citizens of Freehold and vicinity needing its services. It is emphasized that those who are able to pay for its use should and probably would, gladly do so; but it would go where called to and even, just as our fire apparatus is at the call of people for help about Freehold.

The Transcript has been asked to make an appeal for this good cause. It does so gladly, as has been the case with every good cause affecting Freehold. The necessity and value of an ambulance project seemed to have been admitted of themselves. The total of cases sent to hospitals from Freehold during the past year is over twenty, and a number of these would have traveled much more comfortably in an ambulance. Life is uncertain, health even more so. And the vehicle when needed in surgical situations is needed at once. It may be upon you or your family at any time. So, in the smaller view, you are asked to give for yourself and your family. In the purchase of an ambulance money has to be raised from the community. Therefore you are asked the privilege of contributing to a worthy cause for the benefit of all your fellow citizens, for the conservation of the life and health of your neighbors and their families as well as your own.

One of the slogans used is one of the Red Cross slogan was: "Start the collection with a dollar and a smile." Some of the collectors said it worked. And they usually were not only met with a smile, but collected the dollar as well. However, contributions of more than a dollar will be appreciable for the ambulance. But smile anyway.

FOR TOWN AMBULANCE

**Citizens' Meeting Votes to Raise \$3,000
For it by Popular Subscription.**

The meeting of citizens to consider the project of purchasing an ambulance for Freehold, held at the Municipal Building on Wednesday evening, was not large on account of the storm which was in progress at the hour. But there were fifteen present and they did business. F. W. Branford was elected chairman and Andrew J. Conover secretary. Mr. Conover made it very clear, however, that he accepted it only as a temporary honor.

After considerable desultory discussion a motion was carried to raise a fund of \$3,000 by popular subscription for the purchase of an ambulance and the necessary equipment. Plans to be followed for raising this fund are similar to those used in the Red Cross drive for membership, the town to be districted, the districts to be placed under captains, and a house to house canvass made by solicitors to be appointed.

There was a lengthy discussion as to the sort of an ambulance to be purchased, equipment, etc. This matter was finally placed in the hands of a committee as follows: H. D. Hance, A. E. Moreau, W. D. Hulse, Dr. J. C. Clayton, Dr. W. H. Fairbanks.

The committee appointed to make general arrangements for the collection of funds, etc., were: Joseph E. DuBois, F. B. Howell, Alex. L. Moreau, H. L. Levy, F. W. Branford, Dr. W. M. Hepburn, Dr. H. S. Brown.

At the adjournment it was decided to call another meeting of all citizens interested for Monday evening, August 11th, at 8 o'clock, at the same place to further consider the question and to take definite action. It is desired to have a large meeting, and everyone is asked to remember the date, the time, and the place.

LUNG MOTOR PRESENTED TO BORO.

A lung motor, presented by President of Council Hycinth C. Levy to the boro, is now at the municipal building and available for use by physicians in cases of persons overcome by drowning, inhalation of gas or smoke, etc. Some months ago the Good Will Hook and Ladder Company members began investigating the pulmotors and lung motors with view of placing one of the instruments on their apparatus. At that time Mr. Levy told them when it was fully decided just what was the best type of apparatus he would buy it for them. Recently a committee of physicians have had demonstrations from agents of the various types of instruments and the lung motor was decided upon as being the best. It is proposed to put the lung motor on the new boro ambulance as soon as that apparatus arrives, the committee having agreed recently to purchase a Dodge ambulance. It is probable that an ambulance corps will be organized and the members drilled in the use of the lung motor.

THE AMBULANCE FUND.

To the People of Freehold.

Last August a movement was inaugurated to purchase by popular subscription a Public Ambulance for use of the people of Freehold. The Borough was districted and a canvass made with the result that the committee now has in hand the sum of \$1683, with unpaid subscriptions amounting to about fifty dollars more. This sum is insufficient to purchase the equipment needed, and it has been determined by the Committee to make another canvass for additional funds, with the purpose of securing the full sum of \$3,000 originally mentioned.

The Committee greatly appreciates the good work already done by the canvassers and the generous response they have received in many directions. In numerous instances contributors said that if sufficient funds were not collected they would gladly increase their subscriptions. All such and others will be again given opportunity to contribute to this good cause during this second canvass to be made Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, October 20, 21, 22. This may be the first opportunity for some, for others it will be an opportunity to double up.

It is the hope of the committee that all financial requirements of the situation will be promptly met and that the purchase of the ambulance may not be much longer delayed.

F. W. WRANFORD,
JOSEPH E. DUBOIS,
ALEX. L. MOREAU,

H. C. LEVY,
DR. W. M. HEPBURN,
DR. H. S. BROWN.

THE AMBULANCE FUND.

All Contributors Asked to Attend a Meeting Next Wednesday Evening.

In response to numerous inquiries as to the Ambulance Fund, it has been thought wise by the Committee to call a public meeting of All Contributors to the Fund to be held at the Municipal Building, next Wednesday evening, October 8th, at eight o'clock. The amount of money now in the Treasury is \$1652, with a few subscriptions unpaid. The committee on the purchase of the ambulance has procured prices on several types of vehicles used for the purpose, but find that the funds in hand are not sufficient to purchase the lowest-priced one that has been offered. At the meeting on Wednesday evening the matter of type of machine to be purchased will be decided upon and ways and means of procuring the additional funds necessary will be discussed. It is desired that as many of the contributors as possible be present to decide the important questions involved.

F. W. BRANFORD, Chairman.

AMBULANCE CORPS

**Regularly Organized and Officially
Recognized, Now Ready for Calls.**

The Freehold Ambulance Corps became a recognized and official organization of the boro when, at the regular adjourned meeting of Mayor and Council Monday night a resolution was adopted authorizing the organization of such a corps and prescribing rules for its conduct and operation along lines suggested by the corps in a written communication to Mayor and Council.

Fred W. Brandford is president of the corps, William N. Callahan is vice president, and Donald C. Butcher secretary and treasurer. The other members are Archibald Burdge, George W. Smock, Barney Woolfenden and Maltby Corover. The ambulance is subject to call day or night, at the request of physicians or in emergencies and the service is to be free to residents of Freehold and non-resident contributors. Calls are first made to the fire house and the drivers summoned from there. Out of town calls, within a radius of five miles of Freehold, are to be charged for at the rate of 25 cents per mile traversed from the ambulance garage until it returns. Answering of calls which may come from a greater distance than five miles are at the discretion of the corps members. The corps members are to be drilled for drivers and first aid workers by boro physicians and all fees received for service of the ambulance are to be kept in the ambulance fund for the maintenance of the ambulance and the payment of the corps expenses.

The corps recommended the purchase of a number of accessories. These include an extra tire and tube; a combined spot and trouble lamp, gong, two globe canvas coats for use of drivers in winter; two pairs of fleece lined gauntlet gloves; four woolen blankets, two rubber blankets; four weed chains, pair of curtains for front windows, rubber strip for windshield, windshield cleaner, tire cover and first aid kit.

After a reading of the accessories deemed by the corps members to be needed, it was announced that A. J. C. Stokes and Charles V. DuBois had contributed a gong and that Mrs. Harry Davis had contributed a first aid kit. A vote of thanks was extended by council to the donors.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

NEW AMBULANCE ACCEPTED.

Borough Must Provide Own Lockup

The Borough Council met in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building in their regular monthly meeting, Monday night. A full board was present.

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of July 19 were read and approved, also of the regular July meeting.

The ordinance on licensing public jitneys was given its final reading and passed. A. L. Patterson of near Hamilton opposed the ordinance on the ground that it prevented legitimate competition.

Charles Mount complained through proxy of the telephone company erecting poles on Throckmorton street without the consent of property owners, but the company claimed that they had received the proper permission.

The bill of sale for the Borough's ambulance was presented to the Board by Frederick Branford, chairman of the ambulance committee. It was accepted with thanks.

Major C. M. Duncan appeared before the Council requesting them to grant him permission to move several buildings off of the old Seminary property to the Military School grounds and adjacent property. The request asks for the right of way through Lincoln street. It was carefully discussed and has been hanging fire for several weeks. Counsel Dittmar drew up the resolution which grants the permission on condition that the buildings be off the streets of moving within fourteen days. Each day in excess of the time limit Major Duncan agreeing to pay a penalty of \$50. The moving must be done under the supervision of the Space Tree Commission. A bond of \$5,000 is also required. In addition to the foregoing, the permission of the State Highway Board must be secured, because Lincoln street is a part of the State Highway.

Charles W. Vandenburgh did not like the way Duncan ought to be permitted for violating the time limit, unless a bond be given for finishing the moving ahead of time.

Dr. Warren H. Fairbanks asked permission of the Board to take a patient in the Borough's ambulance. It was granted.

Counselor Dittmar called attention to the inequality of taxation in the Borough. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for adjustment.

Property Committee reported progress in Mrs. T. Baker Hall's land proposition.

Several sidewalk obstruction cases were reported and referred to the street committee.

Lennard J. Arrowsmith was designated Assistant Borough Recorder to act during the absence of Recorder Harold McKeen.

County Jail Warden Michael Quirk gave notice of the lack of authority for him to receive drunks and disorderly persons from the Borough. The inference was that the Borough should have a jail of its own like other boroughs. The Police Committee was given power to act in this matter.

The bills of the Standard Gas and Monmouth Lighting Companies were held up because of arrears in taxes to the Borough.

The service discussion was continued. The feeling was that the company had difficulty in securing material, and other towns were affected like this. To build would be too costly. They decided to let the matter rest as it is for the present.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

PETITIONERS ADVOCATE MUNICIPAL GAS.

Electric Company Wants Higher Rate For Street Lighting.

The Borough Council met Tuesday night at the Municipal Building. All members were present.

The minutes of the regular August and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

The list of officers and members of the Freehold Ambulance Corp was read and approved as was also the By-Laws.

FREEHOLD AMBULANCE.

That perserverance is success's winning factor, has been demonstrated by the earnest Freehold Ambulance Committee. After several months of discouragement and public indifferent financial response, the committee has secured for the Borough a serviceable ambulance. That such a philanthropic agency is much needed for the Borough is obvious. By this acquisition the committee maintains the same progress of Freehold in the things beneficial to humanity.

The first service rendered was taking William A. Statesir to Ann May Hospital with a fractured leg, last Thursday.

Freehold Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council was held at the Municipal building, being postponed from Monday evening, owing to Labor Day.

Mayor Wm. S. Holmes presided. All the Councilmen were present.

Minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

At the adjourned meeting the by-laws, officers and members of the Freehold Ambulance Corps were approved. No reply had been received for a request of a gas lamp corner of Main and Throckmorton streets, the dog and jitney ordinances were passed, and there had been no action in regard to the termination of the Red Mens' lease.

GAVE BELL TO AMBULANCE.

When the new ambulance was presented to the Borough, there was no alarm bell upon it, and the bell is the universally recognized ambulance warning signal. Two patriotic citizens—Charles V. DuBois and Andrew J. Stokes last week purchased a large bell and presented it to the Borough for that purpose. Now if some other equally patriotic citizens take it into their heads to combine and do something as graceful as that, the ambulance would not long be without a completely equipped first-aid cabinet.

PAVING, MARKET, AMBULANCE, ETC.

CONCRETE STREETS COST \$200,000.
AMBULANCE COMING SOON.
MARKET ORDINANCE.

Most important of various items of business considered by the Mayor and Council at an adjourned regular meeting at the municipal building Monday evening was the question of paving Main and South streets, a public market ordinance, and the report that the community ambulance, purchased thru private subscription, was soon to be formally presented to the boro. Fred Branford and Dr. Harvey S. Brown, of the ambulance committee, said that the ambulance is now in the hands of the painters and that it would be delivered very soon. They suggested that a suitable place of housing be provided and that a committee be appointed to take charge of it. Mayor Holmes referred the matter to the property committee and promised that the council as a whole would take steps to provide suitable housing and make rules and regulations for the use of the ambulance.

THE AMBULANCE

Formally Presented to Boro Monday Night, Called Out 15 Minutes Later

Freehold's new ambulance was formally presented to the mayor and council Monday night at the regular meeting of council. Fred Branford, chairman of the ambulance committee, presenting a bill of sale for the handsome new conveyance. The machine was accepted, a vote of thanks being extended to the citizens who contributed to the worthy cause, and 15 minutes later a call came for the use of the ambulance.

The call, made by Dr. W. H. Fairbanks, who said that a Polish woman, just outside the town limits, was in a precarious condition and that she should be taken to the hospital as quickly as possible, presented a problem. The ambulance was purchased by private subscription for the use of residents of Freehold. No rules or regulations had yet been made for the use of the ambulance and no drivers have been appointed. Decision was quickly reached, however, and for the sake of suffering humanity, Dr. Fairbanks was told to procure a driver and take the woman to the hospital in the ambulance. Dr. Fairbanks had said that the woman's husband was perfectly willing to pay for the use of the ambulance, but no time was lost on that account, the ambulance being immediately pressed into service. Later the matter was discussed and it was finally referred to the property committee to formulate rules for the use of the ambulance, the suggested rules to be presented at an adjourned meeting of council Monday, August 23, when the street improvement ordinance will be taken up. In the meantime it was agreed that in case of necessity use of the ambulance may be granted by the mayor or any member of council.

THE AMBULANCE FUND.

The Freehold Ambulance, for which the collection of funds was commenced some months ago, is about completed and ready for delivery. The cost has been:

For chassis and attachment ..	\$1,299.00
For body and equipment	\$98.50

\$2,197.50

Total amount collected	2,105.00
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Balance due	\$92.50
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It was thought by the committee, at the time the order was given, that sufficient funds were promised to pay for the ambulance when finished, but disappointment as to subscriptions in some quarters is the cause of this small deficit. Donations from any friends of the cause to make up this balance due will be greatly appreciated. They can be sent to the treasurer, Alex. L. Moreau; to Dr. H. S. Brown or Fred Branford.

THE AMBULANCE.

Freehold's new ambulance has arrived. It is a handsome vehicle, creditable alike to the Borough and to the people who were instrumental in its procurement. On its sides it has a replica of the official seal of the Borough, which shows the redoubtable Moll Pitcher in the act of loading the cannon which doubtless sent sundry Red Coats to the hospital without the benefit of such a comfortable wagon as Freehold now has. Inside the cushions are neatly upholstered and in an emergency it will accommodate two patients and an attendant. There are seats on the front for the driver and another, electric lights and a speaking tube from the attendant's seat to the driver's seat. It is all very fine, luxurious in fact; looks worth the money, and has been inspected and approved by many citizens. But one and all have shied at the thought of taking the first ride in it; in fact, there is absolutely no competition in this regard. The ambulance is a fine thing to have but here's hoping that it will rust out standing instead of wear out in the service for which it is intended.

YOUTH BREAKS LEG.

**Freehold Ambulance, on First Trip,
Finds Second Case Along Road.**

Thrown from his bicycle near his home on Court street last night, William A. Statesir, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Statesir, sustained a fracture of his right leg just below the hip and a painful laceration over his eye. The new ambulance was put into commission and, driven by George Smock, the injured lad was taken to the Long Branch hospital, being accompanied by Dr. Hepburn. The youth had only yesterday morning had his bicycle equipped with a motor attachment and it was this that he was using at the time of the accident.

While returning from the hospital, and when near the Ryall farm on the Colts Neck road, the ambulance ran across another case. A motorcycle with side car attachment carrying two soldiers from Camp Vail had skidded breaking one of the men's legs also just below the hip. Dr. Hepburn gave temporary treatment and remained with the injured man while the Freehold ambulance returned to town with Mr. and Mrs. Statesir. When the ambulance returned to the scene to take the injured soldier to the hospital an ambulance had arrived from Camp Vail and the services of the local medical corps were not required further.

ACTIVITIES OF AMBULANCE CORPS.

Donald C. Butcher, secretary of the Freehold Boro Ambulance corps, submitted for the approval of Mayor and Council Monday night a constitution and by-laws adopted by the corps, and also a report covering the activities of the corps for the quarter ending February 7. This report showed that the ambulance had answered 23 calls and had traveled a total distance of 1,084 miles. Two members, Everett Woolfenden and Thomas C. Richardson, had been added to the corps. Receipts for the quarter aggregated \$102.71 and the expenditures \$141.23. A balance of \$73.29 remains in the treasury.

AMBULANCE REPORT.

**Answers 87 Calls, Covering 4135 Miles,
in First Year of Service.**

The Freehold Ambulance Corps has just closed its first year's activities and a very busy one at that. During the year since the ambulance went in service it has answered a total of 87 calls and travelled a total of 4135 miles. They have received \$380.27 and expended \$323.58, having a balance on hand of \$56.69. Of the 87 calls 64 have been from persons living in Freehold and 23 from patients outside the boro.

The ambulance has been to the Monmouth Memorial hospital, at Long Branch, 37 times; to Ann May, Spring Lake, 12 times; St. Peter's, New Brunswick, 13 times; St. Francis, Trenton, 10 times; and has made 9 trips from sanitariums, trains, etc.; two trips to Brooklyn, two to the State Hospital at Trenton, one to South Jersey, and one to the Orange hospital. The longest single trip was 110 miles. There have been added to the ambulance equipment for the convenience of patients, by purchase or gift, rubber blankets, rubber pillow cases and pillows, large first aid kit, Pyrene fire extinguisher, gong, blankets, shades, extra lights and spot light.

A great deal of credit is due the members of the Ambulance Corps for their services which, of course, are rendered without pay and with very little recognition on the part of the general public.

Everett Woolfenden, representing the Freehold Ambulance corps, requested that some suitable place other than a public garage be provided for the boro ambulance as the present arrangement is proving entirely unsatisfactory in numerous respects. Mayor Holmes referred the matter to the property committee of Council and the latter, Messrs. Runyon and DuBols, promised that a place would be provided within a few days in the barn in the rear of the municipal building. A report of the activities of the ambulance corps covering the period from February 1 to August 19, showed that the ambulance had answered 38 calls, 29 of which emanated in the boro, 9 from outside the boro, and had traveled a total of 1,823 miles.

The Freehold Ambulance Corps submitted a report for the quarter ending January 31. The report showed that the members had answered 12 calls and driven a total of 564 miles. Ten of the calls were from within the boro and two outside, for which mileage was charged. For services rendered during the three-month period the corps had collected \$111.10 which, with a balance of \$63.34, made a total of \$174.44. Expenditures for supplies, etc., totalled \$157.93, leaving a balance of \$16.51 in the treasury.

Ambulance Corps Report Busy Year

**Answer 100 Calls, Drive
3500 Miles, Collect \$526;
Recommendations.**

Matters Before the Council

Freehold's Ambulance Corps submitted its annual report to the Mayor and Council at the regular meeting Monday evening. The report showed a total of 100 calls answered the past year, 48 of which originated within the boro and 52 of which came from the surrounding country. The ambulance traveled a total of 3500 miles during the year. The Corps collected \$526.45 and expended for maintenance of the ambulance and equipment \$468.30. The Corps has a cash balance of \$247.27 on hand, besides a considerable amount of accounts due the Corps for services over the past several years.

The Council's attention was again called to the fact that the ambulance is requested to take persons to hospitals who could be taken just as comfortably and safely in other conveyances. Members of the Corps, who talked with different Councilmen before the meeting, said that some doctors were very careful to order the ambulance only when necessary, but that others called it for apparently trivial cases. An instance was given of an emergency call from out of town to take a boy to the Long Branch hospital. It turned out that the boy had a badly cut finger and that he, with some members of his family, was taken to Long Branch where the finger was dressed and returned to his home in the ambulance. It is such calls that the Corps think should be eliminated.

Another trouble experienced by the ambulance men is the difference in rates as quoted by some of the doctors and the charges established for the ambulance. The rates are \$5.00 flat rate for any resident of Freehold; 25c per mile for any case originating within 5 miles of the boro, and 40c a mile for cases outside that area.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to all the doctors calling the ambulance informing them of the rates charged, and asking them to give to the ambulance driver, or leave with the patient, a written statement that in his opinion the ambulance is necessary for the safety and comfort of the patient. Council seemed to think that in this way the unnecessary calls from some of the doctors would be eliminated. This means failing. Council thought the only remedy would be to refuse to answer further calls from the doctors abusing the service.

The matter of collection of bills was also discussed. The Corps said that there had been many cases in Freehold which were simply marked "charity," but they felt that such cases originating outside the boro should be taken care of by the local township officials. The Council felt that the service should not be restricted in any way to cause suffering, but that it would be entirely reasonable to ask the township officials of the surrounding townships to guarantee the charges for their own people, especially in view of the fact that the ambulance was bought by the citizens of Freehold and is partially maintained by the boro. A letter will be written to the several surrounding municipalities concerning this matter.

Ambulance Corps Elects.—At the annual meeting of the Freehold Ambulance corps, Monday evening, Joseph Clayton was elected president; Arthur Paton, vice president, and Thomas Potter was elected secretary and treasurer. James Ryan, Jr., and R. W. Abdill were elected ambulance drivers, subject to the approval of Council. The resignation of Maltby Conover, now employed out of town, was accepted. Mr. Conover was one of three original members of the corps still active, the remaining two being Everett Woolfenden and William Calahan.

Boro Ambulance Bought by Council

Choice of Types Splits Vote in Ambulance Corps, Tie in Council.

Within two months time, it is expected, Freehold town and the Freehold Boro Ambulance Corps will be in possession of a beautiful new and up-to-date ambulance. At a special meeting of the Mayor and Council Monday night at the municipal building it was voted to purchase a Master-six chassis and Eureka ambulance body at a cost of \$1,114.25. Joseph Levy, managing member of the firm of H. L. Kober Company of Freehold, who put in the successful bid, promised that the complete ambulance would be in the hands of the boro in 60 days or less.

Before Council voted on the purchase they received a report from the Ambulance Corps, recommending the purchase of the Buick job in preference to the Studebaker, bids for each of which were before Council and the Ambulance Corps members. On roll call in Council, Councilmen Moreau, Soden and Hartman voted to accept the recommendation of the Ambulance Corps and to purchase the Buick, while Councilmen Clayton, Lockwood and Sutphen voted to buy the Studebaker. This left a tie vote and called upon Mayor Runyon to cast the deciding ballot. He voted for the purchase of the Buick.

Councilman Lockwood said that he favored the Studebaker because that was a complete job, while the Buick job comprised a lengthened chassis, which to his mind, would present an element of danger that the rear wheels would not track with the front wheels and cause other troubles. The three Councilmen voting in purchase the Buick said they had voted as they did, having asked the Ambulance Corps to decide on the type of machine they desired and they having stated a preference, they felt that they should grant them their preference, as they are not only the persons who are to operate the machine but they are also going to raise the balance over \$1,000 which was appropriated by Council at the beginning of the year.

The Ambulance Corps was in executive session much longer than anticipated, with Council awaiting their decision, there was no indication of a difference of opinion among the members when the Ambulance Corps filed back into the room and Joseph Clayton, president, announced that the Ambulance Corps had voted in favor of purchasing the Buick. After the bids had been perused by the Mayor and Council, after first opening, Mayor Runyon suggested that the Ambulance Corps be given the papers for 15 minutes to examine and report back with their recommendation. Councilman Moreau suggested that a day's time would be better, perhaps, but a member of the Ambulance Corps said the members could decide as well in 15 minutes as they could in 15 days. Mayor Runyon then announced an adjournment of Council for 15 minutes, or until the Ambulance Corps were ready to make their report. The Ambulance Corps members returned to a private room at 4:15. It was 3:40 when they returned to the Council room and made their report.

After the meeting was closed it was learned that of the nine members of the Ambulance Corps present five voted for the Buick and four for the Studebaker.

H. H. King, local Studebaker agent, who put in a bid of \$1,000 for a complete Studebaker ambulance, said that he had placed his bid at cost to him, being willing to waive all profit on such a town proposition. Mr. Levy, who submitted bids on three types of ambulance bodies mounted on Buick Master-Six chassis, said he had not only waived profit in his bids but had also waived freight charges that he would pay.

Boro to Buy New Ambulance; Bids Asked March 29

A New Flivver for the Boro Nurse; Curbs and Gutters for Five Streets.

Would Sell Highway Lots

Freehold boro is soon to have a fine new ambulance. This was definitely decided at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council Monday night and an advertisement appears in this issue of The Transcript for bids on an up-to-date ambulance, the bids to be received and opened at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council Monday evening, March 29.

When the ambulance subject was broached by Mayor Runyon Monday night, it having been discussed at recent meetings to some length, Councilman Willard Sutphen reported that the ambulance had broken down on a recent trip to Long Branch and had to be towed home and repaired. It was the desire of the Freehold Ambulance Corps, he said, that a new ambulance be purchased at once and he recommended that, in view of the condition of the present apparatus, action be taken. An appropriation of \$2,000 was included in the boro budget for the current year and the Ambulance Corps has about \$500 in its treasury and has agreed to assume responsibility for the other \$450 deemed required. Mr. Sutphen reporting that an ambulance the Corps desired purchased, could be bought at this time for \$2,950. A resolution was finally adopted, providing that an agreement be entered into between the boro and the Ambulance corps, whereby the Boro contributed the \$2,000 and the Ambulance Corps assumes the burden of raising the balance of the purchase price. Also the clerk was directed to advertise for bids.

Ambulance Corps Is Nearly Clear of Debt

Paid Off \$1,000 of Purchase Note Since July; Traveled 5,931 Miles.

Characterized by Mayor Runyon as a very commendable one, the annual report of the Freehold Ambulance Corps was submitted and read to the Mayor and Council at the regular semi-monthly meeting of that body Monday night. An outstanding feature of the report is that a note for \$1,216.95, given by the Ambulance Corps the first of last July for the balance due on the new ambulance, has been reduced to \$200 and it is expected to pay that off on March 7, when the note becomes due. The ambulance was delivered June 11, 1926, and was officially accepted by the boro the first Monday in July. The new ambulance has covered 2,778 miles in answering calls.

For the fiscal year from February 1, 1926, to February 5, 1927, 129 calls were answered. Of these 77 calls originated within the boro (11 being charity cases) and 52 calls originated from without the boro. The total distance covered was 5,931 miles, of which 3,479 miles were made in response to calls from within the boro and 2,452 miles were covered in response to calls from without the boro.

The receipts during the year aggregated \$1,063.55 which, with a balance as of February 2, 1926, made a total of \$1,430.21. The disbursements, including reduction of note, interest, etc., totalled \$1,230.02, leaving a balance on hand as of February 5 last of \$190.19.

Members of the Ambulance Corps came before the Mayor and Council at the close of their annual meeting Monday night and requested that liability and property damage insurance be written on the ambulance drivers. Arthur Paton, acting as spokesman, said that some of the drivers who are property owners hesitate about accepting a commission to drive the ambulance for the reason that if an accident should occur they might personally be held liable in damages. This insurance, Mr. Paton said, would cost \$83 for liability and \$55 for property damage insurance, or a total of \$138. Mayor Runyon said Council had discussed the matter of insurance and he felt the drivers should be protected and the company members were directed to procure the insurance and pay for it from their funds at a later date, as there is no appropriation from which the amount can be taken in the boro treasury.

Ambulance corps officers elected on Monday night for the ensuing year are: President, Arthur Paton; vice president, James Ryan; secretary-treasurer, Thomas Potter.

Ambulance Fully Paid For

Report was made by the Freehold Boro Ambulance corps of payment of the final note on the new ambulance, an obligation assumed by the company when the ambulance was purchased last summer. Mayor Runyon said members of that corps deserve great credit for the way they have handled their finances as well as for the free service they are giving the community.

FREEHOLD'S FIRST AID CORPS

A news item in last week's Transcript relative to Freehold's newly organized corps of First Aiders calls for further notice. The Corps is composed of twenty men who are affiliated with the Freehold Fire Department, the Freehold Ambulance Corps, and the Jersey Central Power and Light company. During recent weeks they have taken fifteen lessons of two hours each, treating of methods to be pursued in cases of accident whereby sufferers may be made comfortable, or save serious consequences until such time as professional aid may be obtained. The graduates made good averages in their examinations and are capable of temporarily taking care of almost any injury "until the doctor comes." Cases of drowning, asphyxiation by gas, or other fumes, electric shock, broken bones or other injuries from automobile accidents may be taken care of. In two recent instances those injured in automobile accidents were relieved by the ministrations of members of the Ambulance Corps, and at the Trewer fire last week artificial respiration was administered by members of the Corps to some valuable dogs belonging to the kennel with the excellent result of restoring life to the animals from which it had apparently fled. The men who thus unselfishly give their time and abilities to the relief of suffering are worthy of all praise. The training referred to above was given by employees of the Jersey Central Power and Light Company.

Ambulance Answered 148 Calls

The report of the Freehold Boro Ambulance Corps, Thomas Potter, secretary, showed that for the year ending February 6 this volunteer corps, which serves without salary, fees or any remuneration except the conscientiousness of a work well done, had during the 12-months period, answered 148 calls. Of these 78 calls were from within the boro and 70 from outside the boro. Of the calls from within the boro 51 were paid cases and 27 charity cases. Of the out of town calls 63 were paid cases and 7 were charity cases.

The financial report of the corps showed a balance of \$180.19 on hand February 5, 1927. During the year a total of \$983 was collected in fees for ambulance service, making a total of \$1,164.08. The disbursements during the year, including balance due on a note given by the corps to pay a balance due on the new ambulance, was \$649.91, leaving a balance as of February 1 of \$469.17. The ambulance corps also has charges totalling \$336.40 on their books as due from patients who were transported to hospitals. The new ambulance, which was put in service in the spring of 1926, has traveled a total of 12,671 miles. Mayor Peter F. Runyon classed the report as a

Ambulance Officers.

The officers of the Freehold Ambulance Corps for the next year were elected at a meeting at the Municipal Building last Wednesday evening. The new officers are: James Ryan, president; Charles Quigg, vice-president; Thomas Potter secretary and treasurer.

The annual report of the Freehold Ambulance Corps made to the Council this week and printed in another column, is one of which the corps has a right to be proud. The men give their time and are always willing to take a trip to any of the hospitals regardless of the hour or the weather. They are rendering the community a valuable public service.

OUR AMBULANCE.

Several years ago, a number of citizens subscribed small amounts to purchase an ambulance. There were those who asked what possible use an ambulance could be to the town. Some thought it an extravagant use of money, when patients could be put on stretchers and conveyed to hospitals in a baggage car. However one ambulance has been completely worn out and the new one has travelled over 12,000 miles answering calls. This service is well brought out in the annual report given last week at the Council meeting. In rain, shine, day or night the Borough Ambulance Corps, all volunteers stand ready to serve and their record of 148 answered calls during the past year proves the need of the department. It was a splendid report and an object that deserves all praise.

Ambulance Out of Service

James Ryan, of the Freehold Boro Ambulance Corps, appeared before the Mayor and Council to state that the ambulance, having been in service three years, and having been driven some 18,000 miles, is in need of overhauling and painting and asked the advice of that body as when best to take the ambulance out of service for, perhaps, three weeks. Mayor Runyon said that he understood the Ambulance Corps had the money to pay for the work and he suggested that "now is as good a time as any" and that the Ambulance Corps might make arrangements to have the work done as soon as possible, before the season of motor accidents is on the increase.

The Freehold Ambulance Corps have been kept busy answering calls. Letters of appreciation for their services have been received from out of town patients, for the prompt and efficient service rendered.

Ambulance calls during the year amounted to 147. 76 of these coming from the Borough and 71 from outside of the Borough limits.

NEW OFFICERS FOR AMBULANCE CORPS

Disbursements About Equal the Receipts; Auto Accident Cases Prove An Unprofitable Service.

The annual meeting of the Freehold Ambulance Corps last week was featured by the election of an entire new set of officers and a report by the treasurer that shows that more money earned during the year remains unpaid than was collected.

Receipts during the year aggregated \$407.96 and the disbursements totalled \$404. There is, however, a cash balance of \$294.94. Fees earned but uncollected total \$600; and this without reference to numerous trips with the ambulance marked "charity cases."

Charles Quigg was elected president, succeeding Joseph Clayton; A. Everitt Barkalow, vice president, succeeding Everett A. Woolfenden; Clarence Patten, secretary-treasurer, succeeding Arthur Paton; James Ryan and Alvord B. Palmer, auditors, succeeding William N. Callahan and Everett Woolfenden.

The \$600 earned but uncollected represents, in large part, cases in which the ambulance corps answered calls from state troopers and conveyed persons who had been injured in automobile accidents to various hospitals. Frequently it happens, ambulance corps members report, that persons so accommodated appear very appreciative of the service, but when they are discharged from the hospital and return to their homes they forget all about their obligation to the ambulance corps and even neglect to send their remittances when statements are mailed to their home addresses.

Borough Council

AMBULANCE CORPS DIS- SOLVED

Will Arrange Early For Gar- bage Collection Contract

The regular meeting of the Freehold Mayor and Borough Council was held on Monday evening at the Municipal Building, with the Mayor and all the members of the Council present.

Willard Throckmorton, clerk, presented seven certificates of exemption, presented with the approval of the officers of the Freehold Fire Department, and to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk. The Council voted to do so. The certificates are for Thomas White, Frederick Quinn, Leo Dugan, Charles Collins, J. Everett Barkalow, Henry Stryker and C. Burnett Barkalow.

A communication from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities announced the annual convention to be held at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel at Asbury Park, on October 6 and 7, and urged the attendance of the local officials. Freehold is a member of the league.

A communication from the members of the Freehold Ambulance Corps announced that after October 1st, the organization would be dissolved, and they would turn over to the Borough Council the ambulance, receipts on hand, and the present uncollected bills. Mayor Runyon stated that the members of the corps deserved a vote of gratitude for the work they had accomplished, and if they were determined to dissolve, the members of the Council should give considerable thought to the matter, deciding whether or not the Borough should consider the operation of the ambulance, pointing out that when the service was instituted, it was the only ambulance in town, but now there are two private ambulances in operation. Other members of the Council praised the work of the corps feeling that the Council and the town in general were indebted to them. It was voted to accept the proposition of the corps with a vote of gratitude for their past services.

Borough Engineer Schiverea reported that the new pump for the Rowne Avenue pumping station, had been installed and was in operation. The purchase of the pump was authorized at the previous Council meeting, and was to take the place of one which had worn out.

Mayor Runyon called attention to the expiration of this contract for the removal of garbage, on January 1st, and thought it should be re-advertised at an early date. The Council was in accord, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for some time next month. Among the items which the bidders will have to consider this time, is the use of a body on their trucks which will conform to sanitary rules, and the fulfilling of their contract in the required number of visits.

The bills incurred since the previous meeting were read and ordered paid and the meeting adjourned.