

VILLAGE OF ARENA EMT REFERENDUM

**VOTE TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8TH
2022**

The Village of Arena has identified a **need to add an additional EMT to the Emergency Medical Service.**

Voters will be asked whether or not to support an increase in the Village's annual tax levy, beginning in 2023, to cover the cost for one additional EMT.

WHY DO WE NEED A REFERENDUM NOW?

Current public safety funding levels and staffing models are insufficient to meet the growing service demands and needs of the community. Village of Arena must act now if it is to continue to adequately respond to calls for service.


The challenge is that while the need for our public safety efforts continues to rise, current funding sources are stagnant or decreasing, and our existing volunteer levels inhibit our ability to adequately respond to calls for service.

Because of state-imposed levy limits, Arena must ask approval from taxpayers through a referendum to increase the tax levy to fund this service.



IF A MAJORITY VOTE "YES"

If the referendum is approved by a majority of voters, the Village of Arena will be able to add critically necessary additional staff to the EMS. This will increase staffing levels to ensure that there are adequate staff to sufficiently respond to calls for service from Arena residents.

	\$35,000 -Annual Impact
Property Value	
\$100,000	\$79.54
\$150,000	\$119.31
\$200,000	\$159.08

Taxpayers will see a property tax increase of an estimated \$79.54 annually, or about \$1.52 per week, on a home valued at \$100,000, starting with the bills issued in December 2022.

IF A MAJORITY VOTE "NO"

A rejection of the referendum would not be the equivalent of maintaining the status quo for emergency services.

Volunteers are facing burnout due to the current demands being placed on them. Without additional support, it is likely that existing volunteers may opt to retire or quit. Volunteers are likely to decide it is not worth their effort to respond to 100 calls or more per year in a community that does not support them.