

**VILLAGE OF ARENA**  
**Arena, WI 53503**

**MINUTES**

DATE: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

TIME: **7:00 PM**

PLACE: **345 West St, Arena, WI 53503**

PURPOSE: **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order** at 7 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Kathy Stoltz, Barb Beran, Jessica Voight, Paul Pustina, Kate Reimann, William Hanson joined via telephone at 7:02 p.m.  
**Absent:** Tara Hill
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. Motion made by Voight to **Approve August 4, 2020 agenda**. Seconded by Beran. Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda: *Items listed under consent agenda will be approved in one motion without discussion unless any Board member requests that an item be removed for individual discussion.***
  - a. **Approval of minutes from the July 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and Special Brd Mtg Minutes July 23, 2020**
  - b. **Approval of monthly invoices and biweekly payroll**
  - c. **Approval of VISA/BP online payment**  
Motion made by Voight to approve consent agenda items as noted above. Seconded by Stoltz. Motion carried 5-1 with Pustina opposed.
6. **Two Minute Public Comment:** Dustin Strobush – encouraged the board to separate the referendum questions so that EMS can be voted on separately from the other items.
7. **SPEAKERS:**
  1. **Dan Gray – water in ditch at 333 Willow St:** Issued a complaint that the village was in violation of Ord. 8.25.030 public nuisances affecting health (d) stagnant water. Indicated the past two years the ditch 'french drain' has held water. Believes the drain is filled with silk and recommended the village pump out the water and haul it away. Feels this way given the french drain down the street is not holding water. Indicated he pumps his water to this french drain and two pumps are flowing every minute. Mike, PW ask what he would do with his sump pump water if they discontinued the drain. Indicated would run it to his backyard. Dan questioned once it is pumped out if they could put 8" breaker rock in the ditch to get the water to down and eliminate the pond. Possible for the groundwater to come back up to the North. Renting a trash pump and draining the water down Hwy 14 was discussed. Motion made by Voight to have Public Works temporary fix the ditch/drain by pumping the water and place on PW agenda for more permanent solution. Seconded by Pustina. Motion carried.
  2. **Town of Arena – Discuss Fire/EMS agreement.** Dave Lucey presented information on behalf of the Town of Arena and the Fire Board. Issue is with the percentage of new EMT hiring – recommended 44% village/56% town (based on five-year average of calls) and was changed to 30% village/70% town. Questioned the board for the reasoning in change of percentage. Noted the initial agreement, budget, representation on the board. The initial agreement was done in 2007 and was based on equalized value. Indicated the 'Town of Arena will not agree with 30/70 share, the numbers stand for themselves and unable to come up with anything equitable'. EMS Director Courtney presented a letter with the breakdown of costs for the EMT's.  
  
Pustina indicated the fire agreement the town pays more than the village due to population/call volume. If EMS supports the fire, shouldn't fire calls be used as a comparison? If use equalized value everyone pays the same. Dave indicated he did not think about it this way.

Question asked if outside fire/ems calls are billed or if the village/town pay for them. Was indicated they are charged \$600/call but can be difficult to collect.

Dave indicated the Fire Board is to meet tonight and will get back to you on the calls but feels it will still be in the forty percentiles.

Karen Wilkinson answered questions regarding budget. Noted EMS/Fire has never been separate in the budget. Dave indicated he doesn't see any advantage for it to be split. Stoltz recommend split of the EMS/Fire budget due to the comment "if you lose the EMS you will lose Fire". Dave explained that the fire will not go away but may see the manpower and the equipment decrease from what we have now. Wants to resolve this right now and not in January due to it being difficult to hire unless have a signed agreement.

Dave was wondering if the village even wants to be involved with the Fire/EMS. Presented a proposal for a buyout. Got a value of everything and breaks down to the village not paying anything for the first two years and then the township would redo an agreement.

Station – value \$116,000 = 50% to the village of \$58,430  
(commercial warehouse value from commercial real estate agent)  
Savings Acct - \$77,000 = 30% to the village of \$23,100  
Ambulance - \$109,000 = 30% to the village of \$32,700  
TOTAL = \$114,230

(no mention of value for fire department trucks/equipment)  
2020 budget 27% = \$25,463  
44% EMT hiring = \$59,306  
TOTAL - \$84,769 x 2 years of service = \$169,536

Indicated the Town of Arena plans on making a go of the EMS and will farm out EMT services to others.

Pustina asked what the bottom number for the split is? Dave indicated none at this time. Same question asked of Pustina – don't have one either. Feels the EMT's are a draw for people to move here.

Stoltz noted she had a concern with voting rights given the request for split is changing from 30 to 44% and is closer to 50% and should have two representatives from the Village for input on the EMT's. Paying all volunteers, the 30/70 split why not the EMT's? Dave indicated 'keep it where it's at'. Did not feel the need to make any changes. Voight indicated the membership of the board is based on the number of people/population and township has double the number.

Motion made by Pustina to have the Town of Arena go back and look at fire call percentages and come up with a new percentage for this agreement. Seconded by Voight. Motion carried.

3. **Ray Porter – Food Pantry move.** No show

8. **President's Report – None**

9. **Monthly Maintenance Report**

1. Motion made by Voight to approve **Resolution #2020-14 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) Sewer Collection System.** Seconded by Beran. Roll call vote: Stoltz-I; Beran-I; Voight-I; Reimann-I; Pustina-I; Hanson-I. Motion carried 6-0.

10. **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

11. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Voight to approve **Ordinance #2020-0803 Repeal and Recreate Chapter 2.70 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Arena, Iowa County, Wisconsin, Relating to Public Records. Seconded by Beran. Roll call vote:** Roll call vote: Stoltz-I; Beran-I; Voight-I; Reimann-I; Pustina-nay; Hanson-I. Motion carried 5-1. Clerk noted codification company noted confusion with numbers in the ordinance. Village attorney omitted reference numbers for clarification.
2. **Discussion of Food Pantry/Police Department move with revisit to motion made in July regarding the move.** Chief Stroik indicated the reading room and historical society are all ok with the move. Had talked with Ray Porter in regard to the move and was ok with it but after the board meeting approved, he noted he had concerns/upset and felt it should have come back to him for further discussion. Feel it is a good move for the food pantry given easy access and can use foyer area. Unable to use the garage due to chemicals/vehicles. Noted the east wing has had all documents removed and walls have been painted. Stroik indicated in no way is the move an attempt to eliminate the food pantry. Move will proceed.
3. Motion made by Beran to approve **Ordinance #2020-0804 Repeal Sections 13.05.070(d) and (e) and to Recreate Section 13.05.070(d), Regarding Water Only Meter and to Repeal and Recreate Section 9 of Chapter 2, Title 5 of the Village Public Utilities Ordinance Concerning Sewer Use.** Seconded by Stoltz. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Voight-I; Beran-I; Stoltz-I; Reimann-I; Hanson-I; Pustina-nay. Motion carried 5-1.
4. **Resolution #2020-14; #2020-12; #2020 - 13 Referendum questions.** Motion made by Beran to approve Resolution #2020-12 Referendum question for EMT services but change the amount from \$50,000 to \$60,000 (44%). Seconded by Voight. Roll call vote: Reimann-I; Hanson-I; Pustina-nay; Voight-I; Beran-I; Stoltz-I. Motion carried 5-1.  
 Motion made by Voight to approve Resolution #2020-13 Referendum question for employee retention/benefits. Seconded by Beran. Roll call vote: Beran-I; Stoltz-I; Reimann-I; Hanson-I; Pustina-nay; Voight-I. Motion carried 5-1.  
 Motion made by Voight to approve Resolution #2020-14 Referendum question for street maintenance/capital equipment with the addition in the question to appear on the ballot 'reason is for street maintenance/capital equipment'. Seconded by Beran. Roll call vote: Pustina-nay; Voight-I; Beran-I; Reimann-I; Stoltz-I; Hanson-I. Motion carried 5-1.
5. **Public informational meeting(s) for referendum.** Dates set for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 10am-noon. Need at least two board members at each meeting to explain and answer questions.
6. **Letter to go to residents regarding referendum.** Kathy Stoltz and Kate Reimann to write a letter to the residents to be sent out.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS:

**Discussion and possible action regarding reports from the following Committees:**

### 13. Public Works

1. **LGIP grant – reallocate funds from Broadway to Oak St (USH 14 to Brown St) MSA to provide estimate.** Estimate provided for street/water/sewer - \$433,000. Gave an alternate quote for salvage/regrade (no utilities) \$115,506. Kathy Jennings indicated the other portion of Oak St was videoed and it was in good shape and was not replaced so suspect the same with this section. Talked with county and ok to use the LRIP funds on this project but if decide not to use it need to let the County know so they can give to someone else in the county.

Pustina indicated he was against doing the street project and borrowing funds due to COVID, taxes are high, uncertainty of where the government is going and the board just approved referendums. Feels Village Edge Road needs it more. Aware will lose out of the grant money but with today's economy is against it.

Barb Beran left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Mike Schmidt indicated that Oak St can be chip sealed to hold off the reconstruction, it won't turn into a gravel road in the next year or two.

Motion made by Voight to return the LRIP grant funds of \$20,430.27 back to Iowa County to give to someone else, will apply later given asking for the referendum funds. Seconded by Pustina. Motion carried.

2. **CIP – street plan for next five years** – Kathy Jennings didn't get a chance to update, postpone till next month.

#### **14. Finance, Technology, Licensing**

1. Motion made by Pustina to approve **Request for Proposal (RFP) to Provide Assessment Services**. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.
2. **Routes to Recovery grant – touchless restrooms fixtures**. Had three plumbers come in to look and give quotes but none received. Postpone till next meeting.

#### **15. Dane-Iowa/Wastewater**

#### **16. Emergency Response – Reminder: Special Board meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 @ 5 p.m. at the Fire Station for Emergency Management Tabletop exercise**

17. **Fire** – Dave Lucey indicated the Fire Board met and came up with some numbers. From 2015-2019 the percentage of fire calls for the village was 40% and the town was 60% omitting calls for vehicles/water/hwy. They are also okay with having another village representative for sitting in for interview of EMT's. With using 44% Village, 56% Town for EMT calls and fire call percentages – average 42% village, 58% township. Motion made by Voight to resend motion for Resolution #2020-12 EMT Referendum question of 44% and approve the Resolution to 42%. Seconded by Hanson. Roll call vote: Voight-I; Stoltz-I; Reimann-I; Pustina-nay; Hanson-I. Motion carried 4-1.

**Motion made by Stoltz to go back to item 7.2 Fire/EMS Agreement, seconded by Voight. Motion carried with Pustina opposed.**

Motion made by Voight to resend the previous Fire Agreement motion from July 23, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Stoltz. Motion carried with Pustina opposed.

Motion made by Voight to approve the Fire/EMS agreement with approval from the Village and Town of Arena with effective date of September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 with changes to financial costs of 42% Village 58% Township and to hire three (3) FT EMT's. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried 4-1 with Pustina opposed.

#### **18. Reading Room**

#### **19. Personnel**

#### **20. Plan Commission:**

#### **21. Police – Report**

1. **Recommendation of Police Committee members**. Motion made by Voight to approve Melissa Bandell, Lydia Sackett, and Shaina Dague as the Police Committee members. Seconded by Pustina. Motion carried.

#### **22. Informational/Education: Bulling**

23. Motion made by Voight to **Adjourn**. Seconded by Stoltz. Motion carried at 9:36 p.m.