

VILLAGE OF ARENA  
ARENA, WI

## MINUTES

DATE: **THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020**

TIME: **7:00 PM**

PLACE: **Arena Fire Station, 111 David Circle, Arena, Wisconsin**

PURPOSE: **Joint Meeting with the Town of Arena**

1. Call to Order: 7:01pm
2. Roll Call: Present: Kathy Stoltz, Bill Hanson, Paul Pustina, Barb Beran, Jessica Voight, Kate Reimann; Absent: Tara Hill
3. Discuss and possible action - hiring of EMT staff.

Courtney Norton presented the status of the EMT's for Arena as follows:

We have 8 EMT's, 5 of which are consistently taking shifts. The reasons for attrition are retirements, moving out of the community and reduction of volunteers.

Currently, the goal is to hire 3 full time basic EMT's for weekdays with volunteers filling in on weekends and nights. The question was asked what a basic EMT is. Courtney responded by explaining that there are four levels of EMT's. The first is a First Responder, the second is a basic EMT who is able to administer meds, the third is an advanced EMT who is able to give fluids, the fourth being a paramedic.

Courtney noted that the desire is to get an ad placed in June or July to hire these EMT's.

Discussion of potential wages/ hired EMT/year was suggested to be approximately \$50,000 with benefits. Courtney is going to do additional research by June 11<sup>th</sup> for potential wages.

It was mentioned that this will have to go to referendum for the November election.

There are 8-10 people interested in taking the EMT class

The ideal situation would be to have 20 EMT's

Arena has 100-150 calls/year with the number of calls for the village vs the town being almost equal. In 2019 there were 59 calls for the village and 83 for the town with the percentages being 42% and 58% respectively. There was a very brief mention that the cost for the EMT's should be divided with the village paying 42% and town paying 58%.

No motions were made by either the Town Board or the Village Board.

**A second Special Board meeting is set for June 11th at 7:00pm at the fire station. It was also requested that the village post on our text messaging two days prior to the meeting letting the public know that there is going to be a meeting to discuss the EMT situation.**

4. Adjourn: 8:00pm