

**MASSENA RESCUE SQUAD**  
**BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 3, 2021**

A special meeting of the Board of Managers was held in room 27 of the Town Hall and called to order at 6pm by President Roger Bennett. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new members/representatives to the board and to discuss numerous outstanding action items.

**Board Members Present:** Roger Bennett, Greg Fregoe, Nancy Fregoe, Debra Willer, Sue Beaulieu.

Sue Beaulieu was introduced as the newest member of the board. Sue is a retiree of Massena (Memorial) Hospital, where she served as the Chief Nurse Executive; Sue brings with her an extensive clinical history as well as vast experience in dealings with both state and federal regulatory agencies.

**Town Board Liaisons Present:** Sue Bellor, Robert Elsner

**Massena Rescue Squad Representatives Present:** Wayne Love, Ben Miller

Wayne Love was introduced as the new President/CEO of Massena Volunteer Emergency Unit. Wayne is a lifetime member of MVEU and has an extensive EMS background. Ben Miller was introduced; Ben also has a strong EMS background and long history with MVEU. Ben serves as their chief.

**General information sharing and discussion items:**

- Roger stated that we need to consider changing the dates for the board's regular monthly meetings. Wayne works every Monday and would not be able to attend on our current schedule; Tuesday meetings would be better for him. The Town Board liaisons are both available on the current Monday schedule, but if we move to Tuesdays they would have back to back meetings of the Library Board (4pm) and our board (6pm). Our board believes it is most important for the squad to be represented at our meetings and suggested that perhaps the liaisons could arrange their schedules so that at least one of them could attend our meeting. The next meeting of our board will be Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6pm.
- Recently completed fishing tournament: Ben and Wayne stated that the squad's dive boat and team were on the water every day while the tournament participants were fishing. MVEU was available for 911 calls during the tournament days and also was on-

site for 6 hours (stand-by) during the concert at the beach and fireworks. The squad received a monetary donation from Coinmint to thank them for their support.

- Roger has received notice from the Town Supervisor that the 2022 budget process has begun and that our data is needed by the end of August. The board and MVEU will attempt to meet this deadline. Nancy reminded the squad to look at leasing some of the more expensive items that they may need versus buying outright.
- Debra asked the MVEU representatives about the status of the 990's for 2016 to present; the board has previously been told that these were all "pending" with the squad's accountants/lawyers. Wayne thought these were all completed, but will check the status and report to us next week.
- Debra asked the MVEU about the status of the contract/MOU between the squad and the town, as we had previously been told the squad's lawyers were working on revisions. Wayne stated that he will have to check on this and will report to us next week.
- Debra asked the MVEU about the status of the mandated physicals for the squad members; we had previously been told that the Town Supervisor was going to contact St Lawrence Health Systems regarding reduced pricing. Wayne stated that he did have some bills from Mountain Medical for physicals, but had not heard anything from the Town. Wayne will check on this.
- There was extensive discussion regarding the future of the squad and EMS services in general. The importance of transparency between all parties was stressed.

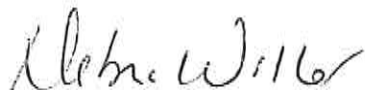
Nancy Fregoe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and asked that the MVEU representatives be included. Debra Willer seconded the motion. No questions were raised and the board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 7:20pm.

The board came out of executive session at 7:30pm. There were no actionable items as a result of the session.

With no further business, Nancy Fregoe made a motion at 7:35pm to adjourn the board meeting, motion was seconded by Greg Fregoe. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Willer

Secretary, Massena Rescue Squad Board of Managers