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PRESS RELEASE

Thursday, September 9, 2021

**FROM: Mayor Timothy J. Ahlfeld
Supervisor Steve O 'Shaughnessy**

RE: Massena Rescue Squad

Last night the Village of Massena Board of Trustees held a joint special meeting with the Town of Massena Town Council to discuss the transfer of Emergency Medical Services duties associated with the Massena Rescue Squad from the Town to the Village.

Over the previous several months, the Town and Village have held many discussions regarding the potential of a transfer. Additionally, a tremendous amount of work has already been completed, behind the scenes, by all involved parties. It is recognized that there is still work to be done while continuously moving forward, as the transition will require additional modifications of current and future contracts and various agreements. However, both Boards are committed to moving forward with the transfer.

Massena Town Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy said, "This is a big win for the Massena community. The Village and Town worked together on this transfer. This illustrates the positives that can be achieved when government works together. The Village of Massena is better positioned to manage the Rescue Squad."

Wayne Love, President of the Massena Volunteer Emergency Unit stated, "Our dedicated Emergency Service personnel is looking forward to working with the Village of Massena. Our community residents can be assured that there will no change in the excellent service that our members currently provide and will continue to provide in the future."

Village of Massena Mayor Tim Ahlfeld agreed with both Supervisor O'Shaughnessy and MVEU President Love, "The Village of Massena is ready to provide any assets and assistance available to make this a seamless transition. The transfer of Massena Rescue into the Village of Massena will situate all three public safety components, EMS, Fire and Police, under the same umbrella."

The transfer is expected to take place on December 31, 2021 at 23:59.

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