

Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

September 30, 2022

We have had nine runs in late August and September. It remains busy and our crew is getting smaller. We have one EMT on leave and one on vacation for about six weeks. So, our budget request will have some ideas of how to increase our staff using existing town employees and police officers.

The hospital is keeping a mask protocol for patients and staff. We will continue to follow their protocol. We do ask each patient what their vaccination status is to help protect our crew. I am waiting for our medical director to change protocols.

We are hoping that our newest police officer agrees to take the EMT class. I have a few other new candidates that I am working on.

At our last meeting we agreed to spend the ACT 102 extra funds from the American Rescue Plan on completing our EKG training and acquiring the necessary equipment. The balance we are working on a way to save for a new box ambulance to replace our oldest rig. I have quotes from Pomasol Demers that I plan to put into the capital equipment plan. The new rigs have a lot of new safety features and technical improvements, including things like air purification, that our old rig does not have.

Sarah has just ordered jackets for four of our EMTs. Alan lost his in the fire but the new EMTs that have been on the service for over a year will be getting theirs. It is in the current budget.

Another item in the budget is a maintenance contract for our Stryker equipment, which amounts to an investment of around \$120,000. The contract is discounted at 20 percent since we are members of the Bayfield Ashland County EMS Council. The total will be \$7,988 per year. I will fill out a purchase order to be on the agenda for the next town board meeting.

Budget work is on-going and my first draft is complete. I will go over it again before it is due on October 7th.

There is a lot of discussion going on with the grant we received for new radios. There is talk of Ashland and Bayfield counties going to a joint dispatch. We have a council meeting next Thursday evening and there should be more news about that at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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