

Minutes of the Special Joint meeting with surrounding townships at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Chetek Community Center, 711 First Street.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor, Jeff Martin.

Mayor Martin explained the reason for the meeting is to address concerns regarding the subsidy increases, decreased service, and future operations for the Chetek Ambulance Service. He explained how the City of Chetek has had over a 100% increase in the ambulance subsidy since 2017. He and council members have heard residents' concerns regarding the ambulance being out of service.

Council members have requested information from the ambulance service to help determine what the changes have been since the director position was made full-time in 2018. The director position changed from a working EMT receiving \$550 per month to a full-time position where the director was not an EMT when hired. Mayor Martin expressed the fact that they are not questioning the ability of the current director, Ryan Olson, but rather the feasibility of paying for a full-time director.

Members of the ambulance service stated they feel having a full-time director has been working better for them. In the past they had some personnel issues. The service has experienced increases in supplies and have had to increase wages for EMTs in order to be able to fill shifts.

There was a consensus that all of the municipalities needed to work on solutions to improve the financial stability of the ambulance service.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer