

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MADISON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECORDS RETENTION & REGULAR SESSION**

03-20-2024

CALL TO ORDER @ 18:47 pm

ROLL CALL - Roll call done; all present except Mr. Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The pledge was recited by all.

Ms. Clapp shared that the District is required to hold records retention meetings yearly. Because of the audit schedule, there are no records to be destroyed at this time.

There was a brief discussion as to whether or not emails/electronic files are considered permanent. Ms. Clapp explained that duplicates are ok to be deleted, however originals are considered permanent.

There being no further business, the records retention session was adjourned @18:50.

REGULAR SESSION:

The Regular Session was called to order at 19:00; Mr. Lee is now present.

PROMOTIONAL:

FF Michael Brewer was sworn in to the position of Lieutenant. Congratulations!

District members and visitors were dismissed to enjoy refreshments in the fire quarters in celebration of Lt. Brewer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 21, 2024 Regular Session minutes were presented.

Motion made to approve the Regular Session minutes by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

BILLS & PAYROLL - February, 2024

Bills (\$132,584.02) and Payroll (\$194,502.64) for a total of \$327,086.66 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

Motion made to approve bills and payroll as presented by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT - February, 2024

Ms. Clapp provided a summary of the February, 2024 Revenue and Expenditures (Fund Summary Reports).

Ms. Clapp shared that extraordinary payments for February include: Richmond and Richmond Insurance in the amount of \$24,264.00 and Heritage Fire in the amount of \$49,728.00 (approved at the February meeting to go along with the set purchased utilizing a BWC grant).

She also shared that the first half property tax payment should be received by the end of the month. Ms. Clapp will transfer the monies from the Andover general checking account to Star Ohio in order to earn greater interest.

OPENING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mrs. Dame stated there will need to be a brief executive session after all other business to discuss personnel - compensation, per ORC 121.22 (G)(1).

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None to report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #24-07 - A Resolution Promoting FF Michael Brush to the position of Lieutenant, Madison Fire District.

Motion to accept Resolution #24-07 made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All eyes

CHIEF'S REPORT

Anniversaries:

FF J. Turek - 42 years, FF James Lagania - 2 years, FF Greg Walker - 2 years.

Financial: EMS revenue is 21.8% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 2.3% of budgeted collection YTD.

Staffing: Continues to do well with overtime continuing to decrease. The promotion of Lt. Brewer will help eliminate the officer overtime.

Volume: The District responded to 304 calls for service in February. On pace for 3930 calls in 2024 (however, February did have a couple of storms which increased call volumes).

Inspections: Remain on-going.

Vehicles: A list of surplus vehicles and equipment is slated to be compiled in April. Items to be sold on govdeals. The search process continues for acquiring a new chief's vehicle to replace one of the Dodge chargers (2013, 2014). E2113 (reserve) is getting the engine rebuilt after inspection and officer discussion. This was budgeted and will allow the District to keep for 5-10 years as a reserve unit.

The new engine 2123 had some wiring reworked to get the Holmatro extrication equipment (2nd set) mounted. This results in matching trucks at both stations.

Buildings: The St. #2 barn gym just needs some finishing touches such as mirrors and possibly another piece of equipment. The project has remained within the approved budget. Basic, routine maintenance continues at both stations; no major issues foreseen at this time.

Other: Department physicals will begin on April 2nd with blood draws being done followed by physicals beginning on April 16th. Chief Meister and all surrounding communities continue to prepare for the eclipse on April 8th since it will pass directly over Madison. Staffing has been increased for the day but should weather impact the eclipse it will be adjusted accordingly. A couple of additional members are completing drone training to bolster the District pilot numbers. Their training will be done via video whereas the first group completed their training in person through the Federal Aviation Association (FAA).

Chief shared that he attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs Winter Symposium in Columbus. Topics discussed included recent legal cases, EMS trends in Ohio, and CBD and marijuana usage in the fire service.

Chief Meister and Captain Faulhammer participated in the 2023 year in review last week with Medicount. Roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the charges are realized (insurance game). The District is one of the highest reimbursed in the area at \$357 per basic run (increased to \$406 in 2024). Estimated revenue for 2024 is \$900-920,000. An increase in rates can be discussed at a future meeting should the Board so choose.

Wellness Grant: Lt. Brewer submitted a proposal to the Ohio EPA to utilize the funds (grant awarded to MFD in 2023) to create a CISM team. Surrounding departments would also be invited to participate. The proposal was immediately approved with \$8,700 for the training and an additional \$3,000 to cover overtime expenses.

CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Donaldson announced that he would now entertain a motion to break into executive session to discuss personnel - compensation, per ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Motion to convene to Executive Session made at 19:30 pm by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

The Regular Session reconvened at 20:20 pm

CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Gauntner stated that the District owns 2 additional parcels in Madison; one on Burns Road, and the other on McMackin Road. The parcel on Burns has zero access to water and sewer (would be very costly to run lines) while the McMackin parcel has no possibility of water and sewer. He proposes that the District look into putting them up for public auction. Current values are as follows: Burns Road = \$23,000 and McMackin \$43,450.

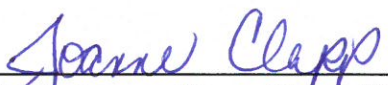
Mr. Gauntner also shared he had a recent experience with the UH Urgent Care that was less than stellar. Half of the building is vacant, no radiology services are available on site, and the ER staff is not even UH; it is a company contracted with UH that staffs it. He expressed great disappointment citing his February, 2023 meeting with UH who promised the world to Madison in an effort to 'sell' the re-opening.

Mr. Lee shared that he experienced care by the District crew that was on duty last weekend (FF J. Romischer, FF G. Strubbe, Capt. T. Sopko). He added "We are represented by some of the best!" He added that those who responded were very skilled, helpful, empathetic, and truly concerned for his well being; even the chase vehicle personnel (Captain Sopko). He joked that his only complaint would be the vehicle suspension; it was quite a bumpy ride despite FF Romischer's best efforts to avoid all pavement imperfections!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 20:21 by: Mr. Gauntner
Seconded by: Mr. Lee ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: April 17, 2024



Attest: Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer



Dan Donaldson, Board Chair