

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MADISON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION**

09-18-2024

CALL TO ORDER @ 1900 hrs.

ROLL CALL - Roll call done; Mr. Anderson is absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The pledge was recited by all.

PART TIME OATH

FF Mackenzie Malec took his oath as a part-time firefighter/paramedic; performed by Ms. Dame.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 27, 2024 (rescheduled) Regular Session minutes were presented for approval.

Motion made to approve the August 27, 2024 minutes by: Mr. Sill

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: (Adams & Wayman abstain), 3 ayes

BILLS & PAYROLL - August, 2024

Bills (\$65,966.74) and Payroll (\$200,997.86) for a total of \$266,964.60 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

Ms. Clapp stated that the extraordinary payments made in August include:

Alert-All (items used for community events), UH Occupational Health for new hire physicals, Richmond & Richmond for ½ of the property/liability insurance premium, Hanley Printing for District accounts payable checks, Belenky for washing machine repair, and Vince's Drain Cleaning & Plumbing for the drain cleaning at Station #2.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT - August, 2024

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

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~~June~~ interest earned was \$26,601.93

She also shared that she transferred \$1,000,000.00 from Andover Bank to Star Ohio to allow increased interest to be earned.

Ms. Clapp informed all Resolution #24-20 is to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Administrator (approved at a previous meeting, Res. #24-14).

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mrs. Dame stated there is a need for an Executive Session as listed on the agenda, as well as the donation Resolutions as noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Dame presented Resolution #24-19 which is to authorize the purchase of a new Chief's vehicle as discussed at the August meeting.

Resolution #24-19 - Authorization to Purchase a 2025 Ford Explorer (Chief's vehicle)

Motion made to approve Resolution #24-19 was made by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Sill

ROLL CALL: all ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #24-20 - Accepting the Lake County Auditor Rates & Amounts for 2025

Motion to accept Resolution #24- 20 made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

Resolution #24-21 - Accepting the Donation Received from Mr. Andrew Reidl in the amount of \$10,000.00

Mr. Lee asked if the money is designated towards any particular item/need; Chief Meister stated that the officers will decide as a group how to best maximize the funds.

Motion to accept Resolution #24-21 made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #24-22 - Accepting Donations Received From the Following in Memory of Stephen Burk: Ms. Denise Curtis, \$25.00; Mr. Joseph Hllavacova, \$25.00; Ms. Patricia Gerred, \$50.00; and Ms. Judith Podsedly, \$50.00

Motion to accept Resolution #24-22 made by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Sill

ROLL CALL: All ayes

CHIEF'S REPORT

Anniversaries:

FF Erin Tennant - 9 years, FF Jesse Sopko - 8 years, FF Joe Romischer - 7 years, and FF Robert Brecker - 1 year. Congratulations to all!

Financial: EMS revenue is 87.3% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 114.6% of budgeted collection YTD.

Staffing: Continues to be stable. Most open spots are filled with less overtime being incurred. Mr. Adams asked for an update on the status of staffing levels; Chief Meister replied that the roster is currently around 37 and full time staffing is at the appropriate level.

Volume: The District responded to 379 calls for service in July. On pace for 3957 calls in 2024 (3720 in 2023).

Mr. Donaldson asked if the total number of patient contacts includes the no transports or if those are additional. Captain Faulhammer explained that it reflects all patient contacts, even if no transport is done or is not done by MFD.

Mr. Lee questioned if it is correct that the number of patient transports on the Incident Statistics report are equal to the number of apparatus transports on the statistics. Captain Faulhammer advised that it is - you want those numbers to match.

Mr. Adams inquired about the number of responses to the UH Urgent Care facility. Chief Meister responded that it really varies; some weeks/days there are several and others so the ebbs and flows seem to balance out.

Inspections: Remain on-going; see report in your folder.

Vehicles: The officers plan to surplus one of the HMEs (price to be determined). Harpersfield Fire is interested in purchasing the engine from department to department. The 2012 chase vehicle's (2147- 12 years old) transmission went out with an estimated repair cost of \$3,000 - 5000. Once repaired it will likely be used for inspections as the current inspection vehicle is not in good shape.

Buildings: Landscaping facelifts continue. The village donated rocks that were used at Station #3 around the back and side of the building. Rocks will also be placed in the beds at Station #2.

Other: The officers will discuss at their next meeting how to best utilize the donation funds.

The Red Cross presented a life saving award at Station #3 on September 11th. The background is that a father and son were processing a deer and the father dropped a very sharp knife which pierced his femoral artery. His son quickly reacted by placing a belt on his father's leg as a tourniquet. His actions most likely prevented the outcome from being very different.

September is suicide awareness and prevention month with last week being suicide prevention week. We hosted Mrs. Sheila Wilson, widow of retired member Ken Wilson and reporter Jessica Dill with Fox 8, also on September 11th. Mrs. Wilson will be attending the unveiling/dedication of the First Responder Memorial in Rockwell, Texas the weekend of September 21st. The memorial is to honor those who have lost their life to suicide as a result of mental health trauma and to help eliminate the stigma that surrounds mental health. The memorial includes, police, fire, dispatchers, and anyone else who have served their communities in this nature. The reporter and photographer had free reign to all areas of the bays, conference room and training room in order to conduct interviews/take pictures & video. Lt. Brewer also attended and provided some memories of his time working with Ken at MFD. The story should air soon after the unveiling.

The healthcare renewal process has begun. Chief will reach out to those on the Health Insurance Committee once quotes for 2025 are received from our broker (anticipate late September or early October).

Michelle (Davis) from Medicount met with Chief to discuss a supplemental billing process available to MFD. It would bring in an additional \$120,000.00 for medicaid/medicare billing. The caveat is that the additional reimbursement goes to the State of Ohio and the District must submit an invoice to be reimbursed. Chief will gather additional information and advise the Board before signing the letter of intent to participate in the program (at the October meeting).

CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Reidel and the Burke Family for their generous donations to the District. He would like to see the larger donation used to purchase an item(s) that would be for the members benefit.

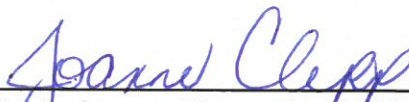
A motion was made to adjourn into Executive Session as ^{* see below} ~~noted on the agenda~~ by Mr. Adams
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman at 1926 hours
ROLL CALL: All eyes

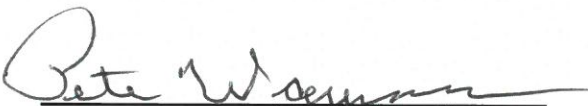
The Regular session reconvened at 2118 hours. There being no further business, Chair Donaldson announced that he would accept a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 2119 by: Mr. Wayman
Seconded by: Mr. Sill
ROLL CALL: All eyes

Accepted and Approved: October 16, 2024


Attest: Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer


Pete Wayman, Vice Chair

* to discuss personnel / employment, discipline, compensation & investigation of complaint against employee per ORC 121.22 (G)(1). jh