

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

**04-17-2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** @ 1900hrs.

**ROLL CALL** - Roll call done; all present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The pledge was recited by all.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**Recognition of Service:**

FF Scott Row was recognized for his 20 years of service to Madison Fire District - We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life!

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 20, 2024 Regular Session minutes were presented.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**BILLS & PAYROLL - March, 2024**

Bills (\$144,813.09) and Payroll (\$193,858.87) for a total of \$338,671.96 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - March, 2024**

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

Employee wages (not including overtime) are being paid utilizing the EMS line item until the budgeted amount is depleted (approx. May, 2024).

Extraordinary payments included 1st half Lake County Central Communications fees and a large invoice from Countryside for the overhaul of 2113.

Monies from the 1st half property taxes and mobile home were received. Ms. Clapp transferred \$1.7M from Andover Bank to Star Ohio in order to earn a higher rate of interest. (\$19,543.46 was earned in March interest.

Ms. Clapp shared that she would like to schedule the 2025 County Alternative Budget meeting at the start of the June meeting. All were in agreement to do so. During this discussion it was determined that due to June 19th being a holiday, the June meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Motion to move the meeting was made by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

\*Notice to be sent to newspapers as required for public notice.

**OPENING PUBLIC PORTION** - None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mrs. Dame stated there will need to be an executive session after all other business as reflected on the agenda, to discuss Personnel - Compensation, per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) as well as Collective Bargaining matters, per ORC 121.22(G)(4).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Dame presented **Resolution #24-08** for Approval of ICISF Program, CISM Participation; utilizing ARPA Wellness grant funds received in 2023.

Motion to approve Resolution #24-08 was made by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Ms. Dame presented **Resolution #24-09** for Approval to Surplus Equipment (2010 Dodge Ram, miscellaneous extrication equipment, and 45 pieces of turnout gear.

Motion to approve Resolution #24-09 was made by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #24-10** - A Resolution Recognizing Scott Row's 20+ years of service to Madison Fire District.

Motion to accept Resolution #24-10 made by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Anniversaries:**

FFs Nick Kohr & Mike Maskal - 14 years.

**Financial:** EMS revenue is 31.8% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 5.5% of budgeted collection YTD.

**Staffing:** Continues to do well with overtime continuing to decrease. The promotion of Lt. Brewer has helped to eliminate the officer overtime.

**Volume:** The District responded to 296 calls for service in March. On pace for 3804 calls in 2024 (3720 in 2023).

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

**Vehicles:** A list of surplus vehicles and equipment has been completed. Items to be sold on govdeals as approved by the resolution earlier in today's meeting. The search process for acquiring a new chief's vehicle to replace one of the Dodge chargers (2013, 2014) has been put on hold for now. E2113 (reserve) continues to have work done to allow the District to keep for 5-10 years as a reserve unit. Captain Henry estimates the total bill for this will be approximately \$28K.

The new engine, 2133 will be going out for some warranty work (site glass, expansion tank).

**Buildings:** The St. #2 barn gym is completed and feedback has been positive. May still acquire small equipment items as members deem necessary (not to exceed approved amount).

**Other:** Department physicals began on April 2nd with blood draws being done. Physicals and ultrasounds began yesterday and continued through today. The trailer is in the bay if anyone is interested in seeing it after the meeting - it's quite impressive. Positive feedback has been received so it's likely that physicals will be revisited in a couple of years.

Solar eclipse day ended up being calmer than a 'normal' day so extra crews were released at approximately 5:00pm. Ohio EMA is providing grant reimbursements up to \$1M to those who incurred OT and equipment costs related to the eclipse. MFD will submit for overtime expenses only.

Application has been made for an AFT grant to purchase new SCBA paks (\$191,000). If approved, our cost would only be approximately \$17,000 to acquire enough to replace the current equipment which is almost 15 years old and close to end of service life.

Kristen Hess (MetroHealth Nurse) to do a human trafficking and opioid use presentation on April 22, 23 & 24th.

MMO has suggested MFD participate in COBRA options which would be an add-on to our monthly invoice from MMO. Cost is only \$0.34/covered member so currently only adds \$6.12 to our monthly expense. This was recommended by our insurance broker at C-Biz after Lt. VanKramer needed to utilize COBRA coverage for a brief time following his retirement. This will allow for all COBRA related management, processing, etc to be done by a third party vs. the District administration trying to coordinate and process correctly. Mr. Donaldson entertained a motion to participate. Motion made by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

The Districts continuing education audit was completed by ODPS on April 4th. Captain Faulhammer participated in the audit and no major issues were found. The audit only occurs every 3 years.

MFD was asked to participate in the Madison HS mocktails (non-alcoholic beverages) event in May. This will be headed up by Lt. Brewer, and is a good way to interact and recruit future District candidates.

**Wellness Grant:** As passed by Resolution #24-08, 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 by the EPA, with \$8,700 for the training and an additional \$3,000 to cover overtime expenses. The training will take place in May.

**CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION** - None.

**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Gauntner stated that he met with the president of Lake Health/UH to discuss issues that he noticed during his recent visit to the UH Madison Urgent Care. She admits that it is currently underutilized and that there are plans to add services in the near future. Mr. Gauntner also advised her that he witnessed a patient be turned away due to an insurance issue which was very upsetting. She said that they are aware there are some insurance coverage issues they are actively working to correct.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Donaldson announced that he would now entertain a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel - compensation, per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and collective bargaining, per ORC (G)(4). Motion to convene to Executive Session made at 19:28 by: Mr. Wayman  
Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All ayes

The group adjourned into executive session at 19:27.  
The Regular Session reconvened at 20:58.

Mr. Gauntner made a motion to increase the wages for Inspector Solymosi to \$24.00/hour effective with the next pay period.

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 20:59 by: Mr. Wayman  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: May 15, 2024

  
Attest: Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
Dan Donaldson, Board Chair