

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

**12-15-21**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

x Mr. Adams	x Mr. Lee	x Chief Baker
x Mr. Anderson	x Mr. Vest	x Joanne Clapp
x Mr. Gauntner	x Mr. Wayman	x Stacy Dame

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

FF Michael Maskal was sworn in by Ms. Dame as a full-time Madison District Firefighter/Paramedic effective January 2, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November 17, 2021 Regular Session minutes were presented.

Motion to approve Regular Session minutes as presented: Mr. Vest

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

5 Ayes (Mr. Wayman Abstain)

**BILLS & PAYROLL - November 2021**

Bills (\$518,089.37) and Payroll (\$162,917.68) for a total of \$681,007.05 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - November 2021**

Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer, summarized the October 2021 Revenue and Expenditures (Fund Summary Report).

**OPENING PUBLIC PORTION** - None to report.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Dame reminded the Board that they must motion to set the reorganization meeting for 2022.

Motion made to hold the meeting 15 minutes prior to the January Board meeting by: Mr.

Gaunter

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

She also thanked Captain Sopko for his diligent work pertaining to the Cask 307 hearing. Ms. Dame reported she was advised that the Ohio Board of Building Appeals will most likely uphold the citation placed on Mr. Debevc. Only the State Fire Marshal can make an exception to a regulation; Madison Fire District does not have authority. Appellant indicated that he was going to make a variance request to the State Fire Marshal's Office so we agreed to a 60 day continuance to allow that process to occur. If the Board of Building Appeals rules in Madison Fire District's favor, Stacy anticipates appellant (Mr. Debevc) will file an administrative appeal which will result in court proceedings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Station #2 Renovation and Addition Project - Update**

CT Consultants has stated a January, 2022 start date; Chief Baker has asked them for a more specific time frame/date. CT Consultants has already stated that the project will run past the original completion date of March 31, 2022 due to supply chain issues and the asphalt plant closure until April 1, 2022.

Mr. Vest asked Joanne to confirm the current interest rates: Ms. Clapp reported loan rates remain at 2% with investment interest rate at 1%.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 21-32 Annual Appropriations 2022**

A resolution approving permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Madison Fire District during the time period ending December 31, 2022.

Motion to accept Resolution 21-32 made by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**Lake County Sheriff's Central Communications Contract**

Chief Baker reported that contracted fees are increasing for 2022, 2023, & 2024 and are non-negotiable. Cost will be \$118,337.94 for 2022. The increase is 3% plus prior year CPI, not to exceed 4%.

Mr. Vest questioned if there was still a generator issue at the facility. Chief Baker reported the issue was resolved prior to the Cares Act.

Motion made to accept the contract by Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Vest

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**CHIEF'S REPORT - December, 2021 - Chief Tod Baker**

Staff anniversaries for December include Firefighter Dennis Meyers with 32 years, Lt. Brian Faulhammer with 21 years and Firefighter Michael Brush with 5 years.

Tax revenue year to date is 8.5% over budget while salaries remain about 10% under budget even with all the overtime. EMS revenue is at 3% above budget with 2021 being the first year to collect over \$.



The call volume for November was 339 with 2021 on track to be over 3,400 total calls. Previously the record high was 3,200+.

Fire inspections continue and outstanding inspection collections continue to improve. Inspections are temporarily delayed due to J. Solymosi being on medical leave. Captain Sopko will cover any urgently needed inspections/issues.

The new Polaris and Skid has arrived and will be put in service as soon as the in-service has been completed. Chief Baker is happy to show any Board member who wishes to see it.

Chief Baker had a year end review with Medicount; reimbursement average is \$306 per call which is respectable. Revenue is up due to volume.

He met with the ISO inspector earlier today; rating should be received shortly after the new year.

He reported that he, Mr. Gauntner & Mr. Lee met with representatives from both the full-time and part-time unions today to discuss collective bargaining.

**CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION** - None to report.

**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Vest recalled Lt. Faulhammer recently sent information on violence in the workplace. He asked if Madison Fire District has a bullet proof vest policy; Chief Baker confirmed we do. Mr. Vest also asked if there was a firearms policy; Chief Baker confirmed there is also a firearms policy which states none are permitted. Mr. Vest stated that the District should consider writing a violence in the workplace policy at some point in 2022.

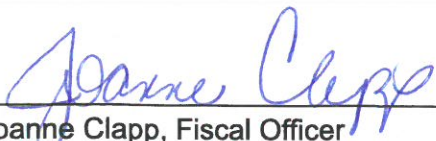
Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss collective bargaining @ 7:27 pm by: Mr. Vest  
Seconded by: Mr. Adams ROLL CALL: All eyes

Regular Session reconvened at 8:27 pm.

Motion was made for Ms. Dame to compose a letter to the Full-Time Union authorizing one (1) additional kelly day as requested by: Mr. Gauntner  
Seconded by: Mr. Vest ROLL CALL: All eyes

Mr. Anderson announced the next scheduled meetings are the Reorganization meeting at 6:45 pm on January 19, 2022 and the regular meeting also on January 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session @ 8:32 pm by: Mr. Lee  
Seconded by: Mr. Adams ROLL CALL: All eyes

  
Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
Max Anderson, Chairman