

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

**05-18-2022**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 7:01 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2023 TAX BUDGET**

No requests for copies were received and no public present.

Ms. Clapp presented Resolution #22-09 - Approving and adopting the 2023 tax budget for the Madison Fire District.

Mr. Gauntner asked Ms. Clapp to announce the proposed tax budget for 2023 which is revenue collection of \$3,873,200 and expenditures \$3,725,000.

Motion to approved made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Gaunter

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**REGULAR SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 20, 2022 Regular Session minutes were presented.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

**BILLS & PAYROLL - April, 2022**

Bills (\$73,896.59) and Payroll (\$151,514.65) for a total of \$225,411.24 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - April, 2022**

Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer, summarized the April 2022 Revenue and Expenditures (Fund Summary Report).

Ms. Clapp shared that the bond interest payment is due and no funds need to be transferred as the balance was greater than the amount due.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Dame provided the following update on the case regarding Cask 307: the record has been filed by the Board of Building appeals. A briefing schedule has been outlined by the Lake County Common Pleas Court. The opposing counsel will be requesting a 30 day extension (for marriage/honeymoon). Ms. Dame is accepting of the extension. Captain Sopko continues to work with Cask 307 representatives to see if a resolution can be developed.

Mr. Gauntner stated that the Madison Fire District has been named, however the Building Board of Appeals issued the ruling. He asked if they now become part of the lawsuit - Ms. Dame replied they have certified the record and consider their part complete. Moving forward the appellant must prove that the Building Appeals did not receive credible proper evidence to uphold our citation. The Court will make a decision whether or not the Board of Building Appeals had an error or not enough evidence before it. The Attorney General's Office has clarified all of this to Ms. Dame.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chief Baker reported that the project is slightly stalled due to the doors being delayed (supply chain issue). The floors, paint and ceiling tiles are done as well as the bathroom accessories being installed.

A change order for the paving will be completed. Chief Baker would like to bid out the job separately to encompass the entire lot vs. doing only a small section as originally planned. He expects the project to cost between \$50,000 to \$60,000. He has reached out to three (3) vendors but has not yet received any quotes.

Chief Baker and Mr. Gauntner will attend a punch list review meeting on the 25th with CT & Metis. All to be kept apprised.

Chief Baker announced that the duty crew will need to be displaced when the demolition of the existing bathroom occurs. The duration should be only 1 day - details forthcoming.

Mr. Gaunter stated that the new dorms are spartan and small - residents should not feel that the project was done with any exuberance.

Mr. Anderson recommended that the one time per year meeting that occurs at Station #2 (typically the August meeting) be held off until the project is completed so that the public can be invited to an open house. All were in agreement to postpone the change of location (for 1 meeting only) until completion of the renovation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Baker reported that the ambulance at Station #2 (2122) blew a spark plug last Friday and was towed to Countryside. He expects the repair expense to be costly - provided Countryside is able to get parts (due to supply chain issues).

The EMS group and officers have agreed to simply order the same lifeline squad that was ordered in October. This saves time on creating new specs and going through the process of looking at squads...because there really aren't demos available. He asked the board's approval for the option to purchase a demo if one becomes available that meets our specs and pricing. The quote received on a Ford E350 was \$267,413 and is good for 30 days.

Ms. Dame presented **Resolution #22-10** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Ford E450 Life Line Ambulance of similar available model not to exceed \$214,413.

Chief Baker shared that the current quote for the above mentioned vehicle is \$267,413. Chairman Robert Lee asked for a motion to amend the purchase amount in the resolution to \$267,413.

Motion to amend the spending limit made by: Mr. Anderson  
Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: all ayes

Motion to accept the amended Resolution #22-10 made by: Mr. Adams  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: all ayes

The officers also discussed purchasing a sister for 2123, again saving time by using previous specs. If anyone has suggestions, modifications or does not like something about the engine please let Chief Baker know asap. The sooner the purchase is started, the sooner we get in line...and the pricing better. The quote received on a new engine in the amount of \$682,405 is also only good for 30 days...pricing right now is indeed that volatile.

Ms. Dame presented **Resolution #22-11** - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2023 Spartan Pumper or similar available model not to exceed \$682,405.

Motion to accept Resolution #22-11 made by: Mr. Wayman  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: all ayes

Ms. Dame presented **Resolution #22-12** - A resolution authorizing additional compensation to James Solymosi, Fire Inspector.

Motion to accept made by: Mr. Anderson  
Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: all ayes

**CHIEF'S REPORT - April, 2022 - Chief Tod Baker**

Chief Baker shared that staff anniversaries for the month were FF Scott Wells - 29 years, Captain Justin Meister - 21 years, FF Bill Weema - 16 years, FF Jeremy Neurohr - 10 years and Administrative Assistant Laurie Hogya with 1 year.

EMS collections were about 10% vs. the projected 8.3%.

The onboarding to an autofill program with Central Dispatch has been completed. This helps Central to automatically dispatch the next closest department when Madison units are unavailable. He would like to move towards station alerting to help with sleep deprivation. Central is now using CAD to identify the next closest assist from neighboring departments if Madison is unavailable.

Significant decreases in overtime have been seen since the start of the 3 new fulltimers (with the exception of vacation coverage and classes). Mr. Adams asked if staffing is now acceptable with the recent 3 new full time hires. Chief Baker indicated that for now it is however the part-time roster is down to 8 with another resignation accepted in the last week.

Call volume was 286 for April and 13% higher than 2021 which was a record year.

Still no update on the Madison Emergency Department from University Hospitals. Chief Baker continues to email weekly asking for an update.

Engine #2113 will need significant engine work and Engine #2133 is due to be evaluated soon.

Chief Baker is working on a BWC grant; focusing on wellness and station alerting. He would like to use the funds (if approved) to fund a gym at Station #2. The grant is similar to a safer grant - not guaranteed to renew yearly.

The six newest members of MFD are attending Blue Card Training this week which is a training and certification system that defines the best standard command practices for common, local, everyday strategic and tactical emergency operations (incident command).

There are currently no red flags in the budget, however it is expected that fuel costs will most likely be above projected so will need to adjust appropriations at the end of the year.

Lt. Faulhammer is working on a regional radio grant (FEMA & SAFER) and an ARPA grant (federal monies from COVID).

Lt. Henry changed the oil and ensured the jet ski is ready for use.

The mule got its first scratch on the recent incident at Hogback South (the mule is barely smaller than the bridge) .

Drone training has been started - Jesse Sopko & Mike Brush went to the Lake and have started a plot map which can be used during situations where the drone is utilized.

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

**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

05-18-2022

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 7:46 pm by: Mr. Anderson  
Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner ROLL CALL: All ayes

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Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

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Robert Lee, Chairman