

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

**09-21-2022**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August 17, 2022 Regular Session minutes were presented.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: 5 ayes (Mr. Gauntner Abstain)

**BILLS & PAYROLL - August, 2022**

Bills (\$148,690.88), Lake County Auditor payment (\$9,159.16) and Payroll (\$156,829.77) for a total of \$314,679.81 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Gauntner

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - August, 2022**

Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer, summarized the August 2022 Revenue and Expenditures (Fund Summary Report). Ms. Clapp asked the Board if amended appropriations (being done next month) should be done by line item or grouped; all in attendance were agreeable to group as they are now.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Dame requested a brief Executive Session to discuss pending litigation pertaining to the Cask 307 appeal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chief Baker reported that the project is now considered complete and all remaining payables are being processed. Smaller projects (for functionality) are being completed by staff and the kitchen will be remodeled over the next couple of months.

Mr. Gauntner recommended that all members tour the facility - renovation was done out of necessity vs. extravagance and Mr. Lee agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #22-19 - A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Lake County Auditor.

Motion made to approve Resolution #22-19 made by: Mr. Donaldson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #22-20 - A resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Mrs. Shellie Byrne to be utilized to purchase smoke detectors.

Motion made to approve Resolution #22-20 made by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**CHIEF'S REPORT - September, 2022**

Chief Baker shared the following staff anniversaries: FFs E. Tennant - 7 years, J. Sopko - 6 years, J. Romischer - 5 years and K. Baker - 4 years.

Budget year to date is good with 108% of projected tax revenue collections and 80% of projected EMS revenue collections.

Staffing has stabilized with an average of six on duty daily.

Call volume year to date is 5% greater than 2021 with 313 calls for emergency services in August (223 medical/90 other).

The front and rear man doors at Station #2 have been replaced as the old doors could be opened if pushed on hard enough. Station #3 gutter replacement is in progress (delayed due to weather).

The new gutters have been installed. One small section was missed but Chief Baker has been in touch with the installer to rectify.

The officers are discussing the process for upcoming promotionals (3 in 2023). They may decide to promote one early to allow for the best succession.

Chief Baker reminded all that Union contracts are ninety (90) days out

A letter was received from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding pre-emptive devices. They will be replacing traffic signals on Route 20. Four (4) current devices will be impacted and ODOT recommends an additional device on DeRobertis. Chief Baker and those

present agreed one is not needed at this location. ODOT is asking the District to enter into an agreement that designates Madison Fire District financially responsible for repairs along with a \$300 per year fee. Chief Baker stated that he forwarded the agreement to Ms. Dame for review. Some questions were submitted to the state but no response has been received to date. Mr. Gauntner shared that Madison Township is responsible for zero currently (do not even have opticom equipment in the police vehicles). Mr. Donaldson asked if there is a fee for the existing ones. Lt Faulhammer explained that the District entered into the original agreement with ODOT in 2010 and initially paid approximately \$24,000. The state is supposed to be billing the District a yearly \$300 fee but to date zero invoices have been received. Mr. Donaldson asked if the existing units will work correctly once connected back into the new equipment. Ms. Dame stated ODOT was asked the following questions:

1. Are there any existing units in the location where the state plans to install new ones?
2. How are the new devices different from existing ones?
3. Why replace if the existing units are working?
4. Why would the District want to take on the expense and liability if existing units work?

Chief Baker to share responses from ODOT with all once received.

The District has seen a large increase in the number of non-emergency calls to the nursing home/intermediate care facilities for such things as lift assists. Chief Baker reached out to the Administration for these facilities and is working to resolve the issue. Diane McCluckey from Lake County Board MRDD confirmed that staff at the facilities are not allowed to use force to pick a resident up off the floor (i.e. the resident is sitting on the floor and refuses to get up - but is not injured in any way). Chief Baker has reached out to Senator Cirino & Representative Callender because the district cannot function as the public safety net by taking on the additional call volume for assists.

Chief Baker does not foresee the Emergency Department re-opening. Given that the certificate of need is no longer in effect, a redundancy of services as well as shortages in other services is created. Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Gauntner both stated that zoning has no control over preventing an increased number of facilities. Mr. Lee supports Chief Baker's efforts to keep all approved of these situations. Mr. Adams asked how other communities compare - Chief Baker stated all are facing the same struggles. He feels that legislative changes are needed in order to correct the issues. Chief Baker stated that one option would be to bill for service (the facility receives a bill for each non-emergency call for assistance). Mr. Gaunter & Mr. Lee both support this option. Mr. Donaldson stated there will need to be a clear policy on how to handle this. Mr. Lee asked Ms. Dame to check regulations for billing for service and report back at the next meeting.

**CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION** - None

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by: Mr. Wayman at 7:43 pm

Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:59 pm

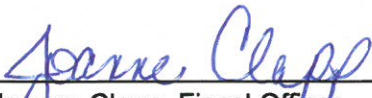
**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS** - none

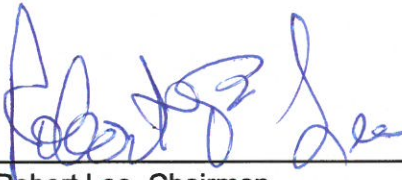
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 8:00 pm by: Mr. Donaldson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

  
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Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
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Robert Lee, Chairman