

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

**02-15-2023**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 7:03 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.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 18, 2023 Regular Session minutes were presented.

Motion made to approve Regular Session minutes as presented by: Mr. Adams  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson ROLL CALL: (4 ayes; Mr. Lee abstain)

The January 18, 2023 Reorganization Meeting minutes were presented.

Motion made to approve the Reorganization Meeting minutes as presented by: Mr. Wayman  
Seconded by: Mr. Adams ROLL CALL: (4 ayes; Mr. Lee abstain)

**BILLS & PAYROLL - January, 2023**

Bills (\$144,558.23) and Payroll (\$170,395.26) for a total of \$314,953.49 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

Motion made to approve bills and payroll as presented by: Mr. Adams  
Seconded by: Mr. Lee ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - January, 2023**

Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer, summarized the January 2023 Revenue and Expenditures (Fund Summary Report).

Property Tax advance was received in the amount of \$750,000.00

She shared that the Bi-Annual audit will begin soon and they hope to complete it by the end of March.

**OPENING PUBLIC PORTION** - None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mrs. Dame reported that she and Chief Baker met with Cask 307. Preliminary approval has been given to them after review of drawings. Things seem to be moving in the right direction.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Baker shared that the smaller projects at Station #2 are almost complete and suggested possibly holding the March meeting at that location for all to see the improvements.

Motion made to move the March meeting location to Station #2 made by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Gaunter sent an email to all Board members regarding the Madison Emergency Department. Chief Baker and Mr. Gaunter met with University Hospital (UH) officials on Monday February 13, 2023 to discuss the Madison Emergency Department facility. UH advised that it will be re-opened as an Urgent Care location and would like to open on June 1, 2023. This will put additional stress on manpower transporting those that present there but need to be in an emergency department. UH has proposed they enter into a public/private partnership with the Madison Fire District. UH would bring a squad to Station #3 with staff for 12 hours/day to assist with the additional runs. The Fire District will be looking into all the legalities of doing this. UH stated that Boardman and Austintown Township do this with private ambulance companies. Mrs. Dame will reach out to them to see if they are willing to share their agreements for language, etc.

Chief Baker shared that there is a Law Firm in Pennsylvania that may be able to help. Mrs. Dame reached out to both Boardman and Austintown Fire Chiefs asking them if they would provide any information. She will also reach out to the contact she has for the Attorney General's/Fire Marshal's office since they may have resources available. Board to be kept informed.

Mr. Gaunter mentioned that possibly the old Station #1 on Hubbard may be a feasible location to house the UH ambulance.

Mr. Lee asked for confirmation that the ambulance would be provided by UH and UH would be responsible for all maintenance. There was also discussion regarding if an injury occurs to one of the UH staff while at the Madison Fire District facility. Mr. Gaunter expressed that this would need to be addressed in the terms of the agreement with UH.

Mr. Adams asked if UH had considered using the Urgent Care to stage the ambulance. Chief Baker explained that there must be secure, permanent housing, dormitory space for staff, water & sewer so the existing campus does not meet requirements.

Chief Baker shared that it may be time to lobby legislators to change the ruling that ambulances can only transport to emergency departments. For example, if the District is called for an ankle

injury, they would then be allowed to transport to the Urgent Care vs. the emergency department.

Chief Baker has located some additional equipment that is no longer utilized by the district and would like the Board's approval to declare as surplus and list on Gov.Deals

Resolution #23-03 - A resolution declaring certain equipment owned by the Madison Fire District as surplus, not needed for public purpose and obsolete, and authorizing the sale thereof (exhibit of items attached).

Chief Baker discussed reasoning for each item being on the list.

Motion to adopt Resolution #23-03 made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-04 - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2023 SeaDoo Explorer in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars and zero cents (\$20,000.00).

Chief Baker explained that the current jet ski (purchased used from Roaming Shores) would be better suited for an inland lake, vs. Lake Erie. It has served the District ok but has been more of a 'learning' model. The new one is better suited to the District.

Motion to adopt Resolution #23-04 made by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-05 - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Good Health Sauna in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars and zero cents (\$6,700.00) and authorizing payments provided therein.

The Chief would like to utilize the funds made from the surplus sale of the old jet ski & trailer (\$6,500) to cover most of the costs associated with this purchase. Studies show that there are toxins firefighters are exposed to during structure fires. Time spent in the sauna following major fires will help the body to detoxify. There are also mental health benefits (proven depression scale decreases) to staff utilizing a sauna. Mr. Adams stated that he is also aware that there are some benefits for those who suffer from PTSD. He thanked Chief Baker for being forward thinking.

Motion to accept Resolution #23-05 made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Chief Baker reminded the Board that the current radios become obsolete in 2024. He was not intending to request purchase at this time however the manufacturer is having a sale (\$6,279.44/each vs \$8,000 regular price). He asked the Board to approve the purchase of radios.

Resolution #23-06 - A resolution authorizing the purchase of eleven (11) portable Motorola radios in an amount not to exceed Sixty Nine Thousand, One Hundred Dollars and zero cents (\$69,700.00). This is the state contract pricing.

Chief Baker reminded the Board that current radios will be obsolete at the end of this year. We could purchase the same model for approximately \$5,500 each. However Motorola is currently running a promotional for the newest model for \$6,200 each. There is also a chance that the District could receive a FEMA grant to purchase radios.

Mr. Gauntner recommended the District purchase at least 10 radios at the discounted pricing if funding is available. Chief Baker stated that he would recommend purchasing between 7 and 11 radios. He confirmed that there are unappropriated funds that would cover the cost. A resolution to reappropriate the funds can be done at the March meeting.

Motion to adopt Resolution #23-06 made by: Mr. Anderson  
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-07 - A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to transfer funds from the General Fund, Contingencies Line to the General Fund, Machinery, Equipment and Furniture Line in the amount of \$6,700.00.

Mrs. Dame explained the purpose of the resolution is to be sure to utilize the funds received from the surplus sale to cover the expense of the sauna.

Motion made to adopt Resolution #23-07 made by: Mr. Adams  
Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The only staff anniversary this month is Chief Baker, 34 years.

It is too early in the year to report the tax revenue, however EMS revenue is 10% of yearly projection. Captain Meister has diligently been working with staff to ensure proper documentation (no missing information/signatures, proper narratives) helps the District to receive maximum reimbursement.

Salaries remain within budget. Staffing has been stable with occasional overtime required.

Volume for January was 306 calls; 223 of those which were of a medical nature while 83 involved something other than medical.

The new squad is still expected in February/March; most likely the end of March.

Chief Baker mentioned that the District will soon need to begin looking to replace 2117 which is one of the chase vehicles. He reached out to Classic Madison who was not optimistic about finding a vehicle at this time to meet our needs. He will again address this with Classic later this year.

**CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION** - None

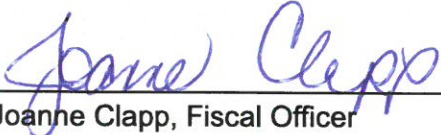
**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

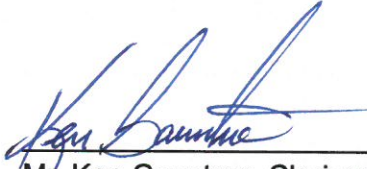
Mr. Gauntner mentioned the house fire which occurred on Sunday. Chief Baker reported no injuries. Captain Meister reported that the house is most likely not inhabitable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 8:00 pm by: Mr. Wayman  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: March 18, 2023

  
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Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
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Mr. Ken Gauntner, Chairman