

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

4-19-2023

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:06 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 March 15, 2023 Regular Session minutes were presented.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: (4 ayes; Mr. Anderson abstain)

BILLS & PAYROLL - March, 2023

Bills (\$108,223.30), Payroll (\$176,971.77), and Lake Co. Auditors' tax collection fee (\$32,997.39) for a total of \$318,192.46 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

Ms. Clapp confirmed that the Lake County Auditor payment is the fee they charge for collecting levy monies and we will be billed a second time in September. She also advised all that the bills were higher in March due to the first half year payment for dispatching.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT - March, 2023

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

Interest earned in March at Star Ohio was \$15,403.88; currently at 5.05%

Ms. Clapp asked the Board if they wish to hold the 2024 Budget Public Hearing in May or June (must be done prior to July 1st each year). Ms. Clapp stated she is prepared to hold the hearing at either meeting. Those in attendance agreed that the public hearing shall be done prior to the start of the next Board meeting on May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm with the Regular Board Session to immediately follow. It will be advertised in the News-Herald.

Motion made to hold the public hearing on May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

OPENING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

LEGAL COUNSEL - Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Baker shared that a quote for workout equipment was received for \$19,132, which included \$3,742 in shipping charges. He will negotiate with the vendor in an effort to reduce the costs quoted. Estimated expense for the other work (trades) is \$5-6000K. This includes a dual purpose in the wall heat/air conditioning unit. Surplus of old equipment brought in almost \$17,000 which will cover a majority of the project.

Mr. Gauntner expressed that the building definitely needs improvement. Mr. Anderson asked if heat would be lost due to the building having an overhead door. Chief Baker explained that it will not; the workout area is to be sealed off completely from the other part of the building.

Resolution #23-09 - Authorization to Renovate & Improve the Station #2 Barn for a Workout Space (not to exceed \$25,000).

A motion to approve Resolution #23-09 was made by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #23-10 - Approval to Surplus the Following Equipment: Yamaha Jetski, 2009 Chevy Ambulance, and Stryker 6500 Cot.

Chief Baker stated that there are a few more items he would like to surplus: 1. Yamaha Jetski; 2. 2009 Chevy Squad; and 3. Stryker Cot (from the 2009 squad). He reminded the Board how much money was received for the last items so he feels the market is right to list additional items. The squad and cot will be listed as soon as the new one is delivered and put into service.

*Ms. Dame noted that the resolution only lists the Yamaha Jetski and the 2009 Chevy Ambulance, however it should be amended to also include the Stryker 6500 Cot as listed on the agenda.

Motion to approve Resolution #23-10 made by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

PFUND Superior Sales Invoice - Chief Baker brought forth the final invoice for the squad which was approved via motion at the October, 2021 meeting. The District had to ultimately get in line for an alternate demo to the one initially desired. Items such as undercoating, additional

equipment and the Ford discount being less than originally stated result in the final invoice being \$255,631.00 which is \$5,631 above the original motioned approval amount. Those in attendance agreed to approve the additional funds via motion.

Motion to approve the additional funds made by: Mr. Lee
Seconded by: Mr Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Ohio State Fire Marshal's Grant (\$5,000) - Chief Baker shared the District has received the aforementioned grant and is recommending that the funds be utilized towards the purchase of one (1) additional Next Radio. The cost of each is \$9,000 so Chief Baker is asking the Board to approve the appropriation of the grant money, plus the additional \$4,000 needed to make the purchase. This will allow the District to test out the new technology and see how it will work with current systems.

Motion to approve the expenditure as listed above made by: Mr. Anderson
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Chief Baker thanked Lt. Faulhammer for all of his work in obtaining the grant.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The following members are recognized for their anniversaries: FF Nick Kohr - 13 years and FF Mike Maskal - 13 years.

EMS revenue is 28.3% of yearly projection with the run volume slightly under that of March, 2022.

Salaries remain within budget. Staffing has been stable but OT will ramp up as vacation season begins.

Volume for March was 293 calls; 205 of those were of a medical nature while 88 involved something other than medical.

Chief Baker advised the Board he is working on an AARPA Grant in which monies are granted to allow for a one time 10% retention bonus to be paid to the members of the District. He is cautiously optimistic as they have asked for additional information.

Chief Baker stated that he has been attending the Lake County Commissioners meetings for the last several weeks as an advocate for the Fire District with regards to the Ford Road closure. This has resulted in the residents being at risk of not receiving needed medical care in a timely fashion. There were some negative comments made back to him by one of the commissioners. Commissioner Regovich met with Chief Baker last Monday for 3.5 hours to discuss this and other concerns such as agritourism and the problem with non-validation of the qualifications to achieve that title. He wanted the Board to be aware of his involvement should there be any complaints made to them.

Mr. Gauntner stated that Mr. Plesnick has made many negative comments affecting economic development and that Mr. Plesnick operates with the same dissension that he created in Willoughby Hills. He recommended that all watch the recent meetings and stated he is beyond proud of how Chief Baker handled himself under the fire of non-factual and uncalled for comments. Mr. Gauntner reiterated that Madison Fire District did not impose a fine on the business, the Ohio Board of Appeals did. He feels Commissioner Plesnick is a political opportunist and is using the new jail funding as reason to not support the repair of Ford Road.

Mr. Anderson stated that he watched a couple of the recordings and agrees that Chief Baker spoke well, was professional and did an outstanding job of protecting Madison residents.

Mr. Gauntner asked if there is any update with regards to the Burger King building. Captain Sopko stated that the insurance company adjuster will be reaching out to the attorney for Burger King to ask what the next course of action is. There are codes in place to protect residents/cities from unsecure structures so that declaration may need to be made. Captain Sopko stated there is demolition fund money which should be received by Madison Township. He will follow up with the adjuster if he has not heard back by Thursday afternoon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Personnel -

Employment made at 19:41 by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Regular Session was resumed at 20:45

CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION - None

CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 20:45 by: Mr. Anderson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: May 17, 2023



Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer



Mr. Ken Gauntner, Chairman