

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

**08-16-2023**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

x Mr. Adams	x Mr. Gauntner	x Chief Meister
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 July 19, 2023 Regular Session and the July 12 & 28, 2023 Special Session minutes were presented.

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

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**BILLS & PAYROLL - July, 2023**

Bills (\$345,099.54) and Payroll (\$204,733.48) for a total of \$549,833.02 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

Ms. Clapp advised that the bill amount is high due to the payment for the new squad and Richmond & Richmond (insurance).

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

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT - July, 2023**

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

Ms. Clapp shared that the District received a property tax advancement in the amount of \$500,000. She also stated the amount on the bill pay is different than that on her report because of the transfer of funds from general to benefits.

**OPENING PUBLIC PORTION** - None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Dame reported that she will need a brief executive session to discuss pending litigation (pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(3)).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None to report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Meister shared that the officers have been searching for a potential new chase vehicle for Station #3 (the current one is 10 years old and has over 100,000 miles). Captain Henry was able to locate a Ford Explorer at Montrose Ford in Fairlawn that meets the District's needs. They were willing to hold the vehicle until after tonight's meeting. There are still waiting lists with other manufacturers; Captain Henry was told the District would be 561st on the Chevy Tahoe wait list and there is no timeframe for when they will be able to begin fulfilling orders for those on the list. Dodge is not able to fulfill Durango orders and also has a lengthy list. Due to the continued difficulty with obtaining new vehicles, the officers recommend that we purchase the one Montrose Ford has in stock. Some aftermarket equipment will need to be purchased and installed (lights, siren, decals, etc.). Quotes will be requested and shared with all.

Mr. Gauntner stated if there is money available, he recommends the District move forward with the purchase of the vehicle while the opportunity is available. All other members agree and Mr. Adams stated he feels that is a good price.

**Resolution #23-22** - Authorization to Purchase 2023 Ford Explorer from Montrose Ford in the amount of \$41,915.64.

Motion to accept resolution #23-22 made by: Mr. Adams  
Seconded by: Mr. Anderson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

The following members are recognized for their anniversaries: Lieutenant Al VanKramer - 35 years, Captain Frank Henry - 24 years, and Inspector Jim Solymosi - 4 years.

EMS revenue is 74.2% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 73.8% of budgeted collection YTD.

Staffing remains stable. Overtime continues to be required to cover vacations as many of the part time staff also take time off in the warmer months.

Volume for July was 330 calls; 234 of those were of a medical nature while 96 involved something other than medical. Anticipating increased volume once the Urgent Care is opened.

The second new squad (2132) is to be delivered tomorrow and the new engine (2133) delivery has been pushed back to December due to engine availability issues.

The Station #2 Fitness room project will hopefully get back on track (stalled due to vacations, call volume, etc.).

The officers will be conducting some interviews to attempt to hire part time staff. Notice was placed on the District social media page.

There will be a need to backfill a full time staff spot when Chief Meister removes himself from shift in January, 2024. Promotions will also take place. All to be kept apprised.

ERS has been bought out by ESO and will honor the current contract (ERS) for one (1) year. Their fees are \$5,000 for year two (2) and \$7,000 for year three (3). The officers recommended that other vendors be considered so no contract with ESO will be signed at this time.

Final approval was received for the ARPA Retention Grant. The District will receive \$78,617.27 to be dispersed to those staff who were employed during the stipulated time frame and are still employed at the time of payment. All will receive live checks because the District must submit proof of all payments and all checks being cashed/deposited.

The District website will soon be revamped. Chief Meister & Lt. Faulhammer are working with CMH to improve it - more details to follow.

**CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION** - None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation, pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) was made at 19:20 by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Regular Session was reconvened at 19:25. Mr. Gaunter stated that no action is needed at this time.

**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS** - None.

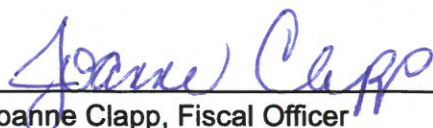
**ADJOURNMENT**

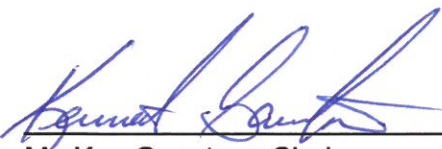
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 19:26 by: Mr. Adams

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: September 20, 2023

  
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Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
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Mr. Ken Gaunter, Chairman