

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

12-20-2023

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:03 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The pledge was recited by all.

REGULAR SESSION

PROMOTIONS/HIRING

Mrs. Dame delivered the following oaths:

- Lieutenant Brian Faulhammer promoted to EMS Captain
- FF Michael Brush promoted to Lieutenant
- Gabriel Ananea hired as full time firefighter/paramedic
- Jamie Burgett hired as full time firefighter/paramedic
- Hunter Garisek hired as full time firefighter/paramedic

The Madison Fire District would like to thank Alan Van Kramer for his 35+ years of service to the department and the residents of Madison. He retired from his position (and employment with the District) on December 9, 2023. Due to circumstances beyond his control, Lt. Van Kramer was not able to be in attendance but did attend virtually. Chief Meister read Resolution #23-36 - Service Recognition for Lt. Alan Van Kramer. Lieutenant Brush who also serves as the Local #3141 President, read aloud the resignation letter received from Lt. Van Kramer.

*A brief recess was taken at 7:20 pm to allow the honorees and their guests to converse and be excused from the rest of the meeting.

Motion to take a brief recess made by: Mr. Donaldson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

The Regular Session resumed at 7:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 15, 2023 Regular Session minutes were presented.

Motion made to approve the Regular Session minutes as amended by: Mr. Donaldson

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: Donaldson abs; Wayman abs; 3 ayes

Since no quorum was achieved (4 ayes) to approve the minutes, they will be re-presented at the January 17, 2024 meeting.

BILLS & PAYROLL - November, 2023

Bills (\$558,008.07) and Payroll (\$330,526.38) for a total of \$888,534.45 are motioned for acceptance and payment.

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

ROLL CALL: All ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT - November, 2023

Ms. Clapp was detained in another meeting and not present to summarize the November financials. Report to be given at the January 17, 2024 meeting.

OPENING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

LEGAL COUNSEL - Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #23-35 - A Resolution to Amend prior Resolution #19-16.

Ms. Clapp provided all with the requested information regarding retirement payouts. Resolution #19-16 stipulates that interest earned be applied to the Earned Benefits Fund. Provided all five (5) eligible members retire between now and the end of 2028, the balance in the fund would still remain at \$94,214.52. Ms. Clapp is proposing that the resolution be amended to let the earned interest be appropriated to offset expenditures in 2024. She suggests that the Board revisit the resolution in the fall of 2024 if they wish to reinstate the stipulation that interest earned be appropriated to Earned Benefits.

Motion to take Resolution #23-35 off the table was made by: Mr. Wayman
Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Motion to approve Resolution #23-35 made by: Mr. Donaldson
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #23-36 - A Resolution Recognizing Lt. Alan Van Kramer's 35+ years of service to the Madison Fire District.

Motion to accept Resolution #23-36 made by: Mr. Adams
Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-37 - A Resolution Approving and Amending the Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2023.

Ms. Clapp notified all via email that this is necessary due to the recent, unexpected retirement payout.

Motion to accept resolution #23-37 made by: Mr. Lee
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-38 - A Resolution Approving the Permanent Appropriations for the period ending December 31, 2024.

Motion to accept resolution #23-38 made by: Mr. Lee
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-39 - A Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Lieutenant Brian Faulhammer to EMS Captain and establishing rate of pay.

Motion to accept resolution #23-39 made by: Mr. Lee
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-40 - A Resolution to Authorizing the Promotion of FF Michael Brush to Lieutenant and establishing rate of pay.

Motion to accept resolution #23-40 was made by: Mr. Adams
Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-41 - A Resolution Hiring Gabriel Ananea as a fulltime firefighter/paramedic and establishing rate of pay.

Motion to accept resolution #23-41 was made by: Mr. Wayman
Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-42 - A Resolution Hiring Jamie Burnett as a fulltime firefighter/paramedic and establishing rate of pay.

Motion to accept resolution #23-42 was made by: Mr. Adams
Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Resolution #23-43 - A Resolution Hiring Hunter Garisek as a fulltime firefighter/paramedic and establishing rate of pay.

Motion to accept resolution #23-43 was made by: Mr. Adams
Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Those in attendance decided that the Annual Reorganization meeting for 2024 is set for immediately prior to the next Board meeting (at 6:45 pm) on January 17, 2024.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The following members are recognized for their anniversaries: FF Dennis Myers - 34 years, Lt. Mike Brush - 7 years, and Captain Faulhammer - 23 years.

EMS revenue is 102.3% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 107.9% of budgeted collection YTD.

Staffing continued to be challenging with significant overtime due to staff being out on injury/illness. The schedule will see much less overtime beginning with the next pay cycle due to the addition of the three (3) full time members hired at the beginning of tonight's meeting.

There were 330 calls for service in November; 251 of an EMS nature while 79 were something other than medical. Volume continues to be on pace to reach 3700+ for the year (3659 in 2022).

Vehicles: The new engine delivery has been pushed back to mid/late January, 2024. Captain Sopko and Lt. Brush traveled to South Dakota last week to conduct the final inspection before delivery to Johnson's for decals. The chase vehicle is being outfitted with lights and sirens and will be put in service soon.

The St. #2 gym continues to move forward with flooring being ordered in the next week. Estimated time for completion is early January. Thank you to Captain Henry, Lt. Sample and all others who have worked to make this a reality.

The current chief's vehicle has 105,000 miles on it and can still be utilized, however it is the recommendation of the officers to watch for a deal similar to the one obtained on the new chase vehicle. All to be kept apprised.

The current extrication equipment is approximately 20 years old and has served us well. The District will apply for a BWC grant which will allow for the purchase of two (2) sets almost for the price of one (1). Resolution to be brought to the next meeting.

Chief Meister asked that all continue to keep Lt. Alan Van Kramer and his family in their thoughts and prayers as he nears the end of his battle.

Chief Meister wished all a happy and safe holiday season. He thanked the community of Madison and surrounding areas for their continued support to both the Sopko and the Van Kramer families.

Mr. Adams noted that the number of calls for service continues to increase. Chief Meister estimates that the final count will be approximately 100 greater than in 2022. The number of calls to the UH Urgent Care center has also begun to increase.

Mr. Donaldson asked what the district will do with the current two (2) sets of extrication equipment; Chief Meister stated that they will most likely be sold on govdeals.

CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION - None.

CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Adams wished all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. He will keep both the Van Kramer and the Sopko families in his thoughts and prayers as they continue to navigate difficult situations.

Mr. Wayman stated the District is ending the year on a good note with the promotions and new hires. "You're stuck with me for another four (4) years!" He also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Anderson expressed wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and shared that both district families continue to be in his prayers each night. He also thanked all members of the Board, Mrs. Dame, the Chief and the Administrative Assistant.

Those in attendance agreed to do the 2024 Reorganization meeting immediately prior to the January 17, 2024 meeting. Meeting to begin at 18:45.

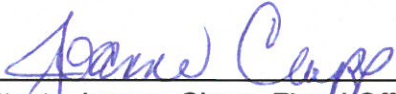
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made @ 19:48 by: Mr. Adams


Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Accepted and approved: January 17, 2024



Attest: Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer



Dan Donaldson, Chair