



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/19/2023

Present: Commissioners Paul Severson, Dan Kewish, John Inch, Bob Miller, and Kelley McIntosh
Chief Bakken, Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave

Absent: None

Guests: Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner Inch moved to approve Voucher Numbers 230902001 to 230902004 in the amount of 12,074.36. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Bakken presented the September 2023 Financial Report. He stated the tax collection was on track at 60%, with the 2nd half of tax collection coming in October. Timber Tax revenue is reflected in the report. The financial performance of GEMT and ambulance revenue is positive. No activity is reflected in the construction fund for September. The bond fund payment will be coming up in November.

Commissioner Inch inquired if increasing fuel costs are impacting the budget. Chief Bakken stated that we are seeing increased fuel expenses. Chief Bakken also noted that insurance premiums are increasing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

End of Summer BBQ: Chief Bakken shared that the End of Summer BBQ will not be held on September 30th as that is the same day as the rescue swimmer training. Another date will be announced soon.

Burn Ban Update: Chief Bakken shared that Burn Ban restrictions have been updated and recreational fires are now allowed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS

Psych ARNP Programming: Chief Bakken shared that the Psych ARNP program was presented at the Mason County Commissioners Briefing the day before. The program is moving forward, and the Commissioners will vote on program funding at next week's meeting.

Mobile Integrated Health Program: Chief Bakken has engaged in discussions with multiple Fire Chiefs from Mason County, providing information about MIHPP. Chief Rodolph also introduced the program to one of Mason General Hospital's Commissioners. Chief Bakken is scheduled to deliver a presentation to the Board of Hospital Commissioners in October.

Chief Bakken shared he was hopeful to have secured funding from Regence to support MIHP. We are on hold for now until we have further data to support a larger funding request. We will reengage them next year.


Chief Bakken shared a voicemail message from the mother of a patient who had received services from both MIHP and RAP. The voicemail expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the services provided and the support extended to her son. She also conveyed the positive news that her son is currently undergoing successful rehabilitation.

Advisory Member Brooke Quigley asked if there has been any talk of Narcan vending machines in Mason County. Chief Bakken shared that it has been a topic of discussion throughout the county.

Public Comment: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.


Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch