



# North Mason Fire

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## NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 11/21/2023 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING 2024

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

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley. In person, Captain Cloud.

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PARNP Kristi Eilers Introduction:** Kristi Eilers, Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner joined the North Mason Regional Fire Authority in August. She has hit the ground running, seeing a panel of established MIHP patients and several new patients that have been referred to her by our fire and EMS and other community services. Kristi expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to work with the NMRFA and support the much-needed prevention programming for the community.

**Public Budget Hearing:** Chief Bakken presented the 2024 NMRFA Draft Budget. Highlights from the PowerPoint presentation included a 15% increase in the NMRFA assessed value. The 2024 fire levy rate of \$0.82 is the lowest in Mason County. Overall, the Fire Authority is in a healthy financial state. Call volume is decreasing due to the prevention programs that are being delivered throughout our North Mason communities. The 2024 Operating Budget is proposed to be \$5,479,188.

**Commissioner Severson moved to approve the 2024 NMRFA Budget as presented by Chief Bakken. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**IAFF CBA Review and Adoption:** Commissioner Severson introduced NMRFA Captain and Local 3876 President, Ryan Cloud.

Commissioner Severson moved to approve the CBA between North Mason Firefighters Association and the North Mason Regional Fire Authority as presented.

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the 2024 CBA between the North Mason Regional Fire Authority and the IAFF Local No. 3876, as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Administrative Employee COLA Review:** Commissioner Severson advised that he and Commissioner McIntosh reviewed the existing contracts. They requested an increase for administrative employees of 4%.

**Commissioner Kewish motioned to implement a COLA increase of 4% for all Administrative Employee contracts. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**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 5:32 pm.**

With no further business, Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

### **Board of Volunteer Firefighters**

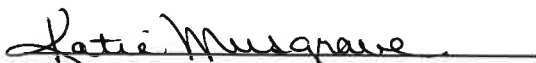
**Present:** Commissioner Severson, Assistant Chief Cooper, Executive Assistant Musgrave, and Volunteer Firefighter Zapata.

**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.**

Two invoices were presented for volunteer firefighter physicals in the amount of \$200 and an invoice for an injury in the amount of \$1153.00 were presented for review and approval.

**Assistant Chief Cooper moved to approve and pay the invoices. Volunteer Firefighter Zapata seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**With no further business, Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.**

  
Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave

  
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