

# NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 5/21/2024

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Bob Miller (Excused)

**Guests:** None

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

### **FINANCIALS**

Chief Bakken provided an update on May's financials, highlighting the arrival of 1st quarter tax revenues. Revenues and expenses remain in line with the budget.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MIHP IAFC Conference Presentation: The MIHP IAFC Conference Presentation in Glendale, AZ, was successful. Chief Bakken noted productive interactions with ESO and discussions on potential integration with Athena. Several fire departments expressed interest in launching a MIHP.

**Safety Days 2024:** Scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year of Safety Days. Abe Gardner has done a great job coordinating this event. Thank you to the NMFFA for joining us this year with some BBQ for our volunteers.

**MA/RN Hiring Process:** Twenty-five applications were received, leading to brief phone interviews with Chief Bakken for all applicants. Seven candidates progressed to panel interviews, and two finalists will undergo a half-day working interview. This position is grant-funded through the CROA grant.

**South MIHP Proposal (attached):** Chief Bakken shared the submission of the MIHP proposal for the south end of the county, which includes partnerships with the Department of Health and Hospital District 1.

Mason Co Fire Dist. 12: Chief Bakken informed the board of the resignation of MCFD 12 Commissioners. A disaster has been declared, and Mason County will appoint two new commissioners to proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Annual State Report Review:** The 2023 Financial Report has been finalized, with Executive Admin Angie McCormick dedicating significant effort over two months to its completion. The report has been distributed to all fire commissioners for review. The board expressed gratitude to Angie for her hard work on this substantial task.

**MCPHD #2 Co Location Consideration:** Hospital District 2 has approached NMRFA seeking office space for a few days each month, a proposal the NMRFA Commissioners agreed was a promising partnership opportunity.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire Station 81 (Tahuya) Remodel Proposal:** Chief Bakken mentioned an upcoming meeting in June with the new Tahuya Community Club President, Kevin.

**Fire Levy Update:** An article was published in the Mason Shelton Journal last Thursday. We plan to distribute signs in July and send two scheduled mail pieces.

### **Public Comment:**

None

# **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion.

# **BOARD OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MEETING**

Attendance: FF Anderson, Asst Chief Scott Cooper, Commissioner Paul Severson, Commissioner McIntosh

Call to order at 5:50 pm.

Reviewed billing for a shoulder injury incurred during the recent pump class. FF Anderson moved to accept and pay the medical invoice as submitted; Chief Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave

Commissioner Paul Severson

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Bob Miller

Commissioner Dan Kewish