

MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 30, 2023, 10 am
Marysville Fire Station 62

Finance Director Chelsie McInnis opened the meeting at 10:04 am.

The following were in attendance:

Board of Directors:

Steve Muller
Kamille Norton
Tonya Christoffersen

Staff Members:

Guests:

Chelsie McInnis, Finance Director
Darryl Neuhoff, Interim Fire Chief
Jeff Cole, Deputy Chief
Tom Maloney, Deputy Chief
Steve Edin, Human Resource Manager
Paula DeSanctis, Board Secretary

2022 FINANCIAL TRENDS ANALYSIS

Finance Director McInnis shared the following:

- The 2022 Expense Fund ending balance was 1.5% over 2021 or \$206,608, staying within our established minimum fund balance policy for the entirety of the year.
- The 2022 Capital Funds ending balance was up 34% over 2021 or \$5,905,443 ending the year with just over \$22.5M. 89% was allocated to the Capital Fund, 10.5% to the Apparatus Fund, and 5% to the Equipment Fund.
- Our 2022 revenues, including all sources and all funds, increased 16% over 2021 collections.
- We had a 1% increase in property tax collections compared to 2021.
- Ambulance transport fee collection was up 7% over 2021. Our 2022 monthly average collection was about \$230k and our previous year monthly average was \$215k. Quarterly collections are on target. Our collection rates are consistent with industry and historical standards. Our GEMT collections were up 13% compared to 2021. We received a retro settlement of \$921k in June of 2022 compared to \$830k in 2021.
- We saw a 124% increase in year to date interest compared to 2021. LGIP started the year at 0.09% and ended the year at 4.06%. SCIP began at 1.01% and ended the year at 2%. The Feds raised interest rates in 2022 in efforts to decrease inflation and normalize the economy.
- Other revenue source collections such as contracts and grants, were up 43% over 2021. This was largely due to an awarded FEMA SCBA Grant. All contracts came in as expected.
- Our total operating expenses 2022 monthly average was \$2M and our 2021 monthly average was \$1.9M which is a 7% increase over 2021. We ended the year with 6% of the budget remaining.
- Our 2022 monthly average for wage and benefit expenses was \$1.7M which is 7% over the 2021 monthly average of \$1.6M. 2022 overtime was \$2.2M compared to \$1.38k in 2021. Ending the year with 4% remaining in the budget.



- Our Maintenance and Operating expenses monthly average in 2022 was \$301k compared to \$268k in 2021, which is an increase of 12%. We ended the year 18% remaining in the budget.
- The 2022 budgeted procurements from the Capital Fund were; the second Public Safety Building payment, Station 61, 63, and 65 A&E services, command unit, ambulance, rescue watercraft, and Station 65 HVAC/Generator.
- Our budget stayed on track with no amendments needed.

2023 EMS LEVY ELECTIONS

Finance Director McInnis shared that the upcoming August 1, 2023 EMS Levy election will be to restore the \$.50 Levy and replace the existing City and FD12 EMS Levies. The Board will need to decide on the duration and rate of the levy at the February 15, 2023 regular meeting to allow for legal to draft all necessary documents and to schedule public events. McInnis reviewed the options and stated that it is Staff’s recommendation to restore the \$.50 rate and RFA EMS 10 year initial term. McInnis also shared the EMS pass/fail comparison for both the rate and fund balance. After some discussion the Committee agreed and will bring the recommendation to the full Board for adoption.

BOARD MEETING FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hospital Transfer of Care Times: Finance Director McInnis shared the hospital transfer-of –care (aka “wall” time) statistics from the past few years showing a significant increase in 2022. Chief Neuhoff shared that Providence corporate has authorized the hiring of 180 nurses in lieu of the crisis. There was some discussion about having a dedicated member at the hospital to sit with patients or hiring our own nurse to transfer care to at the hospital allowing units to return to service in a timely manner. Neuhoff will research the possibility and options and report back to the Board.

Employee Elective Health Screening Cost: At the 1-18-23 regular meeting, Local 3219 President Shelton shared that he has scheduled United Diagnostic to travel here on February 21 – 24, 2023 for early detection screenings for members. They are offering a discounted price of \$300 per screening. President Shelton asked the Board to consider funding the three days, up to sixty members, at about \$18k. The Committee and Staff had a lengthy discussion on the request with some concerns. They will continue the discussion with the full Board at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no action required, the January 30, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.



 Darryl Neuhoff
 District Secretary



 Date approved