

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
February 20, 2025**

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on February 20, 2025, at Station 46: 240 Sears Ave, Louisville, KY 40207.

Board members present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Mike Abell, Trustee Dr. Gwendolyn Blue, Trustee Alan Lewis, Trustee Brendan Montgomery, and Trustee Jim Seiler.

Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Deputy Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Human Resource Director Michael Frantz, Major David Joels, Major Greg Crabb, Firefighter Cameron Sautel, Firefighter Jonathan Embry, Attorney Mark Leach, and Administrative Assistant Erin Grant.

Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The minutes for the January 16, 2025 board meeting were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Treasurer Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Abell provided the treasurer's report and referenced the Comments to Financials distributed with the board package. He informed the board that the actual YTD tax revenue is within less than 1% of the YTD budget. Through January, the department has collected 98.8% of the total FY25 budgeted Real Property Tax. Treasurer Abell reviewed some of the credit card expenses from the January VISA statement and the bank service charges from the January operating statement. Follow up discussion was held on the credit card best-suited for the department but no resolution was made at this time.

The 24-month Treasury Bond that was established in August 2024 to hold funds for the purchase of the new rescue engine has been moved to Independence Bank.

Approval of the January expenditures were motioned by Trustee Alan Lewis. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Banking Change Update –

The operating account at Independence Bank has been funded and the operating account at Stock Yards Bank will remain open during the transition period. Chief Clark and Treasurer Abell will provide an update at each monthly board meeting on the status. A follow up discussion was held regarding the existing loan held by Stock Yards Bank,

specifically addressing whether to pay it off in full or continue to pay monthly installments until its maturity in 2026. Given the loan's low fixed interest rate, the department will continue making monthly payments until maturity.

New Business

None

Fire & EMS Operation Report

Fire Report – The newly graduated recruit class started their 24/48 shifts on February 7th, 2025 and are integrating smoothly with their assigned crews. The addition of the recruits now puts the department plus one on the suppression side.

EMS Report - The EMT recruits will begin normal work schedules on March 1st and have been very successful in their training to date.

The ambulance undergoing the scheduled remount left for Iowa on February 20, with an expected completion date of June 2025 at the latest. This remount process is significantly faster than ordering a new ambulance, which would currently have a turnaround time of 2-3 years if ordered now.

The department is currently evaluating a potential shift to a 24/72 schedule for EMS employees, who currently work 12-hour shifts. This consideration comes in response to growing industry trends and employee interest. A recent poll taken of EMS employees showed that 80% of employees would like the department to consider this. An evaluation group has been established, comprised of employees with balanced perspectives. The department will need to consider both the potential benefits of employee satisfaction and retention against operational challenges and safety concerns. Chief Clark will provide an update at the March board meeting.

Assistant Chief Riordan provided the statistics for January and once again reviewed the new statistic included with the board packages which shows a projection of income the department should receive from the billing for the ambulance runs that the district made into Metro Louisville for the month of January, per KRS 67C.147. Follow up discussion was held surrounding the statistics and billing.

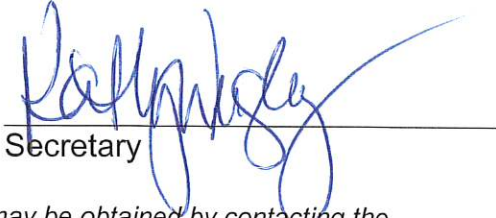
Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM. Motion by Trustee Brendan Montgomery. Second by Director Alan Lewis. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is scheduled for July 9, 2025.


Chairman


Secretary

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.