

Fire Rescue Public Engagement & Education

- May 17, 2022*** During Town Manager comments, the Town Manager mentions staff would begin work on the Jupiter Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) and requests authorization from Town Council to engage the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for a comprehensive study of Fire and EMS services in Jupiter.
- June 7, 2022**** As part of the Consent Agenda, Town Council approves Resolution 58-22, which authorizes a contract for consulting services from Center for Public Safety Management LLC (CPSM), part of ICMA, to review Fire and EMS services in Jupiter.
- September 22, 2022*** During the Town Manager comments, the Town Manager mentions he had his initial meeting with ICMA concerning the study.
- September 26-27, 2022** The consultant from CPSM provides briefings to Town Council members on an individual basis concerning preliminary findings of the consultant's study.
- November 1, 2022**** During a roundtable discussion at the Town Council Meeting, staff and the CPSM consultant provide information on the current status of the proposal from PBCFR, which calls for Jupiter to increase to the by-wide Fire MSTU rate, meaning the amount paid by Jupiter homeowners would rise from \$20 million in 2020 to \$62.5 million by 2028. The consultant reviews the pros and cons of four options: 1) accept the Palm Beach County proposal, 2) create a Town Fire and EMS department, 3) contract fire and EMS with a neighboring municipality, 4) create a fire district under State of Florida statutes.
- December 6, 2022**** As part of the Consent Agenda, Town Council approves Ordinance 12-22 (second reading), which consents to continuing the Jupiter MSTU ordinance for a term of five years. The MSTU is the tool that allows PBCFR to assess Jupiter residents for Fire Rescue services. It is the funding mechanism for the interlocal agreement, but is not the interlocal agreement.
- December 20, 2022**** PBCFR Chief Patrick Kennedy, PBCFR staff and PBC Administration provide a presentation detailing the history of PBCFR's relationship with Jupiter, PBCFR's qualifications and the County's commitment to Jupiter.
- January 9-10, 2023** The consultant from CPSM provides individual briefings to Town Council members concerning the technical report, which provides a more in-depth study of Jupiter's relationship with PBCFR a comparison of Jupiter's options for Fire and EMS services.
- January 17, 2023**** The consultant from CPSM provides a presentation at the Town Council meeting concerning the technical report.
- March 21, 2023**** During the Regular Agenda, Town Council discusses a new proposed interlocal agreement between the Town and Palm Beach County. As part of the public comment process, PBCFR requests to give a presentation not included on the agenda. Town Council allows PBCFR to provide this presentation, which concerns the new proposal. The County's new proposal estimates the Jupiter MSTU will increase from \$20 million in 2020 to \$44 million in 2033 and does not include any limits on what can be charged for a number of categories. Town Council provides staff with direction on various policy decisions related to the negotiation process, including limits to be added to the cost categories. Town Council also directs staff to bring back a resolution that will increase the Jupiter MSTU from its approved five-year term to a 10-year term.

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April 2023

In the quarterly *Town Times*, the Town's resident newsletter, the Town publishes an article concerning Fire and Rescue Delivery and Costs in Jupiter. The article spells out proposals from Palm Beach County, tax impacts to Jupiter residents, the options available to Jupiter for Fire and Rescue services as provided by the CPSM consultant, the Town's path moving forward and how residents can stay informed and involved in the process. The article also spells out the Town's goals in the negotiations and the Policy Areas of Negotiation in the proposed agreement. The *Town Times* is mailed to approximately 20,000 Jupiter households, emailed to a distribution list containing approximately 15,000 email addresses, shared on the Town's social media pages and posted on the Town's website.

April 18, 2023**

As part of the Regular Agenda, Town Council approves, by a 3-2 vote, Resolution 40-23, approving the interlocal agreement with PBC for the delivery of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. It is noted by Town Council that PBCFR has refused to limit the additional cost categories during the negotiation process. The agreement is necessary as the current interlocal agreement between the Town and Palm Beach County ends on September 30, 2023.

July 11, 2023**

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners approves the interlocal agreement with Jupiter for the delivery of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services for the 10-year term of 2024-2033.

July 18, 2023**

Town Council tables Ordinance 15-23, which would have extended the Jupiter MSTU from five years to 10 years and directs the Town Manager to provide an updated report from CPSM reflecting the agreed upon interlocal agreement at a future meeting.

August 15, 2023**

The consultant from CPSM provides an update to the Technical Report, as requested by Town Council. The report indicates that the agreed upon interlocal agreement will cost Jupiter taxpayers \$68 million more in taxes from 2026 through 2033 as opposed to Jupiter starting its own Fire Department. Afterwards, Town Council directs the Town Manager to create a Jupiter Fire Rescue Department and to notify Palm Beach County, in writing, of the Town's intent to enact the 36-month termination agreement that is part of the interlocal agreement. The direction comes on a 3-1 vote.

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NOTE

For every Town Council meeting, the Town sends an email to a week in advance detailing the agenda highlights for the upcoming meeting. Additionally, the Town also sends a summary recap of each meeting the day after the meeting is held. This is to help Jupiter residents stay informed as to the issues that will be or have been discussed at Town Council meetings. Approximately 3,000 residents have signed up to receive these emails.

Additionally, the Town uses social media to communicate agenda highlights for upcoming meetings as well as to communicate decisions made by Town Council after meetings. The Town has more than 29,000 followers on Facebook, more than 8,000 on Twitter and more than 36,000 on Instagram.

Between presentations and agenda items, Fire and Rescue services were on the agenda for nine meetings between June 7, 2022 and August 15, 2023.