

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2017

I. Call to order

President Suerdieck called to order the regular meeting of the Rochester Fire Protection District at 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017 at the Rochester Firehouse.

II. Roll call

Denise Garceau conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Suerdieck, Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Cravens, Trustee Riggs and Trustee Fox. Also present was Chief Greg Surbeck and Deputy Chief Archer. Twenty members of the public were present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the meetings on March 8th, 14th, and 21, 2017 were presented. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 8 regular meeting was made by Trustee Riggs, second by Trustee Cravens. Unanimously approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 14th special meeting was made by Trustee Riggs, second by Trustee Cravens. Unanimously approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 21st special meeting was made by Trustee Riggs, second by Trustee Cravens. Unanimously approved. Trustee Fox abstained on all votes.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Riggs, second by President Suerdieck. Unanimously approved.

V. Chief's Report

March 18/19th and 25/26th – Haz Mat Ops – 2 members Riverton Fire
March 20th – MMC EMS Testing – 4 members attended
March 29th – Pipeline class – 1 member attended
April 4th – Siren test

March Calls:

11 - EMS

12 - Fire (4 Brush, 1 controlled burn, 1 trash fire, 1 smoke detector, 3 Automatic Alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 1 CO)

1 - Car accident

24 Total calls

11 Training sessions

2 Special duties

Motion to approve Chief's Report by Trustee Cravens, second by Trustee Riggs. Unanimously approved.

VI. Member or Public Comments

President Suerdieck congratulated Dennis Leonard on winning the election for the open trustee seat. Diana Fairchild asked why are we electing officers tonight and next month?

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

1. Election of officers

John Fox has been appointed as a Trustee due to the resignation of Trustee Sturdy.

The first position is Treasurer. Trustee Riggs nominates Trustee Cravens, second by Trustee Fox. Roll call was taken: Trustee Cravens – yes, Trustee Riggs – yes, Trustee Fairchild – yes, President Suerdieck – yes, Trustee Fox – yes. Trustee Cravens is the Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary – Trustee Cravens nominates Trustee Fox, second by Trustee Riggs. Roll call was taken: Trustee Riggs – yes, Trustee Cravens – yes, President Suerdieck – yes, Trustee Fairchild – yes and Trustee Fox – yes. Trustee Fox is the Secretary.

Nominations for President – Trustee Riggs nominates Joe Suerdieck, second by Trustee Cravens. Roll call was taken: Trustee Riggs – yes, Trustee Cravens – yes, Trustee Fox – yes, Trustee Fairchild – yes and President Suerdieck – yes. Joe Suerdieck is the President.

2. Replacement of truck tires.

A tire professional came to the station to inspect the tires on the engines. Tanker 3 is in dire need of tires and it was recommended not to drive the engine with the current tires. He quoted us \$300 per tire. Chief Surbeck notified President Suerdieck about the situation who then said to replace the tires. Roll call to replace tires on Tanker 3: Trustee Riggs – yes, Trustee Cravens – yes, President Suerdieck – yes, Trustee Fox – yes and Trustee Fairchild – yes. Motion passes. Trustee Fairchild makes a motion to replace the tires on Engine 1 second by Trustee Fox. Roll call was taken: Trustee Fairchild – yes, Trustee Fox – yes, President Suerdieck – yes, Trustee Cravens – yes, and Trustee Riggs – yes. Motion passes.

3. Loaner truck

Deputy Chief Archer has been in touch with the Warrensburg fire department who has offered to loan us one of their fire trucks while Engine 2 is being repaired. Our expense would be insurance which would be approximately \$100/month. Trustee Cravens makes a motion to accept the loaner engine from Warrensburg fire department, second by Trustee Riggs. Unanimously approved.

Trustee Cravens made a motion to go into Executive Session 5ILCS120/2 regarding personnel issues. Second by Trustee Riggs. Unanimously approved.

IX. Closed Session

Executive session opened at 7:27 pm.

Executive session closed at 7:48 pm.

X. Return to regular meeting

Roll call was taken by Denise Garceau. The following were present: Trustee Riggs, Trustee Cravens, President Suerdieck, Trustee Fox and Trustee Fairchild.

No action taken on the personnel issue.

Engine 2 update: The insurance adjuster was in and another company that repairs fire trucks came in to assess the engine. It doesn't look like the frame was bent. We are awaiting the estimates to come in.

President Suerdieck thanked the volunteers for all of their time they put in to keep the station running and the Rochester residents safe.

XI. Upcoming Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the board is Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cravens, second by Trustee Riggs. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: D. Garceau

Minutes approved by: President Suerdieck

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