

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

I. Call to order

President Suerdieck called to order the special meeting of the Rochester Fire Protection District at 6:30 p.m. on March 14, 2017 at the Rochester Firehouse.

II. Roll call

President Suerdieck conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Suerdieck, Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Cravens, and Trustee Riggs. Nine members of the public were present.

III. Special Meeting

The special meeting was called tonight to appoint a trustee in private session.

IV. Public Comment

How is it decided who is going to be an appropriate candidate, asked Karen Ritterbusch.

Will you decide between the two who are currently on the ballot, asked Diana Fairchild?

President Suerdieck stated that the original intention was to appoint one of the two candidates on the ballot, but we would not be within the Illinois Statute time limit, according to our attorney. We would be 8 days over at the next April meeting. The clock starts on the date the resignation is written not when it is received.

Trustee Fairchild stated that he too had a conversation with the attorney and was advised that as a board we have a right to do as we see fit. As a board, we should have serious consideration before we appoint someone to an elected board. Trustee Fairchild believes the discussion should be out in the open. Trustee Cravens, Trustee Riggs, and President Suerdieck disagree and said the discussion should be private in executive session.

I would like to hear the people who are interested on being on the board, what are their qualification asked Pete Ross.

Motion made by Trustee Cravens to go into Executive Session, second by Trustee Fairchild. Time is 6:36 pm.

IX. Closed Session

Closed session opened at 6:38 pm.

X. Upcoming Meeting

The public meeting re-opened at 7:20 pm. President Suerdieck took roll. Trustee Cravens, Trustee Riggs, Trustee Fairchild and President Suerdieck were present. President Suerdieck stated that it was decided to call in the nominees for an interview at the next meeting. The next special meeting is March 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cravens, second by Trustee Riggs. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by: D. Garceau

Minutes approved by: President Suerdieck

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