

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

I. Call to order

President Riggs called to order the regular meeting of the Rochester Fire Protection District at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2018 at the Rochester Firehouse.

II. Roll call

John Fox conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Riggs, Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Fox, and Trustee Leonard. Also present was Chief Greg Surbeck, Deputy Chief John Archer and 17 members of the public. Trustee Cravens was absent

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the meeting on December 13, 2017 were presented. Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Trustee Fairchild. Unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

President Riggs presented the Treasurer's report for January. Trustee Fairchild made a motion to accept the December financials, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved. No vote was taken on the January financials.

V. Chief's Report

January 2nd - Siren Test

January 6th - Ice rescue training

December Calls:

28 - EMS

1 - 1 Car accident

12 - Fire

41 Total calls

3 Training sessions

3 Special duties

Trustee Leonard made a motion to approve the Chief's report, second by Trustee Fairchild. Unanimously approved.

VI. Old Business

1. Bulk water distribution.

President Riggs asked for any additional information from the Board. None was provided. Trustee Fairchild made a motion to abstain from further plans for bulk water distribution on the fire station property. No second for the motion. Trustee Leonard stated that he does not feel there is support for the bulk water distribution. Trustee Fairchild spoke to the Superintendent of Public Works who informed him that he was seeking funding for the bulk water distribution on village property. President Riggs suggested we keep an eye on the topic and confirm with the village.

2. Exterior Fire Station Sign

President Riggs asked if there was any additional information from the Board. None was provided. Trustee Fox stated that we are waiting for the new village ordinance. Trustee Leonard would like to move the sign to the east sign to accommodate neighbor's concerns.

VII Public Comment

Several members of the public voiced opposition to an exterior fire sign.

A member of the public suggested that the fire department offer CO2 detectors or smoke alarms to the Rochester public as a community service.

A member of the public said he would not grant an easement through his property for Berry station water until the drainage issue is resolved.

VIII. New Business

1. Snow removal bids.

3 sealed bids were received. Trustee Fairchild made a motion to accept bid from LTS Lawn Care. Second by Trustee Leonard. Trustee Fox took roll call: Trustee Fairchild – yes, Trustee Leonard – yes, Trustee Fox – yes and President Riggs – yes. Unanimously approved.

2. Fire Chief expectations and qualifications.

President Riggs is waiting for feedback from the Board. He would like to receive it in the next week.

IX. Closed Session

Trustee Fox made a motion to go into Executive Session 5 ILCS120/2 c1 and c5. Second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved. Time is 7:18 pm.

X. Return from Closed Session

The regular meeting opened at 7:36 pm. Trustee Fox took roll call: Trustee Leonard, Trustee Fox, Trustee Fairchild and President Riggs were present.

Trustee Fairchild made a motion to promote Kirk Polley and Matt Sunderland to Captain of the Rochester Fire Department, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

XI. Upcoming Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the board is Wednesday February 14, 2018.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Leonard, second by Trustee Fairchild. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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