

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 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 March 14, 2018 at the Rochester Firehouse.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the meeting on February 14, 2018 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 March 14th. Trustee Fox made a motion to accept the financial statements, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

V. Chief's Report

February 21st - Fundraiser for Sparks in the Park (3 members assisted)

February 28th – Active Shooter drill at the high school (3 members attended: John Archer, Kirk Polley, & Matt Sunderland)

February Calls:

21 - EMS

5 - Fire (1 brush, 1 structure, 1 vehicle, 1 CO and 1 report of smoke)

26 Total calls

4 Training sessions

2 Special duty

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

VI. Old Business

Squad 1 – President Riggs asked about the status. Deputy Chief Archer replied that we are getting people who are interested but because of the age and the gas engine no offers have been made. The listing agent is suggesting we lower the price to see if it will bring in an offer. Trustee Fox asked if there were other comparable vehicles on the market. Deputy Chief Archer said he did some research and did not find another vehicle like ours but there were some that had some similarities and they were at a lower price.

VII. New Business

Junior firefighter – Deputy Chief Archer provided a packet of information that was put together by Matt Sunderland to offer a program to high school age kids who are interested in firefighting. Trustee Fox suggested having the attorney look over the documents.

Pagers – Deputy Chief Archer mentioned that department is in need of replacing the pagers. The current ones are having charging issues. The current pagers can be traded in for newer models. The plan is to replace all at once. Deputy Chief Archer will gather proposals for the next meeting. Trustee Fox asked how Iamresponding is working on the phone. Deputy Archer replied excellent but not as a primary source but we are using it more and more everyday. Trustee Fox asked how reliable is it, and Deputy Chief Archer replied 95% reliable. Much better now than it was in the past.

VIII. Closed Session

Trustee Leonard made a motion to go into Executive Session 5 ILCS120/2 c5 and 2c1. Second by Trustee Fairchild. Unanimously approved.

IX. Return from Closed Session

The regular meeting opened at 7:52 pm. Trustee Fox took roll call: Trustee Leonard, Trustee Fox, Trustee Fairchild and President Riggs were present.

Trustee Fox made a motion to post the job opening for part-time Fire Chief, minimum of 20 hours, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

Trustee Fairchild made a motion to begin negotiations with the Catholic Diocese to acquire land south of the fire station, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

X Public Comment

A member of the public asked why the section of public comment was moved to the end of the meeting. A member of the public asked if Squad 1 is worth trading in for another vehicle.

XI. Upcoming Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the board is Wednesday April 11, 2018.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Leonard second by Trustee Fox. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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