

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

October 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 October 10, 2018 at the Rochester Firehouse.

II. Roll call

Trustee Fox conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Riggs, Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Leonard, Trustee Fox and Trustee Cravens. Also present was Chief Archer.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the September 12th meeting were presented. Trustee Cravens made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Trustee Cravens presented the Treasurer's report as of October 10th. Trustee Fox made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

V. Chief's Report

September 19th - Rochester School District Safety and Security Committee meeting – Chief Archer and Captain Polley attended

September 22-24th Firefighters Torchia and Trader assisted with transporting relief supplies to the Carolinas for Hurricane Florence aid

October 2nd Siren test – one siren out of service on Gaule Road, parts ordered

October 2nd Chief's presentation to the Rochester Lion's Club with updates on RFPD activities, goals and objectives

September Calls:

27	-	EMS
15	-	Fire
2	-	Car accidents
44		Total calls

4 Training sessions

3 Special Duty

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

VI. Old Business

Tender 3: Buffalo FD made an offer of \$20,000.00 for the vehicle. Chief Archer did some research and based on the age and condition the vehicles on the market for a chassis only are listed for \$5-15K and they don't have a tank. This vehicle is rarely used and has been out about 2-3 times this year. He recommends selling it.

Trustee Fairchild did some research and found that if listed starting price could be \$22K. A new tank could be replaced for approximately \$8.5K. The downside is it is not NFPA compliant. If we replaced the tanker body to be compliant it would cost 40-50K. The vehicle is in good condition with 10,363 miles.

Trustee Fox recommends keeping it as a backup but if we are considering selling it we should consider upgrading it instead.

Trustee Cravens asked if we sell it would we replace it and how much would the replacement cost?

Trustee Leonard is on the fence. If there is a chance we might need it, he recommends keeping it and upgrading it.

President Riggs stated that while the vehicle is in good condition and low mileage it does not make sense to spend \$40-50K to upgrade a 20 year old vehicle. He likes the idea of a backup vehicle. He does not see an urgent need to sell it.

Trustee Cravens made a motion not to sell Tender 3 at this point, second by Trustee Fairchild. Unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

Berry Station – The HVAC system needs to be replaced. The station will be used as a training facility. 3 bids were obtained. Trustee Fairchild asked what is the plan for water and sanitary facilities. Chief Archer replied he does not have a plan yet. Trustee Fairchild makes a recommendation to accept the bid from JHF Heating company, second by Trustee Leonard. Roll call: President Riggs – yes, Trustee Cravens – yes, Trustee Fairchild – yes, Trustee Leonard – yes and Trustee Fox – yes. Unanimously approved.

VIII. Closed Session

None

IX. Public Comment

Trustee Fox would like to thank the 2 firefighters Chance Torchia and Nick Trader for their assistance in getting supplies to Raleigh, North Carolina to help in the relief aid from Hurricane Florence.

A member of the public expressed his appreciation for the service of Rochester Fire Protection District. He had a family emergency at 3 am and was grateful for the quick response and professionalism of the EMT's .

XI. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2018 at 7 pm.

Trustee Cravens made a motion to close the regular meeting, second by Trustee Leonard. Unanimously approved.

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