

Rochester Fire Protection District

700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

I. Call to order

President Riggs called to order the regular meeting of the Rochester Fire Protection District at 7:00 p.m. on May 8th, 2019 at the Rochester Firehouse. A moment of silence was observed for the Line of Duty Death on May 5th of Firefighter Kory Vanfossan.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the May 8th 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 May 8th, 2019. Trustee Fox made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Trustee Cravens. Unanimously approved.

V. Chief's Report

Presented by Chief Archer;

April 20 All station cleanup concentrating on the bay's, included all members

April 29 IFSI residential building operations class. Was well attended by RFPD members as well as outside agencies – 30 attended

May 7 Outside siren test conducted

April Calls:

31 - EMS
8 - Fire
1 - Car accidents
40 Total calls

5 Training sessions

3 Special Duty

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

VI Old Business

EJ Water

Trustee Fairchild reported that E J Water has been delayed due to weather. They are preparing to bore under Buckhart Creek and Road. Boring has been completed under Rt. 29. The engineer (unidentified) reported that he was confident that they would get it done this summer.

Trustee Fox inquired if the Fire Protection District has as yet received a formal proposal on cost and hydrant flow specifications. Trustee Fairchild stated that the District has not and will not until they (EJ Water) get the time. It was further stated that it will be the responsibility of the Rochester Fire Protection District to determine the flow rates at the hydrants. The design of the system is going to be 500 GPM (Gallons Per Minute) when they get the system looped. Until that happens it will be 250 GPM.

Trustee Fox also inquired as to the full name of "TJ" the point of contact with EJ Water. Trustee Fairchild was unsure but had his business card at home and would bring that information forward at the next meeting.

Senate Bill 37

Trustee Fairchild reported that he would be attending a public hearing May 9th at 10 AM at the Capital Building as an observer with another member from Sherman Fire. The bill has passed the Senate by a "comfortable majority." Illinois Association of Firefighters is in favor of this bill.

VII. New Business

Rochester Fire Protection District Appropriation Ordinance and Tentative Budget for 2019

Preliminary Proposal to be posted for 30 Days at which time a final Appropriation Budget Ordinance will be introduced.

Treasure Cravens made a motion that we adopt a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance # 2019RFPD-1

Motion was seconded by Trustee Leonard

Polled Board: President Riggs-yes, Trustee Cravens-yes, Trustee Leonard-yes, Trustee Fairchild-yes, Trustee Fox-yes.

Engineering Work

President Riggs offered information from an engineering firm as to the districts options for the addition of parking and reconfiguration of the retention pond area. Board members were supplied with a fact sheet listing some of the costs that may be incurred in the process. President Riggs will contact an additional firm for further engineering information for comparisons.

VIII. Public Comment

Two members of the Rochester Sesquicentennial committee were present outline some of the events that will be occurring. They requested that one such event take place at the Rochester Fire House. All trustees agreed that this is just the kind public involvement the district would like to take part in. The representatives were encouraged to work out the logistics with Chief Archer in order to bring the event to the Fire House.

IX. Adjournment

At 7:36 pm

The next regular meeting will be June 12, 2019 at 7 pm.

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