

Minutes Rochester Fire Protection District

Rochester Fire House

April 10, 2024

Meeting Opening

Pledge

Roll Call Trustees: Fairchild, Taft, McBride, Churchill & Johnson Present

Stork Pinning Presentation- Presentation of stork pins to RFPD members who participated in the recent delivery of premature twins. Christy Gilley, Brian Gilley, Jarred Borell, Liz Robertson, and Chief Archer. The board applauds all their efforts!

Review and Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2024, Meeting-Tabled till May meeting as Trustee Fairchild wanted a review of comments made in regard to discussion of surplus items.

Treasurers Report- Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Trustee Taft and Second by Trustee Johnson. Motion passed unanimously of roll call vote.

Chief's Report- Motion to accept the Chief's report by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McBride. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

Old Business

- 1. Discussion/Approval Junior and Cadet Fire Fighter Policies** Captain Gilley presented the policies and for the Junior and Cadet Fire Program. Motion to approve the program by Trustee Churchill, second by Trustee Johnson. Passed unanimously on voice vote.

New Business

- 1. Approval/Authorization of Purchases-** Motion to approve purchases by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Taft. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.
- 2. Discussion/Approval of Red Cross Parking their Emergency Response Vehicle on lot of the Firehouse-** Chief should have the authority to approve operational issues as this.
- 3. Discussion/Approval of Use of Illinois Funds Account-** Pays as much as our CD's improves our interest income \$70 a day we are not gaining. Keep at least \$300,000 in American Bank to pay bills. Ed would need to start the process. We should not cash out any CD's early. Ed to explore more details. Minimum to start is \$100,000. Trustee McBride made a motion to open an account with Illinois Funds, second by Trustee Fairchild. Passed unanimously on Roll call vote.

4. **Discussion Approval of Hiring a new Administrative Assistant-** Jessica is resigning her position once we have a replacement. She will help train a new person. The Chief has received four resumes and position will remain open until May 10, 2024.
5. **Discussion/Approval of Process to Purchase LED Sign-** Volunteers have asked in the past about this. Many uses for this. Library has a nice sign. Cost est. approximately \$30,000. Village has an ordinance in regard to utilization of lighted signs. Trustee Fairchild would like to there to explore some more alternatives. Trustee McBride made a motion for the Chief to get preliminary prices. Second by Trustee Johnson. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.
6. **Discuss/Approval Changes to SOP Manual Regarding Member Call Attendance and Stipend Amount Tiers-** Stipend would be twice a year instead of once a year instead of twice a year. \$15 per training and \$5 bonus to meet required expectations of time. This will help to incentives people to run night calls. Will take effect July 1, 2024. Motion to approve the changes to the SOP by Trustee Fairchild and second by Trustee Churchill. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Member or Public Comment- Diana Fairchild- "I would like to say on the sign out there I think equipment would be more important than a sign out front. The library sign was and villages was donations not tax payer money."

Announcements: Next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Motion for Adjournment- By Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Taft. Passed on voice vote.