

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

March 8, 2023

6:30 at Station Two

Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 18:30
 - a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Secretary) Bruce Warman (Ambulance and Ordinances), Randy Garrison (President), CJ Brooks and Don Carey (Fire Chief)
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2023, were reviewed. Bruce motioned to approve; CJ seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
3. **Public Comments:** Dena Genz and Julia DePaw (volunteer firepersons) to discuss fund raiser for new station. Increase social media presence. Online donations, memorial donations. Clicking a button is preferred method. Tier levels Chiefs, Assistant Chief, Captains, Firefighter, and Cadet levels are proposed. Mailers provide about 2 months of income. Working with the local communities and businesses to begin. We would need to get a third-party web site to collect donations and information with the ability to send Thank you letters. Additionally gifts like T-Shirts or hoodies for fund raising. Denna and Julia will get back with the board with more concrete ideas.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Sandstrom donation of \$350.00
 - b. Secretary of State letter that Firefighters Association is dissolved.
 - c. Check for \$243.75 Cordova for 3M gas leaks.
 - d. Edwards Jones statement.
 - e. County Clerk needs Tax levy and ambulance confirmation. Bruce will confirm and Denise will send back to the County Clerk.
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** February 2023 Treasurers was reviewed, Bruce motioned the accept the report and pay the bills, Greg seconded. Vote to accept was unanimous.
6. **Ordnances:** None
7. **Ambulance:** Bruce provided the quarterly ambulance report. Genesis partnership with Mercy1 is close. We are working on new contract which will expire this year.
8. **Fire Department Issues:** Chief Carey reported that the old HME ladder truck is tentatively sold. The individual is on his way to pick it up tomorrow.
 - CJ brought up the need to contact the lockmasters when we have river accidents. The 911 center has been notified with the phone number to call. CJ will provide Chief Carey with the phone number.

Fire Chief Reports for February: The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 29 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:

- Village of Rapids City – 5 EMS Calls
- Village of Port Byron – 9 EMS and 2 Fire Alarm calls.
- 10 EMS Calls and 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Vehicle Fire.
- Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Department for 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Fire Alarm.
- Mutual Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Department for 1 EMS Call and Cordova Fire Department for 1 Structure Fire.

9. Old Business

- a. **Land:/ Building:** As soon as weather breaks we need to begin burning the piles.

10. New Business:

- a. Greg reported that reappointment of trustees Caldwell and Warman have been submitted to the County Board Chairman Brunk. Chairman Brunk has responded that this on the agenda for the next scheduled board meeting.

11. Next Meeting: April 12, 2023

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by 2230.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary