

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

May 10, 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 Brook and Don Carey (Fire Chief)
 - b. **Appointment of officers.** Bruce motioned to keep the same. Greg seconded. Vote unanimous.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2023, were reviewed. Bruce motioned to approve; CJ seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.
3. **Public Comments:** Julia Depaw: concerns about finances. She asked about a credit card for the firefighters. Don said he had two and they were welcome to use one. Julia asked about the budget for the firefighters. She had not received a copy from previous meetings. There was discussion on how the budget works for the volunteers. Randy explained that the money left over from last year rolls-over to this year. Julia asked about donations they received and how the process will work using the pancake breakfast as an example. There was discussion on using the bank app but there are complications. Randy will call Blackhawk and find out proper way to make deposits. Until then cash and checks in separate envelopes and deposit in night depository. Julia asked about Per-diem and meal allowance for upcoming training. The board agreed that the firefighters need the money ahead of time. The board concluded that Denise will cut a check for each person attending training two weeks ahead of training. The board set a \$40.00 per person for meals.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. TIB (Blackhawk Bank and Trust pledge amount \$779,673.50
 - b. Illinois State Replacement Tax checks for \$2,497.52 and \$1,5339.32
 - c. Senator Win Stoller will hold Traveling Office Hours on May 16th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the Village Hall Board Room, 1204 4th Avenue, Rapids City, IL.
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** April 2023 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, CJ seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous.
 - b. **Budget** A Tentative Budget will be ready for next meeting. Quickbooks support has not been helpful to move our data to the cloud.
 - c. **Other** CD 441073. In the amount of \$209,426.51 held at TBK is coming due. Randy and Denise will take a cashier's check to Edward Jones or Blackhawk and reinvest in a CD at a higher interest rate. Greg motioned and Bruce seconded. Unanimous.

6. **Ordances:** None

7. **Ambulance:** Nothing new.

a. **Fire Chief Reports** for March: The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 46 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:

- Village of Rapids City – 2 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident
- Village of Port Byron – 15 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Tree on a Roof.
- 10 EMS Calls and 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Vehicle Fire.
- Fire Protection District (Rural) –17 EMS Calls, 3 Traffic Accidents and 1 Vehicle Fire.
- Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Department 1 Vehicle Fire, 2 Brush Fires and 1 Fire Alarm.
- Mutual Aid was given to Hillsdale for 1 EMS Call and 1 Welfare Check.
- The Racom system got soaked during water tower maintenance. The village of Port Byron has filed an insurance claim. For \$13,500.00 we can get 6 P25 radios. Not including the subscription. The clarity is superior to what we are using. Don will follow up with vendors on cost and fees.
- Odd hours, no pay and cool hat! A film produced by John Deere about volunteer firefighters will be shown, June 10, 5pm at Riverdale Middle School Auditorium. Open to the public.
- Open House June 10, 10 am to 2 pm.

8. **Old Business**

a. **Land:/ Building:** We will try to burn brush next week.

9. **New Business:**

a. Decennial Committee formation in accordance with PA 102-1088 50 (ILCS 70/1) to review Local Government Efficiency.

b. Review Tentative budget.

10. **Next Meeting:** June14, 2023

11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 2048.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary