

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

November 8, 2023

Regular Meeting 6:30 at Station Two

Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 1830.
 - a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Secretary) Bruce Warman (Ambulance and Ordinances), Randy Garrison (President), CJ Brooks and Don Carey (Fire Chief)
 - b. **Members of the Public** Adam Haut (Genesis Ambulance Service) Rick Mitton (Hillsdale Fire Chief).and Doug Zumaris (Hillsdale Fire) were present for the bid opening.

Randy suggested we begin with the Bid Opening the board agreed. Randy stated that Genesis was the only bidder. The Genesis bid amount of \$368,000.00 per year with \$214,692.92 for the remainder of the contract year. There is a 3% per year increase for the next three years. There is an option to extend clause. The bid was awarded to Genesis Ambulance Service. A copy of the contract was given to Hillsdale FD to review. Signed copies of the contract will be sent back to Genesis.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2023, were reviewed. Denise motioned to approve; CJ seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Donations from the Halloween \$2618.98
 - b. TIB pledge \$904,693.79
 - c. Illinois Replacement Tax \$1673.58
 - d. Proof of publications for ambulance sealed bids and Tax Levy.
 - e. Check from VFIS collection agency for repeater damage \$500.00.
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** October 2023 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, Bruce seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous.
 - b. The board approved \$45,000.00 for firefighters' rewards.
6. **Ordances:** 23-003 tax Levy Motion to accept by Greg second by Bruce. Vote unanimous 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.
7. **Ambulance:** There was a lot of discussion with Hillsdale FD members about recent ambulance activity in Cordova that need to be looked into. Randy will contact Adam Haut and find out details and get back with everyone before the contract is signed.
 - a. **Fire Chief Reports** for October. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 36 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:

- **Village of Rapids City** – 2 EMS Calls.
- **Village of Port Byron** – 15 EMS Calls, 1 Fire Alarm and 1 Puppy Caught in Recliner
- **Fire Protection District (Rural)** –11 EMS Calls and 1 River Rescue.
- **Automatic Aid** was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 1 Structure Fire and 2 Fire Alarms.
- **The Fire Protection District** Also Hosted Kids Safety Camp and a Halloween Party for Area Youths.
- The Fire Protection District is currently in need of Volunteers to fill all positions.

8. Old Business

a. Land/Building: Randy would like to make time for burning brush if we can get equipment on site to push the piles together.

9. New Business: Need to look at ambulance situation.

10. Next Meeting: December 13, 2023

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 2035.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary