

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

October 9, 2024

Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing 6:30 at Station 2

Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 1830.

With no members of the public present for Budget Hearing President Randy Garrison moved it to the financial section of this meeting in case anyone did show up late.

- a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Randy Garrison (President), Greg Rankin (Secretary) and CJ Brooks (Trustee)
 - b. **Members of the Public:** Deb Fulton (Volunteer Firefighter)
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from September 11 were reviewed. Greg motioned to accept, and Bruce seconded. Approved unanimously.
 3. **Public Comments:** Deb Fulton discussed what we wanted to highlight for mailer. Deb also mentioned that we should create a Venmo account for younger users. Greg motioned to create a Venmo account. Bruce seconded. Approved unanimously. Deb has investigated grant writing companies and found Haigh Solutions. They charge a flat fee of \$3,000 to write the application. \$1,500 is due upon the signing of the contract, and the other \$1,500 is due at the submission of the grant.
 4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. TIB Pledge \$1,201,422.39
 - b. Web Guild annual fee \$330.00
 - c. Sandstrom \$350.00
 - d. The Donations button is now available on our website. Additionally, a link to Firefighters Facebook page is now available.
 5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** September 2024 Treasurers report and bills were reviewed; Bruce motioned to accept the report and pay the bills Greg seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 6. **Ordinances:** Ordinance 24-001 The 2024-2025 Tentative Budget was reviewed. There were no members of the public for comment. The Budget includes the recent Genesis Ambulance Service increase of \$500.00 per month. CJ motioned to approve the budget as presented and Bruce seconded. The budget was approved 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.
 7. **Ambulance:** None
 8. **Fire Chief Reports** for August 2024. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The RCFPD responded to 37 calls for assistance.

- **Village of Port Byron** - 9 EMS Calls, 1 Fire Alarm and 1 Investigate the Odor of Smoke.
- **Village of Rapids City** – 5 EMS Calls.
- **Fire Protection District (Rural)** – 18 EMS Calls, 3 Traffic Accidents and Investigate Possible Structure Fire.
- **Automatic Aid given** to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 2 Traffic Accidents and 2 Fire Alarms.
- **Mutual Aid** Cordova Fire Protection District for 3 Traffic Accidents and 1 Investigate the Odor of Smoke.

The Fire Protection District is currently in need of Volunteers to fill all positions.

9. Old Business

- a. Land/Building:** CJ has it pretty well cleaned. Randy will do some grading. Randy proposed putting up a temporary ambulance barn. Further research is needed. Discussed several options for retaining wall.

10. New Business: Four policies as required by GATTA and the upcoming grant are drafted and ready for review, Accounting, Sexual Harassment, Fraud and Procurement.

11. Next Meeting: November 13, 2024

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 2021.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary