

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

January 8, 2025

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:** Deb Fulton (Firefighter), Mary Beth Eggars (Firefighter), discussed how we are treating donations. They are being split 50-50 between building and firefighter equipment. Budgeting was also discussed and what items the donations may be used for.

Terrelle Walker and Dave Chessmore representing Family Heritage Insurance discussed their policies. Randy suggested that they work with Don Carey to set up any informational meetings.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2024, were reviewed. Bruce motioned to approve; Greg seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.
3. **Public Comments:** Insurance pitch.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Exempt property notification for property.
 - b. James Hitch \$500.00.
 - c. State of Illinois replacement tax \$311.78
 - d. Charles Schwab. \$1000.00 from. Noreen J. Baily
 - e. Kelly DenHartog \$1000.00
 - f. Sandstrom \$350.00
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** December 2024 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, Bruce seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous. Greg motioned to accept, and Bruce seconded. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.
6. **Ordinances:** None
7. **Ambulance:** None
 - a. **Fire Chief Reports** for December 2024. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 36 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 10 EMS Calls
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 1 EMS Calls
 - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** –16 EMS Calls, 4 Traffic Accidents and 1 Investigate Gas Leak.

- **Automatic Aid** to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 1 Traffic Accident, 1 Grill Fire and 1 Smoke Alarm.
- **Mutual Aid** was given to East Moline for 1 Traffic Accident.

Volunteers Responded to 426 Calls for Assistance in 2024.

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

Saturday March 1st at 3 pm Bingo and Walking Tacos at Station 1.

June 29 at 3 pm we'll have Pork Dinner after car show in downtown Port Byron.

8. Old Business

- a. **Land/Building:** We are working on a Construction Grant from the State Fire Marshalls Office. Greg, Deb and Mary Beth will be working on it Friday afternoon.

9. New Business:

- a. Post Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Board, send copy to any news media which has filed a request (5ILCS120/2.02). Greg completed.
- b. File Certificate of Exempt Property with the County Supervisor of Assessments for District owned real estate (35ILCS 200/15-10) due 1/31/2025. Denise is working on it.
- c. Post report of injuries for prior year (Title 56, Section 350.260(a) Ill Admin Code due 2/1/2025. Don Carey is working on it.
- d. File names of persons required to file Economic Interest Statements with County Clerk (5ILCS 420/4A-106) Due 2/1/2025. Randy reminded everyone to return asap.
- e. MABAS Agreement needs to be completed and submitted. NA we have a five year contract.
- f. Semi Annual review of closed session minutes. There were none to review.

10. Next Meeting: February 12, 2025

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 2001.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary