

Minutes Rochester Fire Protection District

Rochester Fire House

January 10, 2024

Business Meeting Opening

Pledge

Roll Call Trustees Fairchild, Taft, McBride, and Johnson present. Trustee Churchill
Absent

Review and Approval of Minutes From December 2023

Motion to approve by Trustee Fairchild, Second by Trustee McBride. Passed on voice vote.

Treasurers Report - Motion to approve the report by Trustee Taft, second by Trustee Fairchild. Passed on voice vote.

Chiefs Report Motion to approve the Chiefs report by trustee Fairchild, second by Trustee McBride. Passed on voice vote.

Old Business

1. Discussion/Approval of Method to Sell the Berry Facility-Review of Appraisal \$20,000. Trustee Fairchild states there is no septic at the Berry location. The GIS doesn't reflect true property line. Trustee Fairchild says he would like to see the property auctioned off. Motion by Trustee McBride, second by Trustee Johnson to contact Auctioneer Lee Gaule to Auction off the Berry facility. Pass unanimously on roll call vote.
2. Discussion of filling in the Barrow Pit and Construction of a Training Facility-Trustee McBride wants to ensure zoning is correct for the training facility and filling in the pit. Trustee Johnson spoke to Village building inspector James Foster who stated the property is zoned R1 which would allow for a training facility. We would need a building permit. Trustee McBride stated we need to contact the owners of the ground purchased by the Springfield Diocese to get a release form them so we can build a burn tower. Currently our deed does not allow for a burn tower. We can begin planning. Decision needs to be made if additional parking is needed for run off purposes. Engineers for us and the village would need to work together. Trustee Fairchild had offered fill dirt for the pit but Engineers stated that we would want to get the dirt tested to ensure that no pollutants are present in the pit that might put us in jeopardy. Testing would cost \$1,200 a test and we might need 4 to 10 tests. The engineer stated that in his experience abandoned railroad lines are

contaminated. Need to weigh the option of testing soil at Marty's vs moving fill from Springfield.

3. Discuss/Authorize Sinclair to Proceed with Initiating a Zoning Change for the Firehouse and Training Facility if needed- already addressed.

New Business

1. Approval / Authorization of Purchases-. Motion to approve by Trustee Johnson, second Trustee Taft. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.
2. Discussion/Approval of Adjustments of Stipend for the volunteers- Trustee Taft stated that due to price off fuel insurance etc. Currently the volunteers get \$15 a call. Chief states at least 5 years since last increase. Will help with recruitment and retention. Trustee Fairchild stated with 679 calls this year we need to look at hiring full time staff. Current software doesn't consider night vs daytime. Motion made by Trustee Johnson and second by Trustee Taft to raise the call stipend to \$20 a call. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.
3. Discuss/Approval of 2023 Treasurer's Statement- Annual statement. Motion by Trustee Johnson and second by Trustee Fairchild to approve the statement. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
4. Discussion/Approval of Annual Hose Testing Proposal- Motion to approve hose testing by Trustee Johnson and second by trustee Fairchild. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.
5. Discussion of Policy and Procedure Manual- Annual review was recommended by Decennial committee.

Member or Public Comment

Concerns about keeping track of day and night calls.

Additional conversation by trustees in regard to future full-time positions.

Announcements:

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Motion for Adjournment Made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McBride. Passed on voice vote. 7:42 pm.