

Minutes Rochester Fire Protection District

Rochester Fire House

December 13, 2023

**Business Meeting Opening 7:00PM**

**Pledge**

**Roll Call:** Trustees Fairchild, Taft, McBride, Churchill & Johnson Present

**Review and approval of minutes from November 8 Decennial Committee and November 8, Regular**

**Meeting:** Motion made by Trustee Johnson to approve Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Trustee McBride, Motion passed unanimously.

**November 8 Regular Meeting:** Secretary Churchill had corrected minutes, per Trustee Fairchild's email, Motion made by Trustee Taft to accept Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Johnson.

**Treasurer's Report**

General Fund: \$687,644.74, (Trustee Johnson made note of an accounting mistake that has been addressed is in the works of being resolved.

**Balance of Certificates of Deposit:** \$706,656.05

**Current Assets:** \$1,396,409.32

**Total Assets:** \$3,989,012.60

**Total Liabilities & Equities:** \$ 3,989,012.60

**Current Monthly Income:** \$5,225.93

**Current Monthly Expenses:** \$51,584.07

**YTD Income:** \$510,663.60

**YTD Expenses:** \$215,517.24

**YTD Income:** \$295,146.36

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report made by Secretary Churchill, Seconded by Trustee Taft. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chief's Report:**

**Nov 8, 2023** RFPD participated in a Live Burn Training with mutual aid departments in Dawson. IL

**Nov 10** RFPD and Rochester police participated in the "High Five Friday" at Rochester Intermediate Schools

**Nov 18** RFPD escorted the Rochester Football team back into town

**Nov 20** RFPD conducted preplanned tours of Rochester Christian Church, Beginning Steps Day Care and Park Funeral Homes

**Nov 24** RFPD escorted the Rochester High Football team out of town.

**Nov 25** RFPD Escorted the Rochester High Football team back into town

**Nov 28** Chief Archer met with a member of the Illinois State Archive to determine status for disposal of old records.

**Dec 1** Chief Archer met with RFPD to review the ELVES program for 2023.

**Dec 2** RFPD delivered Santa to the Rochester Library for the holiday event.

**Dec 5** Chief Archer attended a "Not Everyone Goes Home" fire safety seminar in Collinsville, IL

**Dec 8** All overhead doors had new safety switches installed.

### **November Calls**

60 EMS

18 Fire

78 Total

4 Training Sessions and 6 Special Duties

Motion to approve Chief's Report made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Secretary Churchill, motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Discussion of Appraisal and Method of Selling the Berry facility.

President McBride stated that Appraisal has not been completed at current time due to unable to find comparable property and will email it to everyone once obtained.

Trustee Fairchild questioned that we want to wait until we get the appraisal before we decide on what to do with the facility.

President McBride agreed that would be the best and that we didn't have to back track.

Trustee Fairchild questioned Chief Archer if everything was already removed from the building, Chief Archer stated not yet and that it was a work in progress.

Trustee Fairchild also questioned if a dumpster would be needed.

Chief Archer commented that it would depend on what would be salvaged vs thrown out.

President McBride questioned the Chief if there was anywhere that the excess plywood could be stored, to which Chief Archer stated they were working on that as well.

### **Discussion about how to proceed with Training Facility**

President McBride suggested that we obtain a list of the property owners who purchased ground from the Springfield Diocese, perhaps by using the Sangamon Counties Website. He also mentioned that Attorney James Sinclair recommended we have a title company do a search and obtain the property owners and that it would get done sooner rather than later.

Trustee Fairchild questioned if we would need to discuss with owners of Carriage Crossing, to which President McBride stated that “No, since it was a part of Coe Commons.”

Trustee Johnson interjected that the developer didn’t own the property, but had the option to develop it. He questioned if we needed to even ask the property owners that do not adjoin the fire house. To which President McBride stated that “No, only those that purchased the church property is all we need.”

Trustee Fairchild stated that “There is a daycare across the street and that they should be involved in this as well”, to which President McBride agreed, and mentioned the school as well should be.

Trustee Fairchild also stated that the residential area across from the firehouse should be included since they will be the ones to look at it, listen to it and smell it and they should be included as well.

President McBride stated that this is not anything as far as building it, but we would have the ability to build in the future.

Trustee Fairchild stated that there will still have to be future discussion about what it will look like and maintenance of the facility.

Secretary Churchill questioned how much the title company would cost, to which President McBride stated “a few hundred dollars”.

President McBride made a motion that we have James Sinclair contact the title company to obtain a list of owners, Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Roll was called and all approved.

### **New Business**

Discussion/Approval of bill for Langheim Concrete

No invoice has been received, will table until the future.

### **Monthly Purchases**

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Secretary Churchill, Roll was called and all members approved.

### **Discussion/Approval of Adoption of Paid Leave Act Ordinance**

President McBride stated it was still unclear and early on, no questions were posed at this point.

Secretary Churchill made a motion to adopt the Paid Leave Act Ordinance and President McBride seconded, passed unanimously.

### **Member/Public Comment**

A member of the public commented that with the numbers of ours, and other apartments being low, if we had consulted with other departments to get their input/ideas on the use or help paying for the training facility so that it benefited everyone involved.

President McBride stated that it was still several years in the future and there were many possibilities.

Trustee Fairchild mentioned he has come across a vast amount of fill dirt on property that he manages, and that the fill dirt would be free for the taking. The department would be responsible for arranging a large wheel loader and hauling, with the use of the Operating Engineers helping to fill in the borrow pit. And it would be one more thing to not worry about in the future.

President McBride stated that he would give the guy a call in the spring and get on the list about trucking.

Motion to Adjourn made by Trustee Taft, Seconded by Secretary Churchill, motion passed unanimously.