

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE ROCHESTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

On the fourth day of August, 2022, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Fire Protection District was held at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice, 700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois. In attendance were the Trustees of the District: Trustee Fairchild, Trustee Ritterbusch, Trustee McBride, Trustee Spurgeon and Trustee Romadka. Also present were three members of the Public.

The first order of business was the taking of the roll call. All Trustees present and a quorum was established.

The next item of business was New Business.

1. Discuss and take action, including the adoption of a resolution, on how the Board should proceed to select an individual to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees due to the upcoming resignation of Randy Romadka on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. After a lengthy discussion and several point of views and various options on how to resolve the matter of the Board vacancy, and being mindful of the need for transparency and inclusion, President McBride stated that he had already contacted three old candidates from before that had shown interest in filling John Fox's vacancy this last Spring. They are: Andy Beck; Ed Johnson; Perry Walter. Brad Kauffman is a new interest whom President McBride also contacted. President McBride motioned to publish a notice in the Rochester Times starting on August the 11, 2022, through August 18, 2022. The Fire Department's website and their Facebook was also mentioned amongst the Board as a place to advertise. Trustee Fairchild will contact the Township Boards, as was suggested by Trustee Spurgeon, within the Fire District, and inform them of the RFPD Board vacancy. Other appropriate means of informing the public was also discussed. The deadline for informing the Board for people interested in filling the vacancy will be August 18, 2022.

The next item of business was Member and Public Comment. A member of the public admonishes the Board to remember that they were elected to represent the interests of the taxpayers. Another public member thinks the Board should advertise the vacancy in The State Journal Register. The excuse that came from the Board was that it is too expensive and nobody reads the SJR rings hollow with the amount of tax dollars the District has at its disposal.

The next item of business was Announcements. President McBride stated that the next regular Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. President McBride asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ritterbusch motioned to adjourn and Trustee Romadka seconded. Polled the Board and all in favor.

There being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

Being all of the Trustees of the
Rochester Fire Protection District

