

Richmond Township Fire Protection District

Trustee's Regular Meeting

August 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Richmond Township Fire Protection District, 5601 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

Present: Larry Jones, Jay Marshall, & Mark Miller

Also Present: Treasurer Carolynn Gaylord, Chief Jim Prickett, Deputy Chief Eric Schwind & Attorney Rich Curran

General Public: Several members of the department

Minutes:

~J. Marshall made the motion to accept the regular minutes from July 14, 2022, meeting. M. Miller seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous voice vote of 3-0, motion carried.

~ M. Miller made the motion to accept the executive session from July 14, 2022, meeting & to keep them closed. J. Marshall seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous voice vote of 3-0, motion carried.

Correspondence:

~A letter was received by the district regarding the former bike run that was hosted by the department.

~ A letter from Chief Weber of the Wonder Lake FD with accoladed for the Richmond FD from a recent call they assisted on.

Treasurer's Report:

~M. Miller made a motion to accept the August 2023 warrant & as needed checks written between meetings. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed by a roll call vote of 3-0, motion carried.

~ M. Miller made a motion to accept the July FY 2023 financial report as presented. J. Marshall seconded the motion and was passed by a roll call vote of 3-0, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

~N/A

New Business:

~Lt. Mike Garza presented on behalf of the Ambulance Committee their findings and suggestions for a new ambulance. (Committee: Lt. Garza, G. Steadman, J. Maahs, R. Karls & C. Nicolay)

The committee researched ambulances from Osage, Horton, Wheeled Coach, Braun, & Road Rescue. All companies will deliver a complete custom vehicle.

The design benchmarks that were important to the committee are: patient care, reliability, ease of maintenance, chassis, Ford model, gas vs diesel, 4x4, and lights that match the new engine.

After lots of consideration, the committee recommends the Osage Warrior Ford F550 4x4, gas liquid ride, w/ a radio system to meet county standards, & a 176'x74' VMUX door forward. The suggested ambulance will roughly cost \$300,000.00(cost is slightly padded) w/ no money due up front and a delivery date of approximately sometime in August 2025.

The board will need to meet again to execute the sale once the committee has final paperwork for the purchase in hand.

Attorney's Report:

- ~ Budget & Appropriations – filed
- ~ Certification of Estimated Revenues - filed

Chief's Report: Complete report attached.

- ~ Personnel resignations – Krystal Kaha & Marie Klonowski
- ~ Chief Prickett meets periodically with Chief Klicker from Spring Grove FD to keep in touch and to brainstorm. The last time they met they tossed around ideas of the possibility of consolidating the two districts. Chief Prickett asked the board if they would entertain the idea of a consolidation and if they would approve exploring the possibility of consolidating with Spring Grove FD.

Executive Session:

J. Marshall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:46 pm for personnel matters. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed by a roll call vote of 3-0, motion carried

Resume - Regular Meeting at 8:04 pm

Motions from Executive Session Discussion:

- ~J. Marshall made a motion to approve Chief Prickett to create a Deputy Chief of Operations positions. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 3-0. Motion carried.
- ~J. Marshall made a motion to approve hiring Matt Amore to fill the new Deputy Chief of Operations position. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 3-0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

~ N/A

There was no further business J. Marshall made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous voice vote of 3-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jay Marshall, Secretary

