**Richmond Township Fire Protection District**

**Trustee’s Regular Meeting - March 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Richmond Township Fire Protection District, 5601 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

**Present:** Tom Van Daele, Bill Foley, Larry Jones (telephonic attendance)

**Also Present:** Chief Gallas, Attorney Curran

**Absent:** Treasurer Carolynn Gaylord

Tom Van Daele made a motion to allow Trustee Larry Jones to join the meeting telephonically. Bill Foley seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of 2-0, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Tom Van Daele made the motion to accept the regular minutes for the February 8, 2018 meeting. Bill Foley seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous vote of 3-0, motion carried.

**Correspondence & Requests -** None

**Treasurer’s Report:** T. Van Daele made a motion to accept the February 2018 warrant (FY18-11) as presented. B. Foley seconded the motion and was passed by a roll call vote of 3-0, motion carried.

B. Foley made a motion to approve the FY18 Financial Report as presented. L. Jones seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous vote of 3-0, motion carried.

**Attorney’s Report:**

* Attorney R. Curran reminded all to get their Economic Interests Statement done as early as possible.
* Attorney R. Curran advised the trustees that the FY19 Tax Cap for next year will be 2.1%, this is the same as FY18.
* Attorney R. Curran advised the trustees that they should review the Closed Session minutes in April.

**Fire Chief’s Report:**

* The Mercy Health Systems is on target for a go live date of April 1st.. System entry training and testing practically done.
* Rescue Task Force training held in conjunction with Richmond PD. Put on by Mercyhealth.
* March 17th is Richmond Expo. Mercyhealth MD-1 will be there for the community to view.
* Buster Amore is retiring from the department with 25 years of service, effective 3/29/18. Retirement luncheon planned in his honor on his last day.
* Chief brought up the fact that the Fire North radio system is 10+ years old. It is nearing its end of life cycle. This is something that will have to be planned for in the future. Even though it will be split 4-ways, it will be a major expense.
* Centegra approved the Paramedic student field internship agreement with Mercyhealth, thus paving the way for M. Williams, and M. Garza to finish some of their student run time on our ambulances.
* The CAD/MCETSB system underwent a major upgrade for all of McHenry County police and fire. This is a major improvement to what we were using prior to the new system.
* The tornado sirens in Richmond are operational, and a multi-jurisdictional SOP has been developed for sounding the alarms (by MCSO) when a tornado warning is issued for the greater Richmond area.
* The recruit hiring window is now open, applications are being submitted.

**Public Comment:** None

**Executive Session & Possible Action:** None

**Other:** None

**Adjourn**

* There was no further business B. Foley made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. T. Van Daele seconded the motion and was passed by a unanimous voice vote of 3-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned

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Tom VanDaele, Secretary