

Rochelle Fire & Police Commissioners

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

420 N 6th Street – Rochelle, Illinois

December 18, 2018

The quarterly meeting of the Rochelle Fire and Police Commissioners Board was called to order by Commissioner Robert Jones at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Mitch Montgomery and Jim May along with Chief Higby, Chief Sawlsville, Mayor Olson, City Manager Fiegenschuh.

Public in attendance: Councilman John Bearrows and Sandy Sullivan.

Moment of silence was held in memory of Commissioner Ronald “Stony” Stonebraker who passed away on September 30, 2018.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mitch Montgomery moved and Commissioner Robert Johns second for approval of the September 11th, 2018 meetings.

Correspondence – Mayor Olson spoke briefly on adding to the Fire & Police Board. Chief Sawlsville & Chief Higby both commented on their thoughts with bringing retired Police & Fire Fighter on. Mayor Olson will be exploring the possibility of having two non-voting members in the future.

New Business – Mayor Olson introduced Jim May as the newest Commissioner finishing the term of Ron Stonebraker until 07/01/19. Jim also serves on the Storm Warning Committee. Welcome Jim!

Chief Higby stated the Police department has switched testing companies that will better fit our department needs. Sergeant testing will be done in late February or March to establish a new list. List will be good for three years. Officer Peter Pavia has started his training. He comes with 17 years of Law Enforcement from Elburn, Illinois. Sergeant Phil Frankenberry graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers eleven weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professional within their agencies.

Chief Higby stated that when the manual was completed this year that the educational points were not added, and he would like to revise this. Chief will forward out information on this and a special meeting will be held on January 22nd, 2019.

Chief Higby voiced his concerns to the Commissioners wearing badges on the outside of their clothing or hanging from mirrors in cars as it poses a danger to anyone that is not an actual Police Officer.

Chief Sawlsville advised the fire calls were down for 2018. Union contract will be up on April 30th, 2019. Does not see any major changes. Eligibly list is current. Lieutenant test coming up this summer. Looking at specs on a new engine. Staffing and equipment is currently good. Chief spoke that they are wanting to get back into transporting once again. Meeting coming up with RCH to move forward on transports.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m. Commissioner Montgomery moved and Commissioner May seconded.

Next meeting March 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sullivan

Communication Supervisor