

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

January 14, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:30 at Station Two

Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 1830
 - a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Secretary) Randy Garrison (President), and Don Carey (Fire Chief), and CJ Brooks. Robert Clark
 - b. Jason Dennhardt absent
 - c. **Members of the Public:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025, were reviewed. Greg motioned to approve the minutes. C.J. seconded the motion. The vote is 4 Ayes and 0 Nays and 1 Absent to approve.

Special Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2026 for the tax levy C.J. motion and Greg seconded. The vote is 4 Ayes and 0 Nays and 1 Absent to approve.

3. **Public Comments** None

4. **Correspondence:**

- a. TIB Pledge Report \$1,393,769.65
- b. Donation from Grand Rivers Pilot Club \$215.00
- c. Scot and Jane Darin \$200.00
- d. Mark and Bobbie Jenkins \$50.00
- e. Roger Armitage and Kelly DemHartog \$1,000.00
- f. Messiah Lutheran Church \$175.00
- g. Charles Schwab \$1,000.00
- h. State of Illinois Replacement Tax \$731.71

5. **Financials**

- a. **Treasurers Report:** December 2025 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, CJ seconded. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays 1 Absent.

6. **Ordinances and Policies:** Ordinance 25-003 Tax Levy passed at special meeting held on January 9,2026.

Ordinance 26-004 Establishing Fees for False Alarms and Nuisance Calls for the Rapids City Fire Protection District passed 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Absent.

7. **Ambulance:** We are still having problems with one individual using EMT and FD personnel for personnel assistance. Discussed above in ordinance 26-004.
8. **Fire Chief Reports** for December 2025. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 53 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 9 EMS Calls, 2 Investigate Odor of Smoke, 2 Fire Alarms and 1 CO Alarm.
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 4 EMS Calls and 1 Traffic Accident.

- **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 28 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Report of Smoke.
- **Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 2 Traffic Accidents, 1 Fire Alarm and 1 HAZMAT Spill.**

The Volunteers of the Rapids City Fire Protection District responded to 471 calls for Assistance in 2025.

9. Old Business

a. Land/Building: None, the ground is frozen.

b. New Business: None

10. New Business:

- Post Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Board, send copy to any news media which has filed a request (5ILCS120/2.02). Completed
- File Certificate of Exempt Property with the County Supervisor of Assessments for District owned real estate (35ILCS 200/15-10) due 1/31/2026. Denise will file.
- Post report of injuries for prior year (Title 56, Section 350.260(a) Ill Admin Code due 2/1/2026.
- File names of persons required to file Economic Interest Statements with County Clerk (5ILCS 420/4A-106) Due 2/1/2026.
- MABAS Agreement needs to be completed and submitted.
- Semi Annual review of closed session minutes. There were no closed session minutes to review.

11. Next Meeting: February 11, 2026

12. Adjournment: 1908.

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary