

Rockland Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Special Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2019
Rockland Fire Protection District, Meeting Room
14 Skokie Highway, Lake Bluff, IL. 60044

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. President Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following attendance noted:

Trustee/President Dan Rogers
Trustee/Secretary Robert Grum
Trustee Karl Snoblin

Attorney Brian O'Connor
Chief Siebert [Lake Forest FD]

Persons absent:
Treasurer Tami Bryan

Chief Carani [Libertyville FD]

Quorum acknowledged.

Others Present Residents Roger Grum (sp?), Marcin Malinowski, Nikki Snoblin,
Ed Whitehead and 1 other

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation led by President Rogers.
3. Public Comment.
 - a. Roger Grum (sp?) inquired why the Board was holding a special meeting at 8:30 p.m.
 - b. Marcin Maliowski offered two comments, (1) regarding the League of Women Voters forum for candidates to the office of trustee for the District at the Consolidated Election to be held April 2, 2019, and complemented Trustee Snoblin on attending the candidates' forum and noted the absence of Trustees Rogers and Grum, and (2) inquired as to the need for the Board's Special meeting.
 - c. Nikki Snoblin offered several comments regarding any proposed sale of the District's fire station, (1) asking about details of the process for the sale, (2) asking about the timing of any sale given the impending installation of an elected board in less two months, (3) suggesting it would be short-sighted for this lame-duck appointed Board to act on any sale of the fire station when a decision of that long-term impact and nature would more properly lie with the elected Board to be seated shortly, (4) asking about the motivation for the speed of the Board's action in efforts to sell the fire station, and (5) that the decision as to the fate or disposition of the fire station be left to and made by the incoming elected Board.
 - d. After comments concluded Trustee Rogers offered that (1) the special meeting was scheduled for 8:30 p.m. to allow Attorney O'Connor the opportunity to attend after having been at another board meeting earlier in the evening, and (2) that

there had been no interest expressed or shown in a lease of the fire station but there had been interest on the part of several parties in purchasing the fire station.

4. Res. 2019-01 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate [70 ILCS 705/10a(b)].
 - a. Attorney O'Connor distributed the Resolution and reviewed key points included. He noted the terms of the resolution were as provided by law. General discussion ensued.
 - b. In response to Trustee Snoblin's question concerning whether the fire station was surplus or not. Attorney O'Connor noted that no fire or emergency medical services were provide from or by the facility. Trustee Snoblin noted a continued concern regarding the District's need for use of administrative office space for District purposes if a bid was accepted and the fire station in fact sold. Attorney O'Connor suggested an amendment to the "General Terms" identified under Section Three Paragraph B in the Resolution, adding the following as a new subsection g as follows:

g. The Board reserves the right to retain use of administrative office space for receipt of mail, file maintenance and storage, public meetings and related District business for one year from the date of sale.
 - c. There being no further discussion, a motion to approve Res. 2019-01 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate, as amended, was made by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Grum. Roll vote: 2 Aye (Grum, Rogers), 1 Nay (Snoblin). The motion passed.
 - d. At Trustee Snoblin's request, Attorney O'Connor stated he would email the Trustees pdf copies of the amended Resolution tomorrow (Thursday, March 21).
 - e. Attorney O'Connor advised the Board he would submit the 3-page Resolution (less the Secretary's Certificate) for publication in the Lake County News Sun not later than Monday, March 25, but earlier if possible.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Grum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. which was seconded by Trustee Snoblin. The Motion was approved by a voice vote: 3 Aye (Grum, Rogers, Snoblin), 0 No. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. O'Connor
District Attorney

Approved _____, 2019

Dan Rogers, Board President

Robert Grum, Board Secretary