RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Richmond Township Fire Protection District, 5601 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

Board Members Present: Larry Jones, Mark Miller

Also Present: Chief Jim Prickett, Attorney Rich Curran, Deputy Chief Eric Schwind, Deputy Chief Matt Amore, Administrative Assistant Jenny Karaszewski, Liam Welch, Dylan Janisch

Motion to have Mark Miller to be Secretary Pro-Temp.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

2. SWEARING IN

- Swearing in of Probationary Member

Attorney, Rich Curran swore in the following Probationary Member:

Dylan Janisch

3.MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

- July 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the regular minutes from July 9.

Motion to Approve: 1st Mark Miller 2nd Larry Jones Vote: AAMC

4. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

Brandon Sites Resignation

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Warrants FY27-4 and any checks written between meetings
- July FY27 Financial Reports

Motion to accept the FY27-4 and any checks written between meetings.

Motion to Approve: 1st Mark Miller 2nd Larry Jones Vote: AAMC

Roll Call Vote: Larry Jones – YES Mark Miller – YES Motion Passed

Motion to accept July FY27 Financial Reports.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

Roll Call Vote: Larry Jones – YES Mark Miller – YES Motion Passed

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Class Action lawsuit regarding fire apparatus

The Chief suggested that the district consider joining a class action lawsuit concerning fire apparatus pricing. He reported that larger fire departments across the country have raised concerns that major fire apparatus distributors may have charged prices that were unfair or excessive over the past four years.

- Discussion regarding refinancing the building

The Chief reported that he spoke with Chris Otterson from the bank regarding the district's audit again being filed late this year. As a result, he suggested exploring the option of obtaining a line of credit secured by the district's building to fund necessary capital improvements.

Motion to Approve exploring the option of obtaining a line of credit with the building:
1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The budget and appropriation ordinance was filed with the county and published.

Notice from the assessor's office.

Levy to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

- Fire Chief Prickett updated the Board of Trustees on District Activities.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(Closed Meeting, if needed)*

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:23 PM for purpose of personnel.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

Motion to leave Executive Session at 7:31 PM.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to terminate Nate Moreno effective 8/13/2026.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

12. OTHER

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:34 PM.

Motion to Approve: 1st Larry Jones 2nd Mark Miller Vote: AAMC

Mark Miller, Secretary Pro-Temp