

**SPRING GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING ON FUNCTIONAL CONSOLIDATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

The Spring Grove Fire Protection District held a Special Meeting, in the Meeting Room, at the Fire Station, 8214 Richardson Rd., Spring Grove, IL, on Saturday November 18, 2017, for the purpose of meeting with the representative Trustee(s) and Chiefs from the other departments of the Fire North Quad (Hebron, Richmond, and Wonder Lake) to discuss the possibility of Functional Consolidation.

President Rusher called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Present were: Spring Grove-L. Rusher, E. Kattner, H. Petska and P. Tierney and Chief Rich Tobiasz; Hebron-Brent Deppmeier (Trustee), Bill Malugren (Trustee) and Tom Linneman, Chief; Richmond-Bill Foley (Trustee) and Chief Rick Gallas; Wonder Lake-Cheryl Hammerand (Trustee), Steve Weir (Trustee), Chief Sorensen and DC Mike Weber. Several SG Firefighters, Keith Hohs (citizen), and a reporter from the NW Herald also attended.

President Rusher referred to a prepared informational sheet (attached) distributed to everyone. He then introduced Chief Gallas (Richmond) who had prepared and presented a Power Point presentation on Consolidation (general terms), his thoughts on a Fire North Alliance (including patch design), Richmond Fire's staffing plan, and how the four Districts could work together to potentially reduce costs.

The District's then discussed some of the highlights of the presentation, including the possibility of forming a committee to further study the possibilities. Chief Gallas suggested that the Districts agree to move forward with the Alliance. He also announced that Richmond had selected a new Chief (he is retiring 12/1/18) and that the person would be announced in December. Chief Linneman raised concerns over the significant differences between the other staffed Districts and his totally POC/Volunteer District. Most of the discussion centered around staffing, training, equipment and purchasing. President Rusher mentioned the Explorer Posts as a recruiting tool.

The Boards said that they would take the information back to their respective Districts for discussion in November and December. Trustee Weir asked if Spring Grove would take the lead and President Rusher agreed to do so, indicating he would send the minutes and a copy of Chief Gallas' presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

--Russ Chambers: A great idea.

--Keith Hohs: A great start to the plan. He suggested one Chief to put it all together; an idea that would save everyone money. He said the Explorer Program was a plus for everyone and perhaps they could join together.

Being no further business, **Motion by L. Rusher to adjourn, seconded by H. Petska. Roll call vote-All Ayes. Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 10.17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Tobiasz
Chief