

Fire District Board Opening

After 14 years of service, Rhett Byington will be retiring as a Big Rock Fire Protection District trustee at the end of February. Please join me in thanking Rhett for his many years of dedicated commitment to the Big Rock community.

The Township is seeking a resident interested in serving as a Fire District trustee. Interested applicants must reside within the township. The 5 BRFPD trustees are appointed to staggered 3-year terms to represent the interests of the community and provide oversight of the activities of the fire district.

Fire District trustee responsibilities are defined by state statute and include: Setting annual property tax levies, budgets and appropriations; Oversee district finances, revenues, and operating expenditures; Hiring a qualified fire chief to manage the district activities; Approving compensation and benefits of district staff; Oversee district property and equipment; Approving local ordinances to comply with local, state, and federal laws and requirements; and Assisting with other district activities as required. The volunteer BRFPD board meets monthly (or more frequently if necessary) at the fire station.

Interested residents who wish to be considered should send a letter of interest no later than February 28 to: Supervisor, Big Rock Township, PO Box 252, Big Rock IL 50511 (email to bigrocktownship@gmail.com). Please include a summary of you experience, skills and qualifications, and reasons you to be considered. The township will seek input from the BRFPD board, and expects to approve the appointment in March.