

SOUTH ELGIN AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICIAL RECORD

DATE: February 13, 2017

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on February 13, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Joe Cluchey, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Chief Sohn

ABSENT: Secretary Rick Bohlman,

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on January 9, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault wanted to add to the paragraph regarding additional insurance for investing; the board decided that they feel the District is covered in this area without additional insurance due to our following best practices, using professional investors, and consultation with expert legal counsel. Also Britta wanted to correct the A/P check numbers to show 11274-11307 (not 11306). Trustee Cluchey made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted changes. Trustee Jeffrey Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of January showed a balance of \$7,428,168.31, the balance as of the meeting was \$7,261,453.57. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13557 thru 13611, and payroll checks 11308 thru 11328. A/P check # 13506 and P/R check 13579 were voided, as they were printed in error. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Cluchey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Speyers inquired about the Knox Company check (key boxes). Trustee Theriault made a motion to pay the February bills as presented in the amount of \$166,714.74. President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Our shifts have been very busy the past couple weeks:

Gold shift responded to a call with a patient that was in mental distress. FF/PM Jason Peters reported that FF/PM Mike Rothecker quickly worked to bond with the patient, establishing a trust that made the transfer relatively easy for everyone involved. His gentle manner made all the difference on this call, great job Mike! Chief Sohn also wanted to thank SEPD for their assistance with this call.

We responded to a call for an attic fire in a house on Woodcliff Drive. It was difficult for the crews to locate the fire. Chief was very pleased that no one was hurt, and that everything ran perfectly on the fire scene. We have not had a fire in quite a while and Chief was impressed with everyone's skills and teamwork. Good work!

We had two a car accidents requiring extensive extrication on the scene. One of the accidents involved the car knocking down a power line, adding to the risky condition of the incident. Great work to all involved on these tough calls!

Our guys helped search for a missing person in the forest preserve. Captain Rothecker reported it was an impressive operation with SEPD, SEFD, Kane County Forest Preserve officers assisted largely by Kane County Emergency Management (and the numerous resources available to them). Everyone worked well together, cooperatively using each of their skills and assisting each other to ultimately find the individual. Trustee Cluchey added that we think about sending someone to a Large Area Search Class.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

CHIEF'S REPORT –Britta wrote a thank you note to the District for their kindness during her father's passing.

Britta sent Chief an email letting him know how much she appreciated Liz, and all the hard work she did to fill in for her while she was out with her father.

OLD BUSINESS –

Referendum- Chief wants to get the referendum in motion by setting up the committee with 2 trustees, 2-3 Union members, and a few public persons that would be interested. The committee will look into the filing and election dates, create a plan and move forward.

Cash and Land Donations – Chief did not have anything to update at this time. Chief did inform the board that we have already run over 25 calls to 700 McLean Blvd.

Chief learned from the county that two of the properties that were annexed from FRCFRD will need land surveys to clarify the land description in order for the paperwork to be completed. W.E Hanna Surveyors have completed the survey. A/C Wascher will deliver the survey to the County tomorrow.

Investments -We have transferred \$3,000,000.00 (the boards agreed upon amount of money to invest) to Charles Schwab via Sawyer Falduto.

NEW BUSINESS –

Nestler Bridge –Chief Sohn has made an arrangement with Pingree Grove to swap coverage of specific areas of our districts affected by the road/bridge closures. This will ensure that our entire district (and theirs) is covered in a timely manner when the bridge construction starts.

McDonald Rd Bridge - During the time period of March -September 2017, the McDonald Rd. Bridge between Thornwood Way and Peppertree Ln. will be removed and replaced. The South Elgin Fire District has arranged for the closest neighboring fire department to be dispatched simultaneously to emergencies in this area during the time of construction. We will always go to the call in our district; the closest department will also be dispatched with us.

Dispatch- Jamie from Elgin Communications sent us a letter from DuCom stating that they will be dispatching the next closest vehicle/apparatus if needed, and may ask for more than one. Chief Sohn assures the board that we will participate but will never leave the District unprotected.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to reappoint Mary Van Winkle to the Pension Board as Board Trustee. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Broz joined the meeting to discuss additional insurance to cover our fiduciary liability now that we have started investing some of the District's money. Dave presented a proposal for coverage where we would share the cost of the policy, and it would cover the District, the Pension and the Foreign Fire boards. The Board decided to look over the proposal this next month, and if we decide to go ahead with the shared policy, it will be put on the agenda in March for approval.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT- None at this time

CLOSED SESSION - Not Needed

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 19:50 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman