

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

DATE: January 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on January 14, 2025, at 19:01. The meeting was conducted at Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

PRESENT: President Diana Cornelissen, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

Swearing in Full-time Probationary Firefighters Ivan Gomez and Joseph Hansen – President Cornelissen swore in the District's newest full-time firefighters Ivan Gomez and Joseph Hansen before family, friends, and fellow firefighters. Ivan has been working as a part-time firefighter for our District since January of 2024 and Joey since May of 2023. Both Ivan and Joey are currently enrolled in Advocate Sherman Hospital's Paramedic Program, and after successfully completing the program/state test, will be certified paramedics by the end of this summer. The Board congratulated the new full-time firefighters.

Chief Luchsinger commended the duty crew (Red Shift) for prepping and cleaning the training room to prepare for the Lieutenant Testing Assessment Center, and then again after the testing to arrange / clean for the Trustee Meeting. It was a busy day!

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present via ZOOM to review with the Board the District's financial report as provided for December 2024. James discussed the District's financial position at the end of the 2024 fiscal year. The Board discussed our GEMT income and expense (what has been saved for payment).

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval and ratification of emergency expenditure for Engine 22-Rosenbauer turbo repair at Interstate Power Systems not to exceed \$15,000.
- b. Approval of the December 12, 2024, Special Meeting minutes
- c. Approval of December 12, 2024, Meeting minutes
- d. Approval of Treasurer's Report for December 2024
- e. Approval January 14, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 136,396.32
Ratify December 13, 2024 thru January 11, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 170,289.25

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on current legislation that impacts fire districts. Attorney Flaherty informed the Board that the Social Security Fairness Act has passed, this impacts those individuals that have had two types of jobs, one with a pension and one Social Security. Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on an employee's arbitration, his firm is currently briefing the final documents, they are due mid-month.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Attorney Flaherty is working with the Village of South Elgin to clean up a concern regarding the deed for Station 23. There is a discrepancy in the description of the property, a one-word change. This will be on the agenda for approval next month.
- Fire Prevention Fee Structure Ordinance – This item is ongoing project.
- Update Lieutenant Testing Process- Today, January 14th was the assessment center for Lieutenant testing. The written test is scheduled for January 22nd, 2025, after which, the preliminary list will be posted and candidates will have 10 days to turn in military points. The final list should be approved and available to post by February 7th, 2025.
- New Battalion Car – The order for the new battalion chief(s) car was received and put into production; the District will receive the car in a few months. Orders for the lighting package and the roll-out command center will need to be placed promptly. These items need to be ready and available prior to delivery date for timely installation.
- Ambulance Re-chassis - The Board entered into a discussion of the pros and cons of buying a completely new ambulance vs. deciding on a re-chassis. FF/PM Matt Turnquist, who leads our vehicle maintenance team, was present to answer any of the questions the Board may have had on this topic. The Board also discussed the option of purchasing an engine that runs on regular gasoline, not diesel fuel. FF/PM Turnquist discussed the pros and cons of this possible change. By switching to a re-chassis and a gas engine the District could save as much as \$100,000.00.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

President Cornelissen thanked the Trustees for completing their required training for the year. President Cornelissen sent a holiday email to all District employees on behalf of the Board in December.

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval to order a Re-Chassis Ambulance-2026 Ford F-550 from Foster Coach in the amount not to exceed \$245,000- Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to order a re-chassis ambulance through Foster Coach not to exceed \$245,000.00. Secretary Bohlman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.

Discussion and possible approval of renewal of Provident Accident & Health Insurance Coverage Part-time Firefighters at \$2,886 - The District's broker from Railside Citrus, Dave Broz, was present at the meeting. Chief Luchsinger and Dave Broz went over the policy renewals with the Board. President Cornelissen made a motion to approve the District's Property and Casualty Insurance renewal for 2025. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

Discussion and possible approval of PEDA Coverage-Kansas City Life Insurance (Gap Insurance) at \$26,970 - Chief Luchsinger and Dave Broz explored the PEDA coverage policy with the Board. After discussion, the Board decided not to move on this insurance coverage at this time but will reconsider in the future.

Discussion and possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Huntley Fire Protection District -The District is looking to engage the Huntley Fire Protection District's Maintenance Division for some of our future vehicle maintenance needs. Per Attorney Flaherty's recommendation President Cornelissen made a motion to table the approval of this IGA until the next meeting. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible approval of Part-Time employee wages – Due to the increase in the minimum wage on January 1, 2025 the District will need to change the orientation/probationary part time wage to \$15.00 per hour retro to January 1, 2025. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the part-time orientation/probationary wage retro to January 1, 2025, to \$15.00 per hour. Trustee Hazelwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.

Discussion and Review of Bi-annual Closed Session Minutes and Discussion and possible approval to destroy closed session audio tapes prior to July 12th, 2023 – Per Chief Luchsinger and Attorney Flaherty's recommendation President Cornelissen made the motion to keep all Closed Session Minutes closed at this time and to destroy all

Closed Session tapes prior to July 12th, 2023. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

Good of the District – Nothing at this time.

Public Comment- Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Treasurer Speyers and seconded by Trustee Theriault the meeting was adjourned at 20:21 hours; the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman