

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

DATE February 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on February 8, 2024, at 09:00. The meeting was conducted at Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Theriault

PRESENTATIONS – Nothing at this time

Treasurers Report –James Howard was present and reviewed with the Board the District's financial report as provided for January 2024.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of January 11, meeting minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2024
- c. Approval February 8th bills in the amount of \$ 182,180.74
Ratify January 12 - February 7, 2024 bills in the amount of \$ 1,065,671.21

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Nothing at this time.

CHIEFS REPORT –

- Decennial Report – While FF/PM Samantha Green is on transitional duty the Chief has tasked her with helping complete the Decennial Committee Report. Chief Luchsinger feels like the report is 75% completed. The second meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024 at Station 21 starting at 18:00.
- CDH Mobile Stroke Unit Update – Chief Luchsinger reported to the board that the District has already had reason to use CDH's Mobile Stroke Unit 6-7 times during the first month of our partnership. The District has gotten a great deal of positive feedback about entering into this collaboration. News of this partnership has been on NBC news, and featured in both the Daily Herald and the Courier News. We have had a tremendous reaction on our Facebook page, with many wonderful grateful comments and shares. The Village of South Elgin interviewed Chief Luchsinger and Lt Peters and will be highlighting the Mobile Stroke Unit on the cover of their quarterly newsletter that is mailed to South Elgin residents.

Old Business- Nothing at this time

Any other Old Business- None at this time

New Business-

Discussion and possible approval of District Attorney Engagement Letter- Chief Luchsinger received an Engagement Letter from Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg, Castaldo; they have raised their rates and would like to move forward together without a retainer. President Cornelissen requested that the Board discuss this item in Closed Session.

Discussion and possible approval of the joint Fiduciary Liability Insurance with the Pension Board- The Board discussed the Fiduciary Liability Insurance which would be split with Pension Fund. The insurance benefits the Pension Board, but also the District Trustee Board. If agreed upon, the District and the Pension Board will split the cost of this policy. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the purchase and split the cost of the Pension Fund's insurance renewal for Fiduciary Liability Insurance through Railside Citrus. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-1: President Cornelissen-Nay, Secretary Bohlman – Yay, Treasurer Speyers – Yay, Trustee Hazelwood -Yay.

Any other New Business- None at this time

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to move to Closed Session @ 09:28 for reason 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity and for 5ILCS120/2(c)(21). President Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Cornelissen made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 09:36. Secretary Bohlman seconded; the motion was approved unanimously 4-0, Trustee Theriault absent.

President Cornelissen made a motion to accept the Engagement Letter from Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg, Castaldo, Ltd. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 4-0. The new invoicing will begin on March 1st, 2024.

Good of the District – Nothing at this time.

Public Comment- None at this time

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Treasurer Speyers the meeting was adjourned at 09:47 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman