

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

DATE: February 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on February 11, at 19:00. 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

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present via ZOOM to review with the Board the District's financial report as provided for January 2025. James discussed the District's financial position at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda-

- Approval of January 14, 2025, meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2025
- Approval February 11, 2025 bills in the amount of \$72,555.13
- Ratify Jan 15-Feb 10, 2025 bills in the amount of \$208,088.80

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty informed the Board that there were approximately 200 new bills introduced into legislation that may impact fire districts. Shawn will keep a watch on these and update us on anything pertinent.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

Fire Prevention Fee Structure Ordinance – Chief reported that this is an ongoing project that will most likely not be completed until late summer.

Update Lieutenant Testing Process- The testing process has been completed and the final list has been posted. Chief reported that he was pleased with the new company the District used for testing. The new list is effective for three years.

Ambulance Re-chassis- The Ambulance re-chassis has been ordered.

New Battalion Car- Orders for the lighting package and the rollout command center will be placed shortly and specifics for the striping package are currently being determined. These items need to be ready and available prior to delivery date for timely installation.

We received 5 Star-Com radios from Elgin FD at no cost to the District; they are replacing all their radios.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

President Cornelissen reminded the Board to RSVP to the annual appreciation dinner scheduled for March 1, 2025. President Cornelissen also prompted the Board to complete their annual harassment training.

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Huntley Fire Protection District- Attorney Flaherty gave his recommendation to enter into this agreement with Huntley Fire Protection District for supplemental vehicle maintenance. President Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Huntley Fire Protection District. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion was approved by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and possible approval of Re-Recording of Warranty Deed 2002K138792-Survey Amendment to Station 23- The original deed filed was found to have a small description error. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the re-recording of the Warranty Deed 2002K138792-Survey Amendment to Station 23. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion was approved by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion on Architectural Engineering Firm Engagement- Chief Luchsinger recommended to the Board to table this item until a more opportune time.

President Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session @ 19:17 for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 (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 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigant, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed session, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion that was seconded by Treasurer Speyers to return to the regular meeting at 19:55.

Any other New Business-

The Board was reminded that they would be receiving an email from Kane County regarding their Economic Interest Statement; please complete this in a timely manner.

Assistant Chief Schmidt informed the Board that the District is currently going through the process of hiring four Part-time firefighters. The District is also sponsoring 3 applicants to the Elgin Community College Fire Academy starting in the summer.

Good of the District – Chief Luchsinger shared with the Board some incidents that have happened in the past month within our District and how our partnership of reciprocating coverage, equipment and manning with Elgin FD has shown great benefit on these calls and more.

Public Comment- Nothing 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 20:04 hours; the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman