

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

DATE: May 9, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on May 9, 2023, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

Chief Luchsinger presented certificates to the following employees for recognition from 2022:

- Rob Bartosiewicz – 10 years of service
- Specialty Teams- Lt. Swider – 15 years on the HAZMAT Team, Lt. Rich Stumbaugh- 6 years on the Fire Investigation Team, and BC Justin Cox 22 years on the TRT Team.
- Life Saving Award(s), - BC Cox and Lt Rich Stumbaugh
- Unit of Citation for Outstanding Teamwork, Jon Pollock, Kevin Henryson
- Medal of Valor – Lt Rich Stumbaugh and Jon Pollock

Treasurers Report – Brett O’Sullivan filled in for James Howard and reviewed the District’s financial report for April 2023 with the Board. The board discussed some investment/interest options to make the most out of our tax money.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of April 11th, 2023, meeting minutes, regular and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April 2023
- c. Approval of bills for May 9th, 2023 in the amount of \$48,050.11
Ratify bills for April 12th - April 24th, 2023, in the amount of \$149,477.88
- d. Discussion and possible approval of a Sales Agreement between the City of Elgin and the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District for surplus radios.
- e. Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance 2023-003 Decennial Committee Act

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

- President Cornelissen informed the Board that Chief Luchsinger served his last trustee board meeting for Davis Junction in May. In appreciation for his years of service a street in town has been named Luchsinger Lane.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- The Station 22 HVAC project will go out to bid on May 17th, 2023 and a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 18th. The bids will be due back by June 6th, 2023. A letter of recommendation will be provided to the Board for the June 13th, 2023 meeting.
- Chief Luchsinger reviewed updated interest rate information with the Board. The District is looking for the best option(s) to gain the most growth with our money while maintaining access and usability as needed.
- Chief Luchsinger reported that the District's health insurance reenrollment has been completed for the new fiscal year. Our BCBS showed a reduction in rates, with Dental, Vision, Life, and Long-Term Disability having slight increases. By brokering with BCBS for Dental and Vision we received a rate reduction for our health insurance. The District switched companies for life insurance and LTD to secure better rates and better coverage.
- Chief Luchsinger reported that per Dave Broz we can expect a drop in our current Workers Comp insurance rate through Illinois Public Risk Fund. Chief Luchsinger discussed some ideas that the District can purchase with the grant money we are receiving this year through Illinois Public Risk Fund.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

- Shawn has continuously updated the Board on a few legislative bills that could impact fire districts; these bills included increasing bid limits, district's ability to sell property, and PSEBA insurance choices. Shawn informed the Board that there will be rulings on these bills in place by the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

No Old Business

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible approval to purchase a LifePak 15 monitor and enter into a loaner agreement from Stryker Medical not to exceed \$55,000. Chief Luchsinger discussed the importance to our District it would be to enable Engine 23 to be equipped as an ALS Engine. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to authorize Chief Luchsinger to purchase the LifePak 15 monitor, not to exceed \$55,000.00 as presented. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board held a discussion on the possible approval of appointment of Diane Cornelissen to the South Elgin Firefighters Pension Fund. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to appoint Diane Cornelissen to fill Mary Van Winkles' position and term on the Pension Board. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of collective bargaining agreement with the South Elgin Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 4833 effective June 1st, 2023, through December 31st, 2026- Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the South Elgin Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 4833 effective June 1st, 2023, through December 31st, 2026. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on employment contract with Assistant Chief Dave Schmidt, Battalion Chief's Matthew Staff, Justin Cox and William Eckles – Discussed in Closed Session

Discussion on Part-time employee wage compensation - Discussed in Closed Session

Discussion on Administration benefit and wages compensation - Discussed in Closed Session

Any other New Business – Nothing at this time

A motion to move to Closed Session was made by President Cornelissen for the reason of 5ILCS120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and/or 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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity at 19:38. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Speyers and passed unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular meeting @ 20:16.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the wage / compensation changes for the Administration Office Manager, Full time Fire Inspector, Part Time Fire Prevention Assistant, and the Part Time Firefighters as presented.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that he will be attending both the IPPFA Pension Conference in Galena from May 9-12, 2023 and the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from May 20-27, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Theriault the meeting was adjourned at 20:18 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman