

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

DATE: June 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on June 10, 2025 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, Trustee Jeff Theriault, and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: None.

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present via ZOOM to review the District's financial report as provided for May 2025 with the Board. James discussed the District's financial position through the end of May, 2025. The District will receive a large portion of tax money this month. Ambulance billing has been down due to waiting on the updated GEMT rate. Medicaid funding cuts may affect the District in the future. The Board discussed planning for possible cuts in ambulance income.

Chief Luchsinger noted a correction was made to the Assistant Chief contract; a longevity clause was added. The updated contract had been sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda-

- a. Approval of Assistant Fire Chief Justin Cox Employment Agreement June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- b. Approval of Battalion Chief Jason Peters Employment Agreement June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- c. Approval of May 13, 2025, meeting minutes
- d. Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2025
- e. Approval June 10, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 293,577.33  
Ratify May 14, 2025 – June 9, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 161,801.36

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on the bills in legislation that impact fire districts that are now just waiting to be signed by the governor. These bills include House Bill 2336 that would allow Fire Districts to charge a fee for lift assists after 6 lifts (per facility) in a year, and House Bill 3388 that would add to the definition of a fire house vehicle, i.e. ATV, off-road highway vehicles, watercraft or aircraft. Also, House Bill 2409, requiring fire gear to not be treated with poisonous chemicals, but that can also pass NFPA Standards. The pension reform bill has stalled.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Chief Luchsinger reminded the Board of the Promotion/Pinning Ceremony for AC Cox, BC Peters, Lt. Rimgale, and FF/PM Evan Bott scheduled for Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Station 21 starting at 18:00.
- Fire Prevention Fee Structure Ordinance – A new Fire Prevention Bureau Inspection Ordinance has been sent to Attorney Flaherty for his suggestions and approval. Chief will be working with BC Eckles and Inspector Zabran to complete this project.

- Chief noted that the new Ambulance 21 has been fully equipped and put into service. The ambulance was on display for the trustees prior to the meeting.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

President Cornelissen thanked all involved in preparing the 2024 Annual Report.

#### OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Presentation of preliminary FY 2024 Audit-Sikich- Brian LeFevre from Sikich was in attendance and reviewed the final FY 2024 (Jan1-Dec 31, 2024) ACFR with the Board. The audit will not be filled until confirmation from IMRF is received. President Cornelissen made a motion to accept the preliminary ACFR for January 1 – December 31, 2024 prepared by Sikich. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0. A copy of the ACFR can be found on our website and in the District' Administrative office.

Discussion and possible approval of Fire Chief William Luchsinger's Employment Agreement June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028 - the Board moved to Closed Session for this item.

Any other New Business- No other new business.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to move to Closed Session for items B and C on the agenda @ 19:42 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. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion that was seconded by Treasurer Speyers to return to the regular meeting at 20:47.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Fire Chief William Luchsinger's Employment Agreement for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 as amended. Treasurer Speyers seconded, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.

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 Secretary Bohlman the meeting was adjourned at 20:49 hours; the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman