

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

DATE: July 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on July 8, 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, and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault

Chief Luchsinger was absent, Assistant Chief Justin Cox was present.

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present via ZOOM to review the District's financial report as provided for June 2025 with the Board. James discussed the District's financial position through the end of June 30, 2025, halfway through the calendar year. At this point in the year, the District has received 52% of our tax money. Ambulance billing income has started catching up after waiting for the new GEMT rates. James feels the District is in a good financial position entering the second half of the year.

- I. Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of June 10, 2025, meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for June 2025
 - c. Approval July 8, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 142,211.64
Ratify June 11-July 7, 2025 bills in the amount of \$ 96,009.72

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0 (Treasurer Speyers and Trustee Theriault absent).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty shared that he and Chief Luchsinger had been working on the Fire Prevention Bureau Code Ordinance and that it may be ready for approval next month. Attorney Flaherty discussed the newly approved One Big Beautiful Bill Act that was signed into law on July 4, 2025. The bill sites that individuals can deduct up to \$12,500.00 of qualified overtime pay from their federal taxable income. The deduction applies to the "half" portion of "time-and-a-half". This bill retroes back to January 1, 2025. James Howard noted his team is working on how to best implement this law into our payroll. Shawn advised to prepare for huge cuts in Medicaid; GEMT may be an easy cut.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Assistant Chief (AC) Cox informed the Board that he and Chief Luchsinger will be attending an informational session with our ambulance billing company EMS MC later this month to learn more about possible upcoming changes.
- Our crews impressively responded to a few major incidents in the past couple weeks. AC Cox informed the board of a fatal car accident off of Randal Rd and a shooting incident in our District. Our shift commanders and crews did an excellent job working on both incidents. The shift worked with the Kane County Sheriffs and the Elgin Police Department on the shooting incident and were able to rapidly transport all three patients.
- AC Cox informed the Board of a fire call the District responded to on July 7th. Our first arriving crews did an amazing job, quickly jumping in and were able to stop the call from becoming a much worse situation.
- AC Cox noted that the Promotional Ceremony held on June 16th, 2025 was an exciting night for our District and thanked the Board.

- Full-time employees FF/EMT-B Ivan Gomez and FF/EMT-B Joseph Hansen have successfully completed Sherman Hospital's Paramedic Program and are awaiting their state exam. The District was able to hire Ivan and Joey due to the changes we made to the requirements for our last two full time lists; applicants need only to be accepted in a paramedic program, not required to be a paramedic at time of hire. We will be offering part-time FF/EMT-B Patrick Roy a full-time position this month. Patrick has been accepted into the upcoming Sherman Hospital Paramedic class starting in September. Hiring Patrick will bring our full-time number to 42.
- Our number of part time FF/EMT-B's eligible to sign up for shifts has increased. This will help ease overtime. The District is starting another bootcamp in August and currently interviewing candidates for the next two ECC BOF Programs.
- Battalion Chief Vehicle- The new BC vehicle is currently at Huntley Fire Protection District's Fleet Department for the installation of the emergency lighting, radio equipment, and the command console. On delivery, the slide-out command console was found to be built too large. The company is fast tracking a replacement; completion of the vehicle is on hold until the new console is delivered.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

President Cornelissen thanked and congratulated our newly promoted officers.

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2025-002 – The District and Union agreed to this mandatory post-retirement healthcare funding plan back in 2014. A formal resolution is needed. President Cornelissen made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-002, a Resolution of the Corporate Authority of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District Relating to a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan, otherwise known as a 115 Trust. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0 (Treasurer Speyers and Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and Review of Bi-Annual Closed Session Minutes- The Board and Attorney Flaherty discussed the CS minutes. Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to keep all of the Closed Session Minutes closed at this time. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0 (Treasurer Speyers and Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and possible approval to destroy Closed Session audio recording tapes prior to January 8th, 2024- Secretary Bohlman made a motion to destroy Closed Session recording tapes as identified. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0 (Treasurer Speyers and Trustee Theriault absent).

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 Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Hazelwood the meeting was adjourned at 19:30 hours; the motion passed 3-0 (Treasurer Speyers and Trustee Theriault absent).

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman