

South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District

Fire Commission Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2023

- Meeting called to order by BS at 2:02pm.
- Present – SJ, BS, SH and Chief Luchsinger.
- Motion made to approve minutes from the May 17, 2023 Board Of Commissioners Meeting by SJ; second by BS; Passed by voice vote of 2-0. SH abstained as he was not in attendance at the May 17, 2023 meeting.
- Chief Luschinger led a discussion regarding full-time hiring in the District and the immediate need for upstaffing. The Board of Trustees approved an increase in staffing from 38 full-time firefighters to 41 full-time firefighters.
- The Board Of Trustees also temporarily suspended the District's current rules for the upcoming testing window only in an attempt to increase the candidate pool.
- Minimum Requirements:
 1. US Citizen
 2. Minimum of 21 years old and under 35 years of age at time of application.
 3. Minimum of High School diploma or equivalent.
 4. Valid driver's license.
 5. No felony convictions and or crime
 6. Must have a combination of the following: Basic Operations Firefighter and IDPH Paramedic, Basic Operations Firefighter and IDPH EMT-Basic, or IDPH Paramedic.
 7. Ability to speak English.
 8. Vision must be correctable to 20/20.
- Chief Luschinger also discussed the cumbersome nature of the current application and how District administration will be streamlining the application and make it available online in a fillable version on the District's website.
- The District will eliminate the necessity of a CPAT at time of testing and change it to the CPAT being required at the time of job offer; it must be dated within one year.
- President Sohn received correspondence from Fox River Lines.
- Motion made by SH to authorize Chief Luchsinger to start the testing process ASAP; second by SJ; passed by voice vote of 3-0.
- Motion made by SH to adjourn; second by SJ; passed by voice vote of 3-0.
- **Next Meeting Date** – August 16, 2023.
- **Action Item** – None at this meeting.
- Motion made by SH to adjourn meeting at 5:40pm; second by SJ; passed voice vote of 3-0.

BS = Bill Sohn

SH = Shane Hamilton

SJ = Sara Johnson