

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

DATE: August 1, 2022

The regular meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on August 1, 2022, at 19:01.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, and Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Theriault

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Luchsinger presented Part-time FF/EMTb Natalie Kusnierewicz with a Life Saving Award. Natalie jumped into action at a family picnic, performing CPR on her uncle after he fell unresponsive; her quick and skilled actions saved his life. Natalie's uncle and family were in attendance to see her receive her award. The Board congratulated Natalie on her award.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of July 11th, 2022, meeting minutes, regular, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for June 2022
- c. Approval of the bills for August 1, 2022 in the amount of \$201,587.87
Ratify the bills for July 21, 2022 in the amount of \$759,196.70

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve items A through C on the consent agenda. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and motion passed unanimously. A discussion was held on the minutes from the July 11th meeting regarding whether the discussion of an item on the agenda for approval was conducted correctly. Attorney Jim Wargo reviewed the minutes and felt that there was an appropriate amount of time given for discussion regardless of when it took place and that the minutes could stand as is.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT –Chief Luchsinger informed the board that we were currently waiting on the next candidate's Background and Psychological Testing to be completed. Chief explained to the Board that a new resolution was needed to sell the 2008 Expedition as we did not receive any interest for the minimum bid set in Resolution 22-001. This Resolution (22-007) is up for approval in New Business. Chief Luchsinger discussed sponsoring candidates for the ECC FF Academy in hopes that the candidates return to the District as part-time firefighters after receiving their Basic Operations Firefighter certificate. He would like to sponsor at least five candidates, no more than ten individuals. BC Cox was present at the meeting to update the Board on the most current information he has come across for the ongoing Station 22 HVAC issues. After receiving a few high-priced bids from Trane, BC Cox and our current HVAC company came up with a solution that will work and buy us some time on a full replacement at a fraction of the cost. Chief Luchsinger added that the District received a very nice thank-you note from Retired Chief Wascher thanking us for all his years for service and the nice send off we gave him.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Jim Wargo was filling in for Attorney Shawn Flaherty. Attorney Wargo informed the Board that the Governor amended the Covid Vaccine Mandate; our unvaccinated employees will no longer need to test weekly.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 22-006 “Surplus Property-Globe GXtreme assortment of Structure Firefighting gear.” - A discussion was held regarding some of the District’s fire gear that according to NFPA standard cannot be utilized any longer. Chief Luchsinger had a few ideas of places that would find our gear truly beneficial and much safer than what they are currently using. He asked the Board to approve the gear as Surplus Equipment so it could be donated to a department in need/financial distress. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Surplus Equipment Resolution 22-006 authorizing the donation of the District’s old firefighting gear. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval to terminate an agreement with Advanced Data Processing - Chief Luchsinger held a discussion with the Board regarding terminating an agreement with Advanced Data Processing; this company did the report for our GEMT. Since Advanced Data Processing is charging the District 12% of the 50% that we get to keep, Chief Luchsinger proposed that we terminate our agreement and enter into an agreement with Governmental Accounting. The accounting firm could prepare our GEMT report and also perform many tasks for our District that we are already paying someone else to accomplish for a much smaller cost. A motion was made to terminate our agreement with Advanced Data Processing by Secretary Bohlman. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Speyers. Chief Luchsinger mentioned that he had asked Advanced Data Processing for a lower percentage rate for the time we still are contractually obligated to them.

Discussion and possible approval to enter into agreement with Governmental Accounting Inc.– The Board further discussed the value of entering into an agreement with Governmental Accounting Inc. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to enter into an agreement with Governmental Accounting as outlined in proposal “Schedule A.”. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 22-007 Surplus Property-2008 Ford Expedition- Discussion for this Resolution was held in the Chief’s report. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Surplus Property Resolution 22-007. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief – This item will be discussed in Closed Session

Discussion and possible approval of contract with Assistant Fire Chief - This item will be discussed in Closed Session

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session for reason of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)- Appointment , employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body @ 19:37. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Treasurer Speyers to resume the regular meeting @ 19:50. Secretary Bohlman seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to appoint David A. Schmidt to the position of Assistant Fire Chief starting on September 1, 2022. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board congratulated Dave Schmidt.

A motion was made by Treasurer Speyers to approve Dave A. Schmidt’s new contract as an Assistant Fire Chief with the District. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Battalion Chief Matt Starr asked the Board for an explanation on why the Assistant Chief position was not offered internally. Chief Luchsinger explained that hiring internally was considered, but ultimately, he felt Dave Schmidt would be the best choice as Assistant Chief. The Board elected to take Chief Luchsinger's recommendation and look at external applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Treasurer Speyers and seconded by Trustee Cornelissen the meeting was adjourned at 19:54 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Bohlman