

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

DATE: August 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on August 8, 2024, at 09:00. The meeting was conducted at Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

PRESENT: President Diana Cornelissen, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Theriault

PRESENTATIONS –

- Chief Luchsinger reported that two of our full-time firefighters, FF Evan Bott and FF Natalie Kusnierewicz have passed their National Paramedic Registry Exam and are now licensed paramedics in the State of Illinois. Congratulations to them both.

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present and reviewed with the Board the District's financial report as provided for July 2024. The Board discussed the District's financial position thus far into 2024.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of July 11, 2024, Meeting minutes, regular and closed session
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2024
- c. Approval August 8, 2024 bills in the amount of \$40,172.28
Ratify July 12 - August 7, 2024 bills in the amount of \$152,247.35.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- No report

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Update Full-Time Hiring Process - Chief Luchsinger continues to work through the Full Time FF Eligibility List. Chief is finding that so far in the hiring process, the candidates on the list have either been hired somewhere else or do not meet our minimum requirements.
- Ambulance Delivery - Chief Luchsinger received an update that the new ambulance that was ordered a year ago will most likely not be delivered until March or April 2025. To be prepared for the delivery of the new ambulance, the District will need to purchase a new cot prior to the ambulance delivery. The delivery of the cot will be delayed until we receive the ambulance next year.
- Battalion Chief Vehicle - Per the Vehicle Replacement Plan the Battalion Chief's car is slated to be replaced and moved to another roll within the District at the end of this year. Planning for the additional equipment necessary for the new vehicle is also being considered.
- The District received a FOIA from the Union's attorney requesting a substantial amount of materials regarding the upcoming arbitration. A five-day extension was requested to help with the preparation/gathering of this information. The grievance hearing is scheduled for August 13, 2024. Arbitration is scheduled for September 6, 2024 at Station 22, the Board need not be present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2024-002 - A Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Elgin and the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District Regarding the Annexation and Disconnection of Properties- Chief Luchsinger had included a presentation of this resolution in the Board packet. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-002 by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Hazelwood; the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent). Chief Luchsinger reported that Elgin FD hopes to have this on the City of Elgin's agenda next month.

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2024-003 - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale or Donation of Personal Property of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District-Treadmills – A motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-003 by Treasurer Speyers and seconded by President Cornelissen; the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and possible approval to close all District accounts at Union National Bank in Elgin - The District opened a savings account and checking (payroll) account at Elgin State Bank (Wintrust) earlier this year. The change was made to gain substantially higher interest rates. All checks/debits should be cleared in the Union accounts in September and the accounts will be closed. A motion was made by President Cornelissen to close the District's savings and checking accounts at Union Bank in Elgin as soon as financially able. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hazelwood and passed by a vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that he has met with the Union and together they have agreed to change some verbiage in the current contract regarding donating sick hours for maternity/paternity leave. The changes must first be approved by the Union and if approved can be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Any other New Business- None at this time.

Closed Session – Not necessary.

Good of the District – Nothing at this time.

Public Comment- None 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 Treasurer Speyers the meeting was adjourned at 09:25 hours; the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman