

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

DATE: October 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on October 14, 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 attended the meeting via Zoom to review the District's September 2025 financial report as provided with the Board. He discussed the District's financial position nine months into the year, noting that the District has received 97% of its tax payments. Ambulance revenue is currently slightly above the budgeted average.

James presented the 2025 Tax Levy to the Board. The Tax Levy Ordinance will be included on the November Trustee Agenda for approval. A Truth in Taxation hearing will not be required. Chief Luchsinger noted that the TIF District in South Elgin will mature this year; however, the District will not be able to count that area as new growth until next year.

- I. Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Resolution 2025-003 A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Credit Cards and Adopting a Credit Card Acceptance Policy
 - b. Approval of September 9, 2025 meeting minutes
 - c. Approval of October 6, 2025 Special Meeting minutes, regular and Closed Session
 - d. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September 2025
 - e. Approval October 14, 2025 bills in the amount of \$79,069.02
Ratify September 10-October 13, 2025 bills in the amount of \$194,968.71

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

Attorney Ericka Thomas attended the meeting in place of Attorney Flaherty. Attorney Thomas informed the Board that Ottosen, DiNolfo is still working to resolve the annexation legal description issue the District has been addressing. Shawn will provide updates as they become available. Chief Luchsinger and Attorney Thomas also updated the Board on the issues at the 1200 St. Charles Street property. The building's fire alarm and sprinkler systems are failing, and the property has been red tagged. The Board discussed steps to ensure the safety of the building's owners, workers, and visitors. The District will move forward with the assistance of legal counsel.

CHIEF'S REPORT-

- Full-time Testing update- The testing window closed on October 10, 2025. 27 persons tested, with the District ending up with 16 viable candidates that met all of the requirements. A Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 25 to plan the interview dates and times.
- GEMT- James Howard prepared and submitted the figures for the District's 2026 GEMT rate. The rate will decrease slightly due to the depreciation of the District's property and equipment.
- ARPA Grant- The District received two separate payments from submitted ARPA Grants. The money received was used to purchase new equipment and cardiac monitors.

- EMS-MC has notified us that they will begin billing Medicare invoices without the federal government add-ons, which are currently suspended. Once the government reopens, the omitted add-on payments will be applied retroactively.
- New Battalion Chiefs car- The District is still awaiting delivery of the new Battalion Chief's vehicle. The remake of the Extendo Bed for the rear compartment did not fit properly. The manufacturer is starting over and building a new (third) unit, which will include a gear rack for the Battalion Chief at no additional cost. Additionally, the striping installed by Marengo Signs was not acceptable and will need to be redone.
- Tower Ladder Truck- The District is awaiting estimates to determine the cost of repairing or replacing the fly section of the Tower Ladder Truck. The apparatus may be out of service for up to six months. Surrounding departments have been notified that we may need to rely on their ladder trucks during this period.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

President Cornelissen swore in FF/EMT b Patrick Roy as the District's newest fulltime firefighter. Patrick has been a Part-time Firefighter with the District since January of 2023 and started full-time on August 25, 2025. Patrick is currently in Advocate Sherman Hospital's Paramedic Program.

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 Trustee Theriault and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 19:40 hours; the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman