

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

DATE: November 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on November 14, 2024, at 09:10. 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 the District received a thank you note from the Hampshire FPD for assisting them at an extra alarm fire in their District.
- Chief Luchsinger reported that Ryan Rompel and Natalie Kusnierewicz have both successfully completed their probation.
- Liz Loss and her husband Mike have welcomed their fourth daughter, Elsie Vivian Loss. Congratulations to the Loss family!

Treasurer's Report –Filling in for James Howard, Bradley O'Sullivan was present and reviewed with the Board the District's financial report as provided for October 2024. The Board discussed the District's financial position thus far into 2024. The Board discussed the continued improved ambulance income. Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that with the higher interest rates coming to an end the District has moved additional money to Charles Schwab. The money has been invested with laddered returns to insure District financial needs for operations and payroll are covered.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Resolution 2024-004 -Surplus Equipment
- b. Approval of October 10, 2024 meeting minutes
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2024
- d. Approval November 14, 2024 bills in the amount of \$60,829.54  
Ratify October 11-November 13, 2024 bills in the amount of \$187,148.43

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented with one noted correction in the minutes. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on a few bills currently in legislation. HR 82 eliminates the offset between a public pension and Social Security. He also discussed local bill 2909, regarding Tier 2 Pension Reform. Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on an employee's arbitration and the process of receiving a decision.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Update Full-Time Hiring Process- The Full-time FF testing window has closed, and 8 candidates will go on to the interviews. After the interviews the candidates can apply for Preference Points. Chief Luchsinger reported that the final list should be posted before Thanksgiving, and he will immediately start the hiring process off of the final list.

- Update Lieutenant Testing Process- After an orientation was held, 5 candidates submitted applications and are currently in their reading / review phase. Next in line is the administrative process with Chief Luchsinger followed by the assessment center and written test. The new list will be valid until 2028.
- Tax Levy/ Budget and Appropriations- On December 12, 2024 the District will have a Budget and Appropriations hearing at 08:30. The District meeting will follow at 09:00 where the District will adopt and pass the Ordinance for the Budget and Appropriations. The District will need to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing to capture our new growth; this will be published on November 29th as required.
- The District will also approve the Tax Levy. Chief Luchsinger discussed Bartlett's TIF review. Chief also discussed the Village of South Elgin's downtown TIF; this TIF will be ending in the next couple years.
- Chief Luchsinger reported that we have had two employee injuries this past week; one employee may be off for an extended amount of time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- President Cornelissen reminded the Board that it is time for them to complete their annual Sexual Harassment Training. Chief Luchsinger will set something up for the beginning of the 2025.

#### OLD BUSINESS-

Battalion Car-Ordered – The Battalion Chief's car has been ordered, we will have to wait to hear if we end up receiving one of the available vehicles.

Any other Old Business-

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval to set 2025 District Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar- The Board discussed possible meeting times that work for all parties involved. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to move the District's monthly Trustee meetings to the second Tuesday of the month at 19:00. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and possible approval of Pension Actuarial Report and Municipal Compliance Report – Chief Luchsinger received the completed Pension Actuarial Report and Municipal Compliance Report, we are currently 80.33% funded. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to accept the Pension Actuarial Report and Municipal Compliance Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and possible approval of Stryker Annual Maintenance Agreement \$19,045.10- Lt. Jason Peters has worked tirelessly with Stryker to combine all of our agreements at a cost savings. President Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Stryker Annual Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$19,045. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Discussion and presentation of DRAFT Fiscal Year 2025 Budget- Chief Luchsinger presented and explained the projected 2025 budget to the Board. The proposed budget is balanced and accounts for an increase in staffing.

Discussion and presentation of Station 22 Facility Condition Assessment- Chief Luchsinger discussed the findings of the Station 22 Facility Condition Assessment. There is a long list of key areas needing repair / replacement that will need to be addressed in the near future.

Any other New Business-

David Broz from RAILSIDE Citrus presented the Board with a certificate of appreciation from VFIS. This certificate is the product of the risk/solution survey we had previously completed with them. The District was found to be in compliance with their best practices.

Good of the District – Nothing at this time.

Public Comment- None at this time

Closed Session – Treasurer Speyers made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go to Closed Session for reason of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigant, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed session at 10:29. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 11:09.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Kathy Hazelwood the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 hours; the motion passed 4-0 (Trustee Theriault absent).

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman