

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

DATE: October 3, 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 October 3, 2022, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that FF/PM Bailey Nixon has completed his probationary firefighting period on September 13th, 2022. Bailey's dad did the traditional honor of pinning on his full- time badge (#59). Union President, Lt. Mike Rothecker of our South Elgin Professional Firefighters Local 4833 presented Bailey with his probationary helmet shield on a plaque for completing probation. Chief Luchsinger also noted that FF/PM Ryan Payne received his Incident Safety Officer certification and FF/PM Colin Rothecker has passed his National Registry test for his paramedic license. The Board congratulated all on their accomplishments

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of September 6, 2022, meeting minutes, regular, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for August 2022
- c. Approval October 3, 2022 bills in the amount of \$ 251,641.78
Ratify September 19, 22 bills in the amount of \$ 36,169.57

James Howard from Government Accounting was present to discuss the August 2022 Treasurer/Financial Report. James discussed the District's financial report in detail with the Board. The Board discussed James's business background.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve items A through C on the consent agenda. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT –Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that we are still in the process of hiring the last eligible person on our current Full Time Hiring List. After this candidate we will have exhausted the Full-Time Hiring List and are continuing in the testing process to create a new list. The Commission and Chief Luchsinger are working as fast as possible within the hiring list requirements to fill our vacant Full-Time positions. The HP ProBook 650 G2 computer that was approved as Surplus Equipment did not receive any bids. Chief and Matt Turnquist will follow up and either lower the starting price or open the bidding internally. This past month as directed by the Board at the meeting in September President Van Winkle and Chief Luchsinger closed the BMO Harris Money Market account and deposited the money into a new Money Market Account at American Eagle where it can gain much more interest. Attorney Flaherty informed the Board that MABAS Master Agreement is still awaiting adoption at the State level, once passed, it will then be pushed back for adoption on our level.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty informed the Board of upcoming training if anyone on the Board was interested or in need of training hours. The Board discussed the hours needed as a

Certified Trustee. Shawn also discussed the upcoming legislation summit that may allow charging for lift assists; Shawn is presenting several bills that he has written.

OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business

Any other Old Business – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Tax Levy Presentation and Discussion-James from Government Accounting provided a short presentation on the upcoming Tax Levy. The Board entered a discussion about the upcoming Tax Levy. Attorney Flaherty discussed the Tax Levy and reminded the board if they choose to levy over 4.99 percent, we will need to have a Truth in Taxation hearing and provide a timely notice in a published newspaper. The Tax Levy is due to the counties by December 22, 2022.

Discussion and approval of IPRF Audit Premium Increase \$31,381 policy year Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve paying Illinois Public Risk Fund the amount due from the 07/01/2021-07/01/2022 audit. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2023 Meeting Date- Chief Luchsinger entered into a discussion with the Board regarding changing the date of our meetings starting in January 2023. Moving the date of the meeting from the first Monday to the second Tuesday of the month will allow for the most updated financial reports and will avoid holidays. The Board will approve the 2023 meeting dates at the Trustee Meeting in December 2022.

Discussion and approval of District's Appointment to the South Elgin Firefighters Pension Fund Board- This item was tabled until the next meeting. Shawn recommended having Retired Chief Steve Washer resign his position on the Pension Board before going forward filling his position.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time.

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 Theriault the meeting was adjourned at 19:52 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Bohlman