

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

DATE: July 11, 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 July 11, 2022, at 19:02.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS – Interim Chief Luchsinger informed the board that he had received notification via Lt. Jason Peters the Districts EMS Coordinator that we had received recognition for the rapid initiation and treatment of a critical cardiac patient. During a Quality Control check the hospital singled out a South Elgin transport, finding the care our employees had given the patient “stellar”. The shift personnel on the call were Lt. Phillip Swider, FF/PM Shannon Harms, FF/PM Bailey Nixon, FF/PM Anthony Saccomanno, and FF/EMTb Ryan Differding. Firefighter/ Paramedic Dustin Differding (6/13/22) and FF/PM John Theriault (6/17/22) were pronounced officially off of probation. Dustin’s wife Sarah did the traditional honor of pinning on his full- time badge (#57) and John’s dad Jeff pinned on his badge (#58). Members of our South Elgin Professional Firefighters Local 4833 presented the guys with their probationary helmet shield on a plaque for completing their probation. Union President, Lt. Mike Rothecker presented John with his plaque and Dustin’s uncle Lt. Brian Beatty presented him with his. James Schoff was sworn in by President Mary Van Winkle as our newest Full-time Firefighter. Jimmy started with the District on June 20, 2022. The Board congratulated all on their actions and accomplishments.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to suspend the regular meeting to congratulate our newest member Jimmy Schoff and enjoy some refreshments @ 19:16. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was reopened @ 19:35 with all Trustees present.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of June 6, 2022, minutes, and June 27, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, CS
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for May 2022

Approve bills :

July 7, 2022 \$269,719.59

Approve to ratify bills :

May 26-27, 2022 \$28,700.15

May 30, 2022 \$21,849.16

June 8, 2022 EFT Bond Interest Payment \$182,275.00

June 14, 2022 \$302,431.16

June 24, 2022 \$16,959.21

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve items A and B on the consent agenda. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT –Interim Chief Luchsinger reported that the retirement ceremony for FF/PM Walter Antos held on June 16th, 2022 turned out very nice and was well attended. Interim Chief Luchsinger passed on to the Board that the Commissioners are waiting on a background check for the full-time applicant currently being processed. The Chief informed the board that the District will be joining Elgin FD and other area fire departments / districts for live fire training (RIT Drills) this month. This training involves our fire companies being able to participate, along with our Battalion Chiefs and Acting Battalion Chiefs getting the opportunity to train in a command position of the training incident and/ or be the RIT Chief in the scenario. This invaluable training is beneficially and crucially instructive for our firefighters, and we are grateful to Elgin FD for allowing us to participate. Interim Fire Chief Luchsinger reminded the Board that they will need to have a Special Meeting for the Budget and Appropriation hearing the last week of August; the Board chose to have the meeting on August 25, 2022 @ 18:00.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Sikich 2021-2022 Audit- Interim Chief and Britta met via Zoom with Brian LeFevre and Lindsey Fish from Sikich on July 1st. Lindsey followed up via email with a proposed schedule for the audit. The audit is scheduled to be completed by the last week in November.

GEMT-HFS Payment- As noted last month the District received our first invoice from the IL Department of Healthcare and Family Services regarding our GEMT income. We felt that the invoice was incorrect, it was higher than what we had calculated from our GEMT billing/income reports from Andres, our medical billing company. We requested an itemized bill from the State and received an updated invoice with an amount very close to what we had estimated. We will pay the new invoice this month, the State of IL pushed the due date to July 31, 2022. Interim Chief Luchsinger reported to the Board that we have also received an invoice from Digitech, the billing company representing PCG, the company that determined our GEMT rate. We are contractually obligated to pay them a percentage of our GEMT income as well.

New Ambulance Order- As directed by the Board last month Interim Fire Chief Luchsinger placed an order for a new ambulance with Foster Coach. We do not have an estimated date of delivery and no payment was required at this time.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS –

A discussion was held for possible approval of Resolution 22-005- "Resolution Authorizing the Sale or Donation of Personal Property of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District, 1-Noregon J-Pro Software Vehicle Interface DLA". Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-005 authorizing the sale of the District's old Noregon J-Pro Software Vehicle Interface DLA. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the possible approval of a quote from Sauber Mfg. Co.- for Car 22, truck body and platform replacement / installation. Trustee Theriault made a motion to enter into a contract with Sauber Manufacturing to purchase the truck body and platform replacement / installation with option in the amount of \$11,009.00 for Car 22. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of the appointment of Fire Chief – Secretary Bohlman made a motion to appoint William J. Luchsinger as Fire Chief of the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District. Treasurer Speyers seconded. The Board entered into a discussion of the appointment and process of choosing the new Fire Chief. The Board decided to move to Closed Session to further discuss this item. FF/PM Mike Rothecker asked to address the board. Mike informed the Board that he supported Interim Chief Luchsinger as the next Fire Chief.

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 @ 19:57. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to resume the regular meeting @ 21:06. Trustee Theriault seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of the appointment of Fire Chief - Discussion was held in Closed Session. The motion that was made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Treasurer Speyers passed by a voice vote of 4-1. President Van Winkle - yes, Secretary Bohlman – yes, Treasurer Speyers – yes, Trustee Theriault – no, and Trustee Cornelissen – yes.

Discussion and possible approval of a contract for the Fire Chief – Discussion was held in Closed Session. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the contract of William J. Luchsinger as Fire Chief of the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-1. President Van Winkle - yes, Secretary Bohlman – yes, Treasurer Speyers – yes, Trustee Theriault – no, and Trustee Cornelissen – yes.

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 21:09 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Bohlman