

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

DATE: June 6, 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 June 6, 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 thanked everyone who attended Chief Wascher’s walkout, everything went very well and the Wascher’s were very thankful. Interim Chief Luchsinger informed the Board that we received a letter from the Mayor of Saint Charles, Lora A. Vitek, thanking our department for the assistance with fighting the fire at the former Pheasant Run Resort. We sent Tower 23 which comprised of Lt. Phil Swider, FF/PM Jon Pollock, and FF/EMT Brian Borucki, Battalion Chief Matt Starr responded as well. We also received an e-mail from the incident commander of the event directly thanking Battalion Chief Starr for his efforts as the Staging Officer for such a large-scale incident. Interim Chief Luchsinger also received two internal letters pointing out a couple of our employees going above and beyond. Lt. Brian Beatty remotely helped the crew at 22 work out issues with the AC while he was home sick. Neal Lippold made a trip to pick up a new dishwasher at the last minute and hooked it up late at night after business hours to get it back in service.

The Board discussed the AC unit at Station 23. The Board discussed the AC replacement needed at Station 22. The Board talked about shopping around for appliances. Interim Chief Luchsinger entered a discussion with the Board about the District’s policy and procedures for accounts payable. The Board held a discussion concerning the financial report and investment reporting.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of May 2, 2022, meeting minutes, regular, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April 2022
- c. Ratify bills 5/16/22 in the amount of \$ 61,806.69
Ratify bills 5/16/22 in the amount of \$ 364.42
Ratify bills 5/17-18/22 in the amount of \$17,175.42
Ratify bills 5/16/22 in the amount of \$ 28,700.15
TOTAL RATIFIED BILLS \$108,046.68

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Nothing at this time.

CHIEF’S REPORT –Interim Chief Luchsinger updated the Board on our hiring status. The District has been processing James Schoff. Jimmy has completed all the steps in our procedure and will start on June 20, 2022. Last week we announced the retirement of FF/PM Walter Antos. To stay ahead of filling his spot we are currently processing another candidate. Walter Antos’s last day will be on June 16th, 2022. The District has made an agreement with Elgin to cover each other’s battalion chief calls. On June 1st we started sharing coverage, this is beneficial not only for coverage, but it also presents good training opportunities for our Battalion Chiefs. Approved Surplus Equipment update: the generator has been sold, the fan did not, the 2010 Ford Explorer sold over the asking price, and the 2008 Explorer did not receive any bids. The unsold items will be put up for auction. Interim Chief Luchsinger reported that he was notified by IPRF that our grant money

amount for this year would be around \$14,000. This grant will be used for emergency lighting on the new chief cars.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty reported the results of the Pension Board litigation. The judge found in favor of the State. This will most likely move to the appeal process.

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- This will be discussed in New Business.

Vehicle Replacement Fund- Interim Chief Luchsinger reported that he and President Van Winkle opened the new account today and we will move forward with our plans to build this fund.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS –

2022/2023 Budget- The Board discussed the budget that Interim Chief Luchsinger has proposed with three separate funds, a Capital Budget, an Operating Budget, and an Economic Savings Budget. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve a tentative budget with three separate funds for the 22/23 Fiscal Year. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Auditing Services RFP- Interim Chief Luchsinger completed an RFP containing our requirements and sent it to a list of recommended auditing firms; we receive three responses. Chief Luchsinger sent his recommendation of Sikich Auditing firm to the Board; Attorney Flaherty also approve of this choice. Trustee Theriault made a motion to enter into a three-year agreement with Sikich Auditing Firm. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Worker's Compensation Policy Renewal- Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Worker's Compensation Policy renewal under our current plans. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 Trustee Theriault and seconded by Treasurer Speyers the meeting was adjourned at 19:42 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman