

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

DATE: March 7, 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 March 7, 2022, at 19:01.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

Samantha Heugh received her permanent badge, number 55, after completing her probationary period; Samantha's fiancé Adam pinned on her badge. Union Local 4833 President Michael R. Rothecker presented Samantha with a plaque that showcased her probationary fire shield.

Mary Van Winkle swore in FF/PM Anthony Saccomanno as the District's newest fulltime firefighter. Anthony's family was present for this event.

Chief Wascher received a thank you from Pingree FPD for our help at a large fire in their District. On the call was Battalion Chief Bill Eckles, Battalion Chief Justin Cox, Lieutenant John Freiberg, Lieutenant Brian Beatty, FF/PM Walter Antos, FF/PM Neal Lippold, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, and FF/PM Dan Cooper.

Bartlett FPD sent a thank you to Chief Wascher for our help at a massive fire in their Village, the fire lasted a week. Helping on this fire were Lieutenant Rich Stumbaugh, Lieutenant John Freiberg, FF/PM Samantha Heugh, FF/EMTB Colin Rothecker, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, FF/PM Jack Theriault, FF/PM Walter Antos, and FF/PM Kevin Henryson.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of February 7, 2022 meeting minutes, regular, special, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2022
- c. Approval/ March 7, 2022 bills in the amount of \$ 261,343.09
Ratify February 21, 2022 bills in the amount of \$ 59,196.32

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report at this time

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the board he sent letters to the next three eligible candidates on the Full Time List and is awaiting response. Chief Wascher updated the board on some fire engine maintenance issues/ repairs we have incurred over the past month. Chief reported that recently we have had some interest in the Seagrave that is up for sale from a few parties. Lieutenant Peters received some good feedback from a wife of a patient on an ambulance call that we responded to in our District.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty informed the Board that the bill in legislation for a permanent member to the Pension Investment Board passed unanimously. Shawn also reminded the Board that they will need to complete their Economic Interest Statement in a timely manner: they should receive notification from the County some time this month.

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- Chief reported that the District's overtime was average for this time of year and bills were on the lower side.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS –

Reappointment of Trustee Theriault's Position -President Van Winkle will send a letter to the Kane County Board asking them to reappoint Trustee Theriault to our District Board.

2022/2023 Budget- Chief Wascher reported that by the end of the month we will start the budgeting process for the next fiscal year and are starting to end all unnecessary spending to begin the process closing out this fiscal year.

Ordinance 22-0197 Ambulance Transport Billing - Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-0197 that will have the District adhering to the GEMT rate each year going forth for Ambulance Transport Billing. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Wascher discussed with the board the items that will be up for approval as Surplus equipment. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve the following as Surplus equipment and allow them to be sold as such: Resolution 2022-001 Surplus Equipment (Staff Cars), Resolution 2022-002 Surplus Equipment (TRT Rope), Resolution 2022-003 Surplus Equipment (Ice Machine). Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Employee Recognition Dinner – The District has secured the date of April 16th, 2021 at Moretti's Restaurant in Bartlett for our Employee Appreciation Dinner. All District employees are invited to attend.

Discussion from Special Meeting- the Board will move into Closed Session to discuss the Special Meeting. Trustee Cornelissen thanked the candidates for their professionalism during the interviews.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Chief Wascher informed the Board that FF/PM Mike R. Rothecker, FF/PM Tyler Hite, FF/PM Andrew Wright, and FF/PM Bailey Nixon along with members of the SEPD participated in the mini-Polar Plunge helping raise funds for the Special Olympics. Lieutenant Krasowski also commended FF/PM Chris Elliott and FF/PM Dustin Differding for quickly repairing one of the ambulances while on shift. This allowed the ambulance to be put back into service in record time and saved the District money on repairs. Great job guys!

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session at 19:24. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 19:55. Trustee Cornelissen seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to open the regular meeting at 19:56. Treasurer Speyers seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Secretary Bohlman the meeting was adjourned at 19:56 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman