

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

DATE: February 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on February 14, 2023, at 19:01.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

- President Mary Van Winkle swore in FF/PM Kevin Henryson as the District's newest fulltime firefighter with Kevin's family proudly watching. Kevin has been with the District as a part time firefighter since December 2017. Congratulations Kevin!

Trustee Diane Cornelissen made a motion to suspend the meeting to celebrate Kevin Henryson @19:07. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diana Cornelissen made a motion to reopen the meeting at 19:14. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report - James Howard was present and reviewed the District's financial report for January 2023 with the Board. The Board discussed changing banks to improve our interest rate(s).

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of January 10, 2023, meeting minutes, regular, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2023
- c. Approval bills in the amount of \$ 142,084.49
Ratify bills in the amount of \$ 80,175.53
- d. Approval of Ordinance 2023-01 -Ordinance of the South Elgin & Countryside Fire District to Shorten the Current Fiscal Year to End 12/31/2023 and Permanently Change the Fiscal Year of the District to a Calendar Year.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

- President Van Winkle thanked the District for taking good care of her the last couple months and noted that she is feeling better.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Chief Luchsinger reminded the Board of the Districts upcoming Appreciation Dinner scheduled for March 4, 2023 at Moretti's in Bartlett.
- Chief Luchsinger informed the Board of a vendor in our District that has been very generous to us. Air One helped us fill our need for training packs and air bottles; they gave us newly rethreaded bottles.

- The HVAC System at Station 22 needs to be replaced. Chief Luchsinger is looking into options to fix the critical issues. Chief is looking for a step process that will work toward ensuring we can stay in production until we are ready for the remodel without dumping a great deal of money into a failing system.
- GEMT 2022 1ST and 2nd Quarter payment- Chief Luchsinger reported that the 1st and 2nd Quarter GEMT payments for 2022 are due by March 31st, 2023. The District has been budgeting for these payments and has the appropriate amount saved to be used for this payment. Payment will be made at the end of March.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

- Attorney Flaherty informed the Board that Governor Pritzker has announced the ending of COVID protocols on May 11, 2023. Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on the Pension Consolidation Case. Attorney Flaherty apprised the Board on some trustee training opportunities in Cherry Valley on March 25th, 2023 through IAFFPD.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Pace Agreement - Chief Luchsinger and Attorney Flaherty are still working with Pace to obtain a mutual training agreement with Pace and will update the Board as they finalize. Chief Luchsinger discussed some training our crews participated in with Elgin Fire Department in Elgin.
- Discussion of Fiscal Year - This item was approved within the Consent Agenda.
- Discussion-Vehicle Replacement (Car 24)- Chief Luchsinger led a discussion on the necessity of replacing the District's Car 24 which is utilized by the fire inspector.
- Any other Old Business- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2023-01 Surplus Property-Safety Trailer by Scotty – The Safety Trailer was obtained through a grant in 2000. It is outdated and no longer conducive to the District's fire safety program curriculum. Chief Luchsinger recommended approval of the District's Safety Trailer as Surplus Equipment. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 to surplus the Safety Trailer by Scotty. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Presentation and Discussion-District Vehicle Replacement Program- Chief Luchsinger presented and discussed a Vehicle Replacement Program. A handout was provided that showed the timeline of vehicle rotation/replacement through 2050 for the District's fire engines, trucks, ambulances, and staff cars. Chief Luchsinger touched on the timelines of delivery on engines and ambulance. The Board discussed the options of funding of these future vehicles. Chief Luchsinger discussed putting EMT bags in the Chief's cars.
- Discussion-Intergovernmental Agreement City of Elgin-Purchase Order Radios – The District has an opportunity to purchase some used / refurbished StarCom radios from Elgin at the affordable cost of \$1500.00 per radio. Each radio will require a monthly subscription fee. Chief Luchsinger will work with Elgin to prepare an agreement to purchase 10 radios.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to enter into Closed Session @ 20:35 for reason of Closed Session: 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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to return to the open meeting at 21:20. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

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 21:21 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Bohlman