

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

DATE: September 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on September 12, 2023, at 19:00. The meeting was conducted at Station 21, 1090 W. Spring Street, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

PRESENT: President Diana Cornelissen, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, and Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS - None

Treasurers Report –James Howard was present and reviewed the District’s financial report as provided for August 2023 with the Board.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of August 8, 2023, Meeting & August 25, 2023 Special Mtg minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for August 2023
- c. Approval of September 12, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 228,133.91
Ratify August 9 - September 11, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 121,380.19.

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty checked on the Board’s status scheduling the District’s Decennial Committee meeting(s). Shawn discussed the ongoing pension litigation over the consolidation of the pension funds, he believes court action is expected on this matter by the end of the year.

CHIEF’S REPORT –

- Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection - The IL Department of Motor Vehicles stopped into Station 22 for a spot inspection this past month. Battalion Chief Eckles was given some instruction for some reporting/housekeeping changes going forward; the District passed the inspection.
- Incident 23-2565 – Chief Luchsinger discussed a major vehicle accident in our District. Chief Luchsinger conducted a few interviews for the media pertaining to this incident. The Board was updated as soon as it was possible.
- Engine 22/Station 22 Accident- Chief Luchsinger and Dave Broz from Railside Citrus Insurance discussed a vehicle accident the District incurred; Engine 22 was accidentally backed into Station 22. The incident is being investigated and the District will put in a claim for this accident.
- Decennial Committee – The Board discussed scheduling the first Decennial Committee Meeting. Chief Luchsinger recommended before the District Trustee meeting on 10/10/2023 @ 18:30, the Board members approved of the time. Chief Luchsinger will reach out to the public members of the committee to update them of the proposed time and check their availability.
- Full-Time Hiring Process Update – The Commission met and applied the Preference Points for the applicable candidates. They compiled and approved the Final Full Time Firefighter Eligibility List that will be officially posted September 13th, 2023, expiring on September 12, 2025. The Chiefs will

examine and evaluate the scheduling of the new hires according to the operational needs of the District.

- Station 22 HVAC Update - The heating and air conditioning will be taken offline at Station 22 this week and is expected to be down approximately a month. There is a plan in place in case of inclement weather.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Budget Appropriations Ordinance 23-003 - Chief Luchsinger reported that Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 23-003 was filed at both Kane and DuPage Counties and timely published in the paper as required.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval of HVAC Change Order- The Board discussed the ongoing HVAC project at Station 22. During the project a few issues presented themselves. The proposed closet under the stairway is not feasible due to it having a cinder block wall. A possible alternative place for a closet in the hallway was dismissed due to excessive cost. The ductwork needed some rerouting due to an unseen beam, adding to the price of the project. Water pans have been added as unit back-up protection. They also found an issue with some water pipes running where ductwork is projected to be installed. The Board decided to allow Chief Luchsinger to work with the contractor to negotiate a fair decision on the price of these issues. Trustee Theriault approved the HVAC project costs as Chief Luchsinger feels is financially fair for the District. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval to order/purchase Inspector Vehicle – The District's Inspector vehicle is 13 years old and in need of replacement. It was determined that lights and sirens are not necessary for this proposed new vehicle. The Board discussed several options, deciding an SUV would be most advantageous for the intended use. Trustee Theriault made a motion to purchase a 2024 Chevy Equinox price not to exceed \$29,000.00. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval to order/purchase E-One fire engine from Emergency Services Inc. in amount not to exceed \$960,000 – The District's back-up engine is now over 22 years old, and it is now hard to find replacement parts for repair. As indicated in our Vehicle Replacement Plan it is time to purchase a new fire engine. Assistant Chief Schmidt led a discussion on the process of selecting /purchasing a new fire engine. The District formed a committee to pool ideas to help make a purchase for a new fire engine that is built with all of our requirements being met, along with being financially feasible and competitively priced. Members of the committee include Matt Turnquist, Dustin Differding, Jason Peters, Tyler Hite and Andrew Wright. The committee sorted through a long list of objectives, different styles, features, makes and models. After much research and deliberation, the committee decided that the best option for the District would be to purchase an E-One Fire Engine. Chief Luchsinger noted he felt confident in the committee's diligence and final choice. Chief Luchsinger discussed a few options on how the District can pay for the engine in the most financially responsible way. Chief Luchsinger reached out to Sawyer Falduto to find a way to invest the money to optimize our taxpayer's money to receive the highest return. He discussed some options Sawyer Falduto provided with the Board. President Cornelissen made a motion to approve the order and purchase of the selected E-One Fire Engine not to exceed the amount of \$960,000.00. Trustee Speyers 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 20:03 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman