

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

DATE: November 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on November 14, 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, Trustee Jeff Theriault, and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

PRESENTATIONS – The District received a thank you letter from the Fox River Fire Rescue District for our help with a tender at two different fires in their district. Chief Luchsinger presented the Board with their certificates from the Northern IL Alliance of Fire Protection Districts October 21, 2023 trustee training. Chief Luchsinger shared that while on vacation two of our FF/PMs stepped in to help a man who collapsed at the Las Vegas airport. Lt. Eric Truax and FF/PM Ryan Payne, along with a former employee Justin Dublin ended up using the airport's AED to revive the man, the LV ambulance crew arrived 13 minutes later. Great job guys!

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

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of October 10, 2023, meeting minutes, regular and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2023
- c. Approval November 14, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 179,781.93
Ratify October 11-November 13, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 331,218.99

The Board entered into a discussion of our GEMT revenue and payments. The District is still awaiting the invoice from the State for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2022, and all of 2023. Chief Luchsinger updated the Board on our short-term investments. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

- Attorney Flaherty reported that no legislation that is pertinent to Fire Districts has passed this month. Shawn and Attorney Matt Simo updated the Board of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act in effect January 1st, 2024.

CHIEFS REPORT –

Full-Time Hire Update – Chief Luchsinger reported that the District's new Full-Time Candidates are doing well and have started on their individual shifts. The Chief anticipates a reduction in overtime with the three new full-time firefighters starting shift.

Central DuPage Hospital Stroke Unit- Chief Luchsinger and Lt Jason Peters met with a director from DuPage to see if utilizing this unit would be of value to our District. Our hospitals are not comprehensive stroke centers, utilizing this unit would give our patients a much better chance of recovery. Our department will continue to look into this valuable option of patient care.

Impact Fees- Chief Luchsinger requested our Impact Fees from the Village of South Elgin; the District received over \$57,000 in the latest payment. The Board held a discussion on how impact fees are obtained. Chief Luchsinger will continue to request the Impact Fees on a quarterly basis.

TIF District-Village of Bartlett and South Elgin- Chief Luchsinger held a discussion with the Board on the TIF District status in both Bartlett and the Village of South Elgin. When the downtown South Elgin TIF is closed, the District will be able to capture the tax growth of those areas. Attorney Flaherty will guide us through the process when the time comes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- President Cornelissen reminded the Board to complete the annual Sexual Harassment training that Chief Luchsinger has set up through IPRF. Diane also reminded the Board of a CPR training opportunity; Britta will schedule anyone interested.

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval of Tax Levy request-James Howard reviewed the District's proposed Tax Levy for the upcoming year. A notice will need to be published according to State 5 ILCS 5/2.1. Chief Luchsinger recommended the Board schedule a Special Meeting in December to approve the Tax Levy.

Discussion and possible approval to schedule a Truth in Taxation hearing for purpose of Tax Levy Request 2023. Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to make a finding that the board will comply with Truth in Taxation for the 2023 Tax Levy. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance 23-004-An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory-St. Charles Street Properties- The District has been working on this annexation for almost a year. President Cornelissen opened the floor to give opportunity for opposition to the annexation. There was no public comment. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-004. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of Ordinance 23-005-An Ordinance Authorizing Remote Participation in Meetings for the Board of Trustees of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District –President Cornelissen made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-005. Trustee Hazelwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other New Business

President Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session at 19:53. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Cornelissen made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 20:32. Secretary Bohlman seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

President Cornelissen made a motion to resume the regular meeting at 20:49. Secretary Bohlman seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed moving the Trustee Meeting to Station 21. The meeting will remain at Station 22.

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 Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Treasurer Speyers the meeting was adjourned at 20:53 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman