

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

DATE December 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on December 12, 2023, at 19:01. The meeting was conducted at Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

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

ABSENT: NONE

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Luchsinger congratulated FF/PM John Jowaski and FF/PM Colin Rothecker for both coming off of probation this month. A badge pinning ceremony was held prior to the meeting.

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 November 14th, 2023, meeting minutes
- b. Approval of December 7th Special Meeting minutes
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for November 2023
- d. Approval December 12, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 242,100.88
Ratify November 15 - December 11, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 730,955.72

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

- Attorney Matt Simo reminded Board of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act that will be in effect January 1st, 2024.

CHIEFS REPORT –

- GEMT Repayment- Chief reported that on November 21st we received first a notice and then the invoice from the State of Illinois regarding outstanding invoices for the State's share of GEMT revenue. They invoiced us \$893,917.98 for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2022 and the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2023. The invoice is due by January 31st, 2024 and will be paid mid-January.
- TIF District-Village of Bartlett and South Elgin- The Village of South Elgin held their annual TIF Review meeting in November. Their original TIF or TIF #1 along the Fox River on the East and West side is scheduled to expire or close within the next couple of years. We should expect to see direct benefits in our fiscal year 2027 when we collect taxes for the 2026 year. The Village does not plan to extend the life of the TIF.

- Bond Payment - The District made its annual bond payment for the buildings. Payment in the amount of \$533,650 was made by wire transfer in adequate time.
- Special Meeting-Tax Levy and Budget Appropriations – Chief Luchsinger reminded the Board of the scheduled Special Meeting(s) on December 19, 2023 respectively at 0900 and 0915 at the Headquarters Fire Station to hold a public hearing on the budget appropriations as well as a truth in taxation hearing and approve both. James Howard and Attorney Flaherty will be present at the regular board meeting on the 12th to answer any questions you may have.

Trustee Speyers noted his thanks to our guys that responded to his house for a health issue he was experiencing. The guys on the call include FF/PM Garrick Penrod, Lt Mike Rothecker, FF/PM Colin Rothecker and BC Starr. President Cornelissen added her thanks to FF/PM Anthony Rodgers for his excellent service in teaching her and Trustee Hazelwood CPR this past month.

Old Business-

23-004-An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory-St. Charles Street Properties - Last month the Board approved this ordinance to annex these parcels into the Fire District. The ordinance was filed with the Kane County Clerk as well as sent to the State Fire Marshals Office for recording.

Any other Old Business- None at this time

New Business-

Dave Broz from Railside Citrus was present at the meeting to discuss the Districts renewal(s) for Group Life Insurance, Property & Casualty Insurance, and Crime Coverage with the Board.

Discussion and possible approval of Group Life Insurance – Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to approve the renewal with Railside Citrus Railside Citrus for our Provident Group Life Insurance. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of Property & Casualty Insurance - Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the renewal with Railside Citrus Railside Citrus for our Travelers Property and Casualty Insurance. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of Crime Coverage -Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the renewal with Railside Citrus Railside Citrus for our Travelers Crime Coverage Insurance. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval of First Amendment to License Agreement between Pace and the Fire District- The District currently has any agreement with Pace and has trained at their building a handful of times in 2023. Our agreement with Pace to train at their building expires on 12/31/2023. Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to renew our agreement with Pace to allow our District to train at their facility through 12/31/2024. Secretary Bohlman seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget- Chief Luchsinger led a discussion on the 2024 Budget.

Any other New Business- None at this time

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to move to Closed Session for reason of 5ILCS120/2(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 to determine its validity at 19:27. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 19:43. Treasurer Speyers seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Good of the District - None at this time

Public Comment- None at this time

Adjournment

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 19:44 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman