

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

DATE: March 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on March 14, 2023, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

Local Business Recognition- Chief Luchsinger recognized Air One Equipment, Inc. with our sincere appreciation for their generous support to our District. Brett Frey and Matt Frey were present at the meeting to receive a certificate of appreciation from Chief Luchsinger.

Chief Luchsinger presented FF/PM Tyler Hite with the 2022 Kenny Cornelissen Firefighter of the Year Award. Chief Luchsinger apprised the Board of Tyler's attributes for receiving the prestigious award. Trustee Cornelissen briefly spoke about her late husband, the award's namesake. The Board congratulated Tyler as the 2022 recipient of this distinctive award; Tyler's name will be added to the plaque at Station 22. Tyler briefly addressed the Board, coworkers, and his family.

Many of the District employees that were to receive awards given at the Appreciation Dinner were not present on that night to accept them.

- Chief Luchsinger presented Years of Service Awards to the following persons: Jason Ames - 5 years and Jeff Speyers - 25 years.
- Unit Citation Awards were presented to the following: FF/PM Robert Rimgale, Lt. Mick Krasowski, and FF/PM Jason Ames for their service at the 400 Collins Street fire.
- Life Saving Awards were given to the following recipients for their service on EMS calls; FF/PM Robert Rimgale, FF/PM Tyler Hite, FF/PM Samantha Green, and FF/EMTb Bryan Borucki.
- Specialty Awards were presented to FF/PM Scott Diehl for his service to the Fire Investigation Team and the Dive Team, and Lt. Eric Truax for his service to the TRT Team.
- Service Awards were given to those firefighters that have served honorably in the armed services; Mick Krasowski – Army, and FF/PM Robert Rimgale– Army.

Treasurers Report - James Howard was present and reviewed the District's financial report for February 2023 with the Board.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of February 14, 2023 meeting minutes, regular, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2023
- c. Approval of March 14, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 107,069.88
Approval to ratify February 15-21, 2023 bills in the amount of \$ 110,124.53

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

- No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Chief Luchsinger reminded the Board that those applicable will be receiving an email from Kane County regarding Economic Interest Statements. All Economic Interest Statements need to be completed by May 1st. 2023.
- The HVAC System at Station 22 needs to be replaced. Chief Luchsinger has been working with Keith Christian from 20/10 Engineering regarding a proposed solution to switch over to a residential unit much like Station 21 & 22. The project will be put up for bid to be completed in the Fall.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

- Attorney Flaherty introduced Attorney Matt Simo; Matt will be filling in for Shawn when he is unable to attend the District meetings.
- Illinois Efficiency Act-Committee and Requirements – This act requires Local Government (SECFPD) form a committee to study local proficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located. This committee must include the Trustee Board, two residents of our District, and the Fire Chief. The District will need to put on the May 2023 agenda an Ordinance for the Board to create a decennial committee to be compliant with this act.
- Shawn also updated the Board on a few legislative bills that could impact fire districts; these bills included possible fees for lift assists, increasing bid limits, and pension reform.

OLD BUSINESS –

Resolution 2023-01 Surplus Property-Safety Trailer by Scotty – This resolution to surplus the pub-ed trailer was approved last month. The Fire Prevention Bureau is working on a thorough plan before they proceed in selling this item.

Discussion-District Vehicle Replacement Program- Last month Chief Luchsinger presented and discussed a potential 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. The Board decided to continue to review the program and put it on the April 2023 agenda for approval.

Any other Old Business- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2023-02 Surplus Property. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 that identifies a Stihl cut-off saw and a custom command console as surplus property. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible approval for Station 21 and Station 23 HVAC Service Agreements – The District discussed and compared two companies services for preventative maintenance of the HVAC systems at Station 21 and 23. Attorney Flaherty noted that both contracts will need to provide the wording that they are compliant and adhere to the prevailing wage rates. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to enter into agreements for preventative maintenance of the new systems at Station 21 and 23 with M/K Industries pending the inclusion of prevailing wage compliance. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to recess the meeting to enter into Closed Session @ 19:53 for reason of Closed Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 c (11) litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to return to the Open Meeting at 20:31. Trustee Cornelissen 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 Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Secretary Bohlman the meeting was adjourned at 20:31 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Bohlman