

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

DATE: May 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on May 9, 2024, at 09:02. 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 –

Swearing in Full-time Probationary Firefighter Evan Bott –

President Cornelissen swore in the District's newest Full-time Firefighter / Paramedic Evan Bott. The Board took a short break @ 09:05 to welcome and congratulate Evan.

The Board resumed the meeting @ 09:10 with all present.

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present and reviewed with the Board the District's financial report as provided for April 2024.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of April 11th, 2024, Meeting minutes, Regular and Closed Session
- b. Approval of April 25th, 2024 Special Meeting minutes, Regular and Closed Session
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for April 2024
- d. Approval May 9th, 2024 bills in the amount of \$203,436.26
Ratify April 12- May 8th, 2024 bills in the amount of \$131,045.12
- e. Approval of Employment Contract for Assistant Chief David Schmidt
- f. Approval of Employment Contract for Battalion Chief Justin Cox
- g. Approval of Employment Contract for Battalion Chief William Eckles
- h. Approval of Employment Contract for Battalion Chief Matthew Starr
- i. Approval of Part-time Firefighter Wages as presented on April 11th, 2024
- j. Approval of Ordinance 2024-002, An Ordinance Electing Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Hazelwood seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Shawn Flaherty updated the Board of the past month's changes in legislation that could affect Fire Districts. Shawn gave the Board an update on Senate Bill 2879 - the bidding bill that was recently amended, and House Bill 3908, a bill permitting six weeks of maternity/paternity leave and leave for the death of a child or for care of an ill family member. He briefly discussed House Bill 4359, which allows departments to set aside money explicitly for their ambulance and emergency rescue funds, and also House Bill

4144, which mandates that water systems notify fire departments when a hydrant is shut off. Shawn will keep the Board updated on these bills as they move through the Senate.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Decennial Report –The report is close to being completed and will be finalized in the next few months by the Decennial Committee.
- Pension Tax Levy/District Contributions- During the audit process Chief Luchsinger learned from the auditors that we needed to make pension payments (in 2023) equaling what we received from 2023 (pension) tax money. The district has always paid a monthly amount to the Pension Fund, but with the short fiscal year, our seven months of payments were not enough. James Howard and Chief Luchsinger came up with a solution to make the pension payments whole for 2023, and a plan for the future pension payments.
- Kane County Tax Deposits (Pension) - Going forward, instead of making monthly payments, the pension tax money received from Kane County will be passed directly along to the pension fund. In 2024, Kane County will pay directly to the Pension Fund as soon as that payment process can be established.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Nothing at this time.

Old Business- Nothing at this time

Any other Old Business- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion and possible approval of updated District Board of Trustees Policy Manual, Effective June 1st 2024 – Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to approve the updated District Board of Trustees Policy Manual effective June 1st, 2024. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible approval of request for proposals for Station 22 Building Assessment Report - Trustee Hazelwood made a motion to approve FGM Architects to conduct a Station 22 Building Assessment. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Discussion and possible approval to enter into agreement with Testing for Public Safety- Chief Luchsinger reviewed the testing company options with the Commission Board prior to the meeting and gave his recommendation to engage with Testing For Public Safety. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to enter into an agreement with Testing for Public Safety to conduct our promotional testing. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0 by a voice vote.

Discussion and possible approval of Workers Compensation Policy Renewal- Chief Luchsinger discussed some Workers Compensation insurance options with the Board. Chief Luchsinger will continue to review the District's options and update them with his findings and recommendations. Dave Broz from Railside Citrus was present at the meeting and briefly discussed our current Workers Compensation rates and renewal rate through Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) with the Board.

Any other New Business- None at this time.

President Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session @ 09:34 for the purpose 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. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 10:40.

Good of the District – Nothing 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 Trustee Hazelwood the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 hours; the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman