

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

DATE: APRIL 2, 2018

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by A/C Lancaster.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on April 2, 2018 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen, Chief Steve Wascher

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on March 12, 2018 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault noted a few minor corrections; a name change and the correction to the date the meetings; if the first Monday is a holiday- the meeting is the first Tuesday, not the second Tuesday. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted correction. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed.

Closed Session minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on March 12, 2018 were reviewed. The month needed to be changed from February to March. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes with the noted correction. Secretary Bohlman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the bills. Trustee Jeff Theriault made a motion to pay the April bills as presented in the amount of \$195,361.58. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President Van Winkle made a motion to ratify check #14382 to Stanley's Ale House in the amount of \$1530.00 for Chief Sohn's retirement party. Diana Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – President Van Winkle presented Chief Wascher with a plaque to thank him for his 24 years of dedicated service to the MABAS DIV II Water Rescue and Recovery Team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle thanked everyone for the hard work and immense effort they gave forth that contributed to the passing of the referendum. She noted that it was a great team effort.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Foster Coach sent the District a thank you note for purchasing our new ambulance from their company. Chief Wascher thanked everyone for attending Bill Sohn's retirement party. He reported that it was a great turnout and that Bill and his family was very happy and appreciative for the party. Chief Wascher reported that we are in the process of hiring Brendan Hay as our new fulltime firefighter / paramedic.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney Shawn Flaherty introduced and shared a little bit about himself with the board. Last month the District approved an Attorney Retainer with Ottosen Britz; Shawn will attend our monthly trustee meetings for the next year.

## OLD BUSINESS –

Property for new station – Chief Wascher has been working with the Village on the rezoning and preconstruction phase for the Spring Street property.

Verizon Space Rental – Verizon approached the District wanting to rent some space on a light pole in the Station 22 parking lot. A/C Rothecker reported that Verizon has completed a site study and that he anticipates receiving a proposal shortly.

Katherine Banik from Vanguard was present at the meeting to explain our electric rate options for our upcoming contract. Britta noted that since we have been under contract with Vanguard our bills have been lower. Katherine noted that rates are currently historically low and advised that we consider signing a 3 year contract. Jeff Theriault made a motion to enter into and accept a 3 year contract for our electric service starting in September 2018 with Constellation through Vanguard. Diana Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and signed the approved contract between Ottosen Britz and the District.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to reappoint Shane Hamilton to the Commission Board. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS –

Chief Wascher shared that we got our initial Health Insurance renewal rate from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Gary Kosnoff from One Digital will be negotiating with BC/BS towards a final hopefully lower renewal rate; Chief will be meeting with him this next week and update the board next month.

Referendum Update – Chief Wascher reiterated President Van Winkle's sentiments and thanked everyone for the hard work they put forth to help with the success of the referendum.

The Board discussed with Attorney Shawn Flaherty the next steps of the referendum/building process and working with Construction Manager vs. General Contractor. Shawn recommended securing a contract with the 222 Architects as soon as possible. The board discussed determining a timeline for receiving the money from the bonds and lightly discussed the process of using the monies.

### Chief and Assistant Chief Contracts –

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the contract for Chief Wascher as submitted. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the contract for Assistant Chief Bert Lancaster as submitted. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the contract for Assistant Chief Rothecker as submitted. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to authorize paying the District's bills twice per month, allowing the second payment to be electronically signed or signature stamped, with the checks to be ratified at the next meeting. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Shawn Flaherty recommends the District implement a Purchasing Policy.

Good of the District – Britta reminds the board to complete their Economic Interest Statement.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Trustee Cornelissen, the meeting was adjourned at 20:04 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman