

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

DATE: April 6, 2020

The regular meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on April 6, 2020 via Zoom at 19:09 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on March 2, 2020 were reviewed. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of February 2020 showed a balance of \$10,406,082.24, the balance minus the March bills was \$9,284,023.54. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15957-16029 and payroll checks 12156-12174. P/R Checks # 12175, 12176, and 12179 were printed over my mistake, no money transferred. A/P check #15934 to Construction Testing Services was voided and reprinted check #15956, only the correct amount of money was transferred. A motion was made by Treasurer Speyers to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to pay the April 6, 2020 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$785,457.80 and to ratify the March 2020 (#2) bills in the amount of \$46,092.47. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –East Dundee Fire Department thanked our District for assisting in fighting a mulch fire within their District; it took 180,000 gallons of water to fully extinguish this fire.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

CHIEF'S REPORT –Chief Wascher reported that the District is participating in birthday parades with our apparatus and personnel. This has become a popular option for celebrating birthdays during the Covid-19 quarantine. The District has received many thanks and positive comments for this service; we have also had a few negative concerns voiced on Facebook.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty informed the board of a few federal laws that have passed concerning Covid-19 and the Fire Service; included were changes to Employee Sick Leave and an extension of FMLA. He also reported some opportunities for financial grants to help ease the added costs due to Covid-19.

OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations – A/C Rothecker reported that Station 23 is scheduled to be completed on April 17th, 2020. Workers are busy completing the installation(s) of the alerting systems and telephones. We have many deliveries scheduled in the next couple weeks that include beds, appliances, furniture, computers, equipment, etc. Moisture mitigation was deemed necessary and installed at Station 23. Station 21 is moving along and is projected to be completed by the end of May. The weekly construction meetings

have been discontinued due to Covid-19. Open House(s) for the new stations will have to be put on hold until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

District Policy Update- the District is updating our Policy Manual; this month the District reviewed Chapter 4. Attorney Ryan Morton had prepared the necessary updates and changes for this chapter. Due to this being a very large chapter the board decided that they will continue to review Chapter 4 and discuss / review at next month's meeting.

Offer for 150 W. State Street – The District will need to implement an inter-governmental agreement between the District and the Village of South Elgin. Attorney Flaherty will prepare a resolution for this sale to be signed and approved at next month's meeting.

Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits (PSEBA). Attorney Flaherty has not received any correspondence in the past month from Jeremy or his attorney; this will be tabled until next month.

A/C Rothecker is setting up a Zoom Meeting for the next Labor Agreement meeting scheduled for April 7th; invitations will be emailed to the participants.

A/C Rothecker is starting to prepare the 20/21 budget. Chief Wascher noted that he had received the paperwork and final numbers from Kane and DuPage Counties regarding the District's 20/21 tax monies.

NEW BUSINESS –

Covid-19 Update- Our District Chiefs are continuously being updated on the most current Covid-19 information from a long list of organizations to make sure we are prepared in every way necessary. A/C Rothecker and A/C Lancaster have done a great job making sure that we have all the PPE, and cleaning supplies necessary so we can keep our residents and employees safe and well cared for. The old Sherman Hospital is being organized / updated in case it needs to be utilized for Covid-19 housing if needed. Three District employees were quarantined (self-monitoring) as a precautionary measure due to Covid -19 exposures. One Chief is working in the station(s) and two at home each day to lessen the chance of exposure.

Worker's Comp Insurance- Dave Broz of Railside Citrus was present and discussed some details of our Worker's Comp Insurance renewal that is due in July. The board discussed the pros and cons of having a deductible for this insurance.

Statement of Economic Interest- Pertinent employees (that have been contacted) need to complete the statement by May 1st, 2020.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – The District's Employee Appreciation Dinner that was scheduled for March 21st at Moretti's in Bartlett was to be postponed due to Covid-19. A new date will be chosen once the Covid-19 situation is over.

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 19:40 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman