

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

DATE: April 4, 2022

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 4, 2022, at 19:01.

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS –

Chief Wascher received a very heartfelt thank-you note from a family of a patient we provided services to after a vehicle accident.

Andrew Wright received his permanent badge, number 56, after completing his probationary period. Andrew's wife Anna pinned on his badge. Union Local 4833 President Michael R. Rothecker presented Andrew with a plaque that showcased his probationary fire shield.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of March 7, 2022, Special Meeting, Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes, and March 16, 2022 Special Meeting minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2022
- c. Approval April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 bills in the amount of \$ 223,388.53, ratify an EFT payment to Lively (HSA) in the amount of 79.65, and ratify March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 bills in the amount of \$52,259.41

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve items A thru C on the consent agenda. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle thanked the District and the ambulance crew that helped her on a call.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the board that we are waiting on the results of a psych test for one candidate on the Full Time List to be able to proceed with the hiring process. Assistant Chief Luchsinger interviewed two part time FF candidates, pending passing their background we will extend to them an offer of employment. Chief Wascher reported to the Board that we have begun our health insurance renewal with BCBS. We received good news with One Digital negotiating our BCBS increase down to 3.3%. Chief Wascher informed the Board of the Illinois Fire Service Home Day scheduled in Alsip on June 2, 22; all are welcome to attend.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty informed the Board of an effort to pass the Local Government Efficiency Act. If passed this act would promote a study every 10 years to review local government unit(s) spending in an effort to encourage more efficient spending habits of taxpayer money(s).

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- Chief reported that the District's overtime was average for this time of year and bills were on the lower side. The old Seagrave has sold for \$8,000.00; we will owe 10% back to the company that helped sell the vehicle.

The new Car 200 is getting closer to completion. The work has been moving a little slower that originally thought but we are hopeful that the car will be on the road before the Open House.

Employee Recognition Dinner – The District's Employee Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Moretti's Restaurant in Bartlett. All District employees are invited to attend, please RSVP to Britta.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

#### NEW BUSINESS –

2022/2023 Budget- Chief Wascher reported that a stop to all unnecessary spending had been instituted in April, as we are finishing up the 21/22 budget. Chief Wascher and A/C Luchsinger have met to go over the next fiscal year's budget sheets and start building our 22/23 District Budget. A/C Luchsinger has some new ideas about the set up of the budget, wanting to make the new budget easier to utilize and understand. Trustee Theriault would like the District to ask for a lower percentage from our ambulance billing company. The Chiefs and Britta are meeting with our representative from Andres in mid-April.

Resolution 22-004 Surplus Equipment - PPV Fan and Honda Generator. Chief Wascher discussed with the board the items that will be up for approval as Surplus Equipment. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Resolution 22-004; the PPV Fan and Honda Generator will be accepted as Surplus Equipment and available to sell as such. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief William Luchsinger and Lieutenant Michael R. Rothecker will be sworn in at a promotional ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The ceremony will be held at Station 21 and begin at 15:00. All are encouraged to attend; a cake and coffee reception will follow the ceremony.

The Attorney General is once again offering OMA/FOIA training on their website. Please take the time to take this very important training if needed.

Put on hold due to COVID, the District is finally able to hold an Open House at Station 21! The Open House is scheduled for April 23, 2022, from 10:00 to 12:00. The District will conduct station tours, provide light refreshments, and provide some giveaways.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

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 President Van Winkle and seconded by Secretary Bohlman the meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman