

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

DATE: APRIL 5, 2021

The regular meeting was opened with the SEFD Honor Guard posting the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on April 5, 2021 at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: None

Five of our FF/PMs came off probation on 9/30/2020, and one on 1/6/2021. Due to COVID restrictions for meetings their shield/badge ceremony had been postponed. The following FF/PMs came off probation and were presented with their probationary shield plaque and badge: Robert Bartosiewicz (badge 48), Matthew Dalbke (badge 49), Anthony Rodgers (badge 50), Chris Elliot (badge 51) (Chris was on a call during this time), Tyler Hite (badge 53), and Garrick Penrod (badge 54). Congratulations to all!

Andrew Wright was sworn in by President Mary Van Winkle as the newest Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District.

The meeting was suspended to celebrate Andrew Wright @ 19:15.

The meeting was reconvened in the Training Room @ 19:28

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on March 1, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen noted an extra "the" that needed to be removed, also Trustee Theriault was present and not attending by ZOOM. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of February, 2021 showed a balance of \$6,408,942.06 the balance minus the March 2021 bills was \$6,112,627.32. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16814-16878 and payroll checks 12460-12478. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify the March 15, 2021 bills (#2) in the amount of \$55,722.57 and approve the April 5, 2021 bills in the amount of \$235,755.70. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – Captain Justin Cox has received his Incident Safety Officer certificate from the OSFM. FF/PM Scott Diehl renewed his Fire Investigator certification. Chief Wascher, A/C Rothecker, Captain Cox, Captain Eckles, Captain Starr and Lieutenant Truax completed the Designated Infection Control Officer Certification. Great job guys, thanks for all the hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher brought up the idea of instituting employee evaluations; this will take some work and time to create and establish. Pension Board Members Chief Wascher, A/C Rothecker, President Van Winkle, Retired Lieutenant Etheridge, and Lieutenant Luchsinger will be attending the Pension Conference in Lincolnshire in May.

Chief Wascher reported that 11 persons have taken the FF test through NTN. He noted that persons can only take the test once every 3 months but can submit their results to as many testing departments as they want.

Lieutenant Rich Stumbaugh presented FF/PM Chris Elliott with his probationary shield plaque and badge #51; Chris was on a call earlier when the plaque/badges were presented to the others.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT—Shawn discussed the pension lawsuit filed challenging the constitutionality of the new law that allows the investments to be transferred from local fund to the statewide investment funds. There are plans set for the transfer to be completed by this December, Shawn feels this lawsuit may result in a delay of transferring the funds. Shawn states he will keep us updated on this matter and on other legislature pertinent to the fire districts. Ryan Morton and his wife have a new baby girl, congratulations to the Morton family!

#### OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the current budget numbers with the Trustees; he is trying to wrap up unnecessary spending for the ending of the fiscal year. A/C Rothecker relayed that he is working with the department heads and preparing the upcoming 21/22 FY budget.

COVID 19 –The number of positive COVID cases in South Elgin continues to decline, this month's number is 103 new cases. The hospitals are reporting a lower number of cases this month and the healthcare facilities in South Elgin are also reporting very low cases. Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker reported to the Board that everyone at the District that wanted to receive the COVID vaccine have now received both doses. Slightly over 90% of our members have chosen to get the vaccine.

Full time testing- Chief Wascher reiterates that currently 11 persons have taken the test through NTN and it is our hope that we get more candidates with this company and process than the last round of testing/list.

Lieutenants Promotions- On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the District will be promoting FF/PM Brian Beatty and FF/PM Phillip Swider to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Duffy will also be re-sworn in since his promotional ceremony in January was hugely compromised due to the Governor's COVID orders. Promotional flyers will be emailed shortly.

Chief Wascher was notified that the Village of South Elgin approved the re-payment of their half of the Stonington Road Project, \$75,000.00; we should receive a check shortly.

The Chiefs have scheduled a meeting with Lamp and 222 Architects regarding the low water pressure issue that is happening at Station 21.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

Medicaid pricing for 2021- Through a new rating procedure with the State of IL (GEMT) the District will receive much higher rates for Medicaid ambulance transports starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Britta and A/C Rothecker are still learning the payment process and will report back to the board when more is known.

Schwab Account Sawyer/Falduto- Tom Sawyer from Sawyer / Falduto was present at the meeting. Tom went over the current and past activity of our Schwab Account and answered questions regarding the account for the board.

Chief, Assistant Chief, and Battalion Chief Contracts- Attorney Flaherty is going over the contracts for the Chief, Assistant Chief and Battalion Chiefs; the contracts will be completed and ready for approval for the next trustee meeting in May. The contracts will be sent to the Trustees as soon as completed and approved by Shawn.

Secretary Bohlman and Treasurer Speyers Reappointment- President Van Winkle prepared letters to be sent to the Kane County Board Chairman expressing her belief that Rick and Jeff are an asset to the District and would like to see them be reappointed.

Kane County SWAT Medics- KC SWAT Team is looking for medics. This concept is brand new and the board wants more information. Shawn would like the District to have an intragovernmental agreement if we decide to allow a medic join them.

IT Services Proposal - A/C Rothecker entertained proposals from other IT providers in our area to make sure we are doing what's fiscally sound for the District. Mike met with ADNET and found that they have the best option for the District. Trustee Theriault made a motion to enter into a contract with ADNET for our IT services. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A/C Rothecker added that Shawn will look over and approve the contract before signing.

Economic Interest Statements- The specific persons employed at the District that need to complete an Economic Interest Statement have been contacted by the County; the completed statements are due by May 1, 2021.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – A/C Rothecker reported that on March 12<sup>th</sup> the Fire District helped the SEPD will their COVID Polar Plunge. Instead of their normal lake plunge we doused them with water off the fire truck!

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