

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

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2017

The Budget & Appropriation hearing was called to order at 19:00 hrs.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault
ABSENT: None

President Van Winkle asked the board if they have any questions on Ordinance #17- 0173. President Van Winkle asked if there was any public comment on Ordinance #17-0173. There was no public comment. On a motion made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Theriault, the hearing was closed at 19:02 with a unanimous vote.

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 August 14, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL, Kane County, IL at 19:02 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on July 10th, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Speyers abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of July showed a balance of \$7,802,052.84, the balance as of the meeting was \$7,592,770.92. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13904 thru 13973, and payroll checks 11448 thru 11464. There were two voided checks; #13815 to SHI in the amount of \$1,888.82 and #13771 to Rack Em Up in the amount of \$4,521.00. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the August bills as presented in the amount of \$209,281.92. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS - Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT – A/C Lancaster reported that the District assisted the SEPD at Night Out Against Crime on August 1st. It was a great event, thanks to all who participated.

CPR Coordinator Walter Antos wrote a nice email to Chief Sohn informing him that Eric Truax was stepping down from his CPR instructor position after 6 years. Walter wanted to make sure the Chief knew what an excellent job Eric has done in this position.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Star Com Radios –The radios have been installed in the vehicles except one and the portables have been distributed. We are waiting on the stations alerting systems company seeds to do some final programming. We will contact the departments around us to alert them of the switchover when we have the date.

We have six local candidates for the ECC Firefighter Training Program starting in the fall. Physicals and background checks have been completed, just one candidate still needs to pass the CPAT; otherwise they are all set to start in the program on August 22.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Statement – The Treasurer's Statement will be approved at next month's meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Trustee Speyers to accept the Certifications of Estimated Revenue as determined by Tighe, Kress and Orr. The motion for Certifications of Estimated Revenue for the fiscal year 17'-18' was unanimously approved, then signed and dated.

The board discussed the 17-18 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Trustee Theriault made a motion to adopt and approve Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #17-0173. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Review Audit Draft – The trustees entered into a short discussion of the 15-16 Audit. Trustee Theriault commented that he appreciated the fact that the district has decreased our spending and that we need to watch our Capital Funds spending.

Union Side Letter – The section regarding the amount of comp time that the members can carryover was unintentionally omitted from the new contract. Trustee Theriault motioned to accept the side letter regarding comp time. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Property for the New Station- The board discussed property for sale in town and if any would work for the district to build a new station. The board discussed the extra cost of building in the TIF District. The board decided to look for counsel regarding purchasing any property to make sure we are covering all the necessary steps and to develop a detailed plan.

New Utility Contracts – We are constantly receiving calls from utility companies regarding switching our current vendors. A/C Wascher and Chief Sohn met Katherine Banik of Vanguard Energy Services at the Chiefs conference last fall. Katie helped us compare rates with our current companies and we found out we could do a great deal better price wise with Vanguard, even if we had to pay to get out of our contract with our current companies, especially Champion. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to switch to Vanguard for one year and to give it our best try to either omit or lower the rate to leave Champion Energy. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The trustees also agree to revisit the utility rates every year.

New Ambulance – Captain Cox reported to the board that the ambulance committee recommended to the Chief to purchase another Horton because we have been overall very happy with our last purchase with them. The preliminary cost of the ambulance will be \$219,284.00, prepayment saving us \$4400.00. The ambulance will be ready for delivery in 7-9 months. We will be using our IPRF grant to help fund the Stryker cot / cot system which is priced at around \$47,092.00. The new ambulance will take the place of Ambulance 22. Ambulance 22 will become the new reserve ambulance, and Ambulance 24 will become the new Dive Vehicle. We will be using our IPRF grant to help fund the Stryker cot / cot system which is priced at \$47,092.00. The board briefly went over next year's vehicle replacement plan.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to purchase either a 2017 (or 2018 depending if they still have a 2017 in stock, same price for 2018) Ford F550 4x4 Chassis Custom Horton Ambulance for the price discussed. President Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board directed Britta to set up a meeting with Andres to see if we need to adjust our ambulance fees; the fees were last adjusted in February of 2015.

POC Pay Rates – A/C Wascher presented a pay change for the POCs. This change involves a straight base rate for Probationary FFs, EMT-Bs and Paramedics, with longevity raises when deserved. No one will have a decrease in pay. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to accept the proposed POC Pay Rates as presented. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Trustee Theriault abstaining.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Britta reported of a resident calling to praise our guys for helping her with her smoke detector/monoxide detector. The employees involved were Lt. Freiberg, FF/PM Jason Peters, and FF/PM Matthew Sutton.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to suspend the meeting to move to Closed Session for purposes of Personnel and any other lawful purpose @ 20:15. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on August 14, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 20:17 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Chief Sohn, Assistant Chief Lancaster, Assistant Chief Wascher and Britta Eggebrecht.

A motion to close the Closed Session at 21:12 and resume the regular meeting (@ 21:13 was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Treasurer Speyers and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 21:15 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman