

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

DATE: August 5, 2019

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 August 5, 2019 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, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on July 1, 2019 were reviewed. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted spelling corrections. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Speyers abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of June 2019 showed a balance of \$16,524,600.19, the balance minus the June bills was \$14,887,311.29. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15408-15466, and payroll checks 11973-11989. A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the August 2019 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$204,659.06 and to ratify the July 2019 #2 bills in the amount of \$1,453,094.68. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Britta noted that a refund check in the amount of \$622,948 from Lamp Inc. will be in the next month's financials (July). Trustee Theriault would like to have a copy of the last fiscal year's (month) bills (18-19) to compare to the current fiscal years (19-20) included in the monthly meeting packet.

PRESENTATIONS – New Car 201 was put on the road after a lot of work and effort put forth by both Captain Starr and Matt Turnquist who installed the lighting, radios, and command console. Great job guys!

Captain Cox pointed out to the Chief that he felt that Carlos Chavez is a great example for all of the District's probationary part time firefighters because of the hard work and ethics he shows in his service. Justin noted that Carlos is focused on completing his probationary book and when he is done with one task always finds something else that needs attention while on shift. Way to go Carlos!

Tender 22 went OOS, Captain Cox contacted Lt Peters (who was on vacation) and he offered up some possible solutions. Scott Diehl and Dustin Differding worked with Captain Cox to get the apparatus back in full service. Mick assisted his crew by getting the necessary tools and anything else the crew needed to complete the job. Great job!

Paul Duffy reported to the Chief that Probationary FF Colin Rothecker took it upon himself to clean the boat in detail after it was returned from the deployment to Southern IL. Colin washed down the boat and all of the equipment in it. Great job Colin!

Due to a tripped GFI some milk spoiled in the training room fridge. Phil Swider cleaned the fridge and carpet affected by the milk; a horrible job done extremely well! Thanks Phil!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle thanked the shift crew that responded on an ambulance call for her on July 2nd. Mary reported that she was grateful to A/C Rothecker, FF/PM Mick Krasowski, and FF/PM Jason Ames for the excellent care they gave her at her home and in the ambulance on route to the hospital.

CHIEF'S REPORT – On August 6, 2019 the District will participate in the National Night Out celebration with the SEPD at Jim Hansen Park from 6-9pm. Our crews will man our water fight station and our apparatus will be on display for the public.

Chief Wascher has granted Andrew Wright a six month leave of absence; he has started a full time position in Buffalo Grove FD.

Six (6) firefighters have accepted our conditional offers of employment off of the Fulltime Firefighter Hiring List; five (5) of these guys have been or are currently part time employees with the District. We are currently conducting their background checks and they will be starting their psych and medical testing after those results come back.

Three (3) of the Districts FF/PMs and one of our boats were sent to Southern, IL to give aid to the flooded areas. FF/PM Matt Turnquist, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, and FF/PM Harvey Parks helped out in the flooded area from July 6-14.

Chief Wascher reported that the District went before the Planning and Zoning Committee for our variance request(s) for the new Station 21. Our two requests included reduced tree replacement and an electronic sign on the front of the property. The tree variance did not pass, and therefore had to go before the Village Board for consideration; A/C Rothecker was at the Village's meeting at that time.

The Union is sponsoring a raffle to benefit Camp I am Me, a summer camp for child burn victims. The prize is a chance to be Firefighter for a Day at the South Elgin Fire District; the winner will be chosen at the Open House on October 5th. There will be more information on this raffle in the next week.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Ryan Morton did not have anything to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS -

New Stations – Chief Wascher has sent the Board weekly updates regarding the construction of the new stations. Lamp and the other workers are finishing up some ground work; Chief Wascher reported that the steel was currently going up at the Station 23 site. The steel was onsite at Station 21 and will be going up in the next day or so. Completion dates for the Stations are still on schedule for late February / early March. Contracts are all set with Metronet and Com-Ed for the new stations.

Station 22 Commonwealth Edison Energy Audit Proposal - Commonwealth Edison performed an evaluation on Station 22. They gave us a proposal on updating the lighting at a reduced rate with the potential for substantial savings on our future bills. A few months ago the Board directed A/C Rothecker to get a few more quotes from other companies; we are currently still waiting for those proposals. This item was tabled until next month.

New Vehicle Updates – Car 201 went into service today, August 5th, 2019. A/C Lancaster informed the board of all of the detailed work that went into installing the custom lights and radios, as well as the command console in the back. Captain Starr completed a class through Whelen to gain the knowledge needed to install this lighting system. The Maintenance Committee is working on the skid for the new brush truck/utility vehicle. The Engine Committee went to Global in Aurora to get some ideas for the proposed new engine.

Chief / Assistant Chief Flex Time Proposal – The three chiefs will receive eight (8) hours of flex time per month for on call duties, these hours are to be used within the next month if possible, and will not carry over unless approved by the Chief. The chiefs will need to stay within their approved maximum comp hours. The Board was in agreement with the policy.

NEW BUSINESS –

Side Letter 19-02 - This side letter prohibits a probationary firefighter from making shifts trades while on probation. The Fire Chief or his designee may approve probationary trades under special circumstances. This side letter 19-02 will be added to the current Labor Agreement from 6/1/2017 – 5/31/2020 under Article IV, Section 4.8 (Shift Trades). Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Side Letter 09-02 as proposed. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Hire / Promotion Dates – On September 4, 2019 William Luchsinger, Mick Krasowski, and Eric Truax will be promoted to Lieutenant at 6pm; a promotional flyer will be sent out in the next week. On October 7th we will be swearing in our six (6) new Firefighters/ Paramedics. The swearing in ceremony will start at 6pm; we will break for a cake reception and start the monthly meeting at 7pm.

The Budget and Appropriations hearing will be on August 27th, 2019 @ 10am. The notice for the budget was published.

Due to Labor Day falling on the next meeting date, the monthly Trustee meeting will be pushed to Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.

A/C Rothecker learned at (tonight's) Village Board meeting the decision(s) on our variance requests. The Board approved that in lieu of payment we engage in an intergovernmental agreement to share our message board. The Village will be able to use the electronic message board when needed for public announcements.

A/C Rothecker reported that we received 20 cases of water from Fire House Subs; they did a nationwide promotion "H2O for Heroes" to collect the water for local Fire Departments. We will issue a press release thanking them for their good works. We are waiting to hear of when we will receive the check from the grant we secured from this business.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 19:45 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman