

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

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2021

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 2, 2021, at 19:01.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on July 5, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of June, 2021 showed a balance of \$7,855,855.56, the balance minus the July 2021 bills was \$7,389,097.18. There were accounts payable checks 17094-17149 and payroll checks 12552-12583. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify July 2021 #2 bills in the amount of \$342,812.23 and to approve the August 2, 2021 bills in the amount of \$226,620.98. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Wascher reported that Lieutenant Paul Duffy wanted to recognize the following personnel for their hard work getting Station 23 ready for the Open House. Lieutenant Eric Truax, Lieutenant Phillip Swider, Lieutenant Paul Duffy, FF/PM Scott Diehl, FF/PM Samantha Heugh, and FF/EMTb Carlos Chavez worked tirelessly at cleaning the station and removing the muddy mess the landscapers left behind in the parking lot, all during extremely hot weather conditions. The Village of South Elgin thanked our crews for attending their events at Panton Mill Park. Chief Wascher thanked BC Eckles for working many hours filling in at Station 21 during the other BC's vacations. Twelve of our firefighters are invited to a Medal of Honor ceremony on September 10, 2021 in Springfield to receive a Recognition of Excellence Award. This award is in acknowledgement of saving a resident from a house fire in our District back in November of 2020. Congratulations BC Matthew Starr, Lieutenant Rich Stumbaugh, Lieutenant Mick Krasowski, FF/PM Steve Diehl, FF/PM Jon Pollock, FF/PM Robert Rimgale, FF/PM Chris Elliott, FF/PM Jason Ames, FF/PM Dustin Differding, FF/PM Matthew Dalbke, FF/EMTb Bryan Borucki, and FF/EMTb Kevin Henryson!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher thanked the board for attending breakfast at the fire station on July 23rd with Kane County Board Chairwoman Pierog. The Station 23 open house was held on July 24th, 2021. Even with the hot temperatures we had a nice turnout, thanks to everyone who helped with this event. On August 11th, 2021 a District picture will be taken, all personnel who are interested are invited to be at Station 21 by 16:45.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney Flaherty informed the board that they will need to go into a short-Closed Session for a personnel issue.

OLD BUSINESS –

Monthly Budget – Overall, the District is staying well within budget. OT has been on the higher side due to vacancies on Red and Black Shifts, a few injuries, and maximum personnel being off on vacation each day in July. A/C Rothecker had to adjust the budget for the Station 22 roof amount (coming in higher than planned), the fuel costs being higher, and the apparatus floor at Station 21 needs to be resurfaced for safety reasons. The Board discussed how to rectify the apparatus floor issue; the floor is very slippery when wet. These items being increased still keeps us within our audited budget.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Budget and Appropriations Special Meeting- The Board will hold a Special Meeting at Station 21 on August 11th, 2021 at 18:00; the meeting will start with a Public Hearing for the 21/22 Budget and Appropriations.

Illinois GEMT IGA- The Board needs to enter/sign an IGA with the State of Illinois for the District to start working on this year's GEMT; this report is to determine our Medicaid billing rate for next year. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to sign the IGA for the 21/22 GEMT. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Battalion Chief Swearing In Ceremony- The Battalion Chief's promotional ceremony will follow the Special Meeting at Station 21 starting at 18:30.

Any other New Business- Assistant Chief Rothecker met with State Representative Anna Moeller at the annual Public Safety Coalition. Representative Moeller informed the group of how this next Rescue Plan monies would be distributed; she was unaware of the fact that Fire Districts are not included in this round of distribution. Since brought to her attention, she sent Assistant Chief Rothecker a note confirming that she will look into this oversight. There may be a chance that Fire Districts will receive some funding from this plan. Assistant Chief is working with area Chiefs to furnish any information she may need for the Fire Districts to be considered to receive funding.

Chief Wascher discussed / explained the idea of using a consent agenda at future trustee meetings.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

CLOSED SESSION - Trustee Theriault moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 19:26 for reason of (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cornelissen and was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 19:31. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 19:31 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman