

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

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2017

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 December 11th, 2017 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, Chief Sohn

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on November 13, 2017 were reviewed. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on November 13, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes as written. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of November showed a balance of \$8,552,612.43, the balance as of the meeting was \$8,206,796.69. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 14153 thru 14204, and payroll checks 11516 thru 11559. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the bills. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to pay the December bills as presented in the amount of \$345,815.74. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – FF Sutton felt that was important that Chief Sohn and the board knew just how hard Captain Cox worked on the purchase and installment of the new sauna detox system purchased through Foreign Fire monies. This sauna will be beneficial in the ongoing fight against FF cancer. Great job Captain Cox!

Captain Cox sent Chief Sohn a lovely email thanking Britta for her hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Sohn reported to the board that the District had received our Grant amount for the upcoming year from IPRF. The money is earmarked for a new power cot that will be utilized for bariatric patients.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS –

Property for new station - Chief reported to the board the results of the survey, soil borings and Phase I Environmental Study. We have a slight hurdle with the reclamation district; the property is not part of the sanitary district at this time. We will have to annex into the Sanitary District. We have heard that they will waive the fees associated with this action.

Station 22 Parking Lot – Chief Sohn discussed the necessity of resurfacing Station 22’s parking lot. Chief asks the board to consider working through an engineering firm, instead of hiring a company ourselves. The Chief is hoping that although this would cost more upfront it would give us a better and longer lasting end result. A decision will need to be made in January.

ISO – We originally received a letter showing no change to our rating. The chiefs met with the ISO agent and it was found that some key items were missing from the report. We just recently got the letter announcing that their recent review by the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) resulted in an improved rating from Class 3 in the Village of South Elgin to Class 2 and from Class 4 in the Fire Protection District (Countryside) to a Class 2. Chief Sohn thanked everyone involved for their hard work to achieve this amazing rating; Class 1 and Class 2 represent the top 3.4 % of all fire departments in the United States. Great job!

NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Theriault made the motion to maintain the board’s current slate; Mary Van Winkle - President, Rick Bohlman - Secretary, Jeff Speyers - Treasurer, and Jeff Theriault and Diana Cornelissen trustees. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Mary Van Winkle announced that the Board of Trustees would next consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds to the voters of the District at the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2018. Secretary Bohlman read by title -17-0176 An Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds to the voters to the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and DuPage Counties, IL at the General Primary Election to be held on the 20th day of March, 2018. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-0176. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President Van Winkle made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-0177, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and DuPage Counties, IL, providing for and requiring the submission of a public question to levy a New Tax for emergency and rescue crews and equipment purposes to be submitted to the voters of the District at the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2018. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Liability Insurance Renewal – Trustee Theriault made a motion to keep the choices we currently have. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 17-003 - Authorizes the sale or donation of personal property of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Resolution 17-003. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Good of the District - Captain Rothecker reported that the Union donated all of their proceeds from this year’s Breast Cancer T shirts to a personal friend of the Diehl brothers who is currently battling cervical cancer. The union was able to present the grateful recipient with a check in person.

Britta thanked everyone who helped out with this year’s Breakfast with Santa. It was a huge success!

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Robert Rimgale was sworn in as a new Full Time Firefighter / Paramedic for the South Elgin Fire District by President Van Winkle. Robert’s mother pinned on his badge and the board congratulated Robert.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to suspend the meeting @ 19:40 to welcome our new Full Time Firefighter / Medic Robert Rimgale. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was reopened at 20:00.

Roll call.

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

President Van Winkle made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real property for the use of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act, personnel, and for any other lawful purpose necessary at 20:01. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on December 11th, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 20:01 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Diana Cornelissen, Chief Sohn, Assistant Chief Wascher, Britta Eggebrecht and David Broz from Railside Citrus Insurance (Dave Broz left the meeting @ 20:17).

A motion to close the Closed Session and resume the regular meeting @ 21:08 was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

Action on items from Closed Session –

Trustee Theriault made the motion to promote Captain Mike Rothecker to Assistant Chief to succeed A/C Wascher. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made the motion to proceed with the purchase of the Spring Street property. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sohn informs the board of the completion of the actuary report. The price of the actuary will be between \$3100.00 and \$3350.00; the cost is split between the District and the Pension Board.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 21:13 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman