

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

DATE: December 2, 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 December 2, 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 November 4, 2019 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen noted a few corrections to clarify/rectify minutes. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with noted corrections. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on November 4, 2019 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes with noted correction (extra word). President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of October 2019 showed a balance of \$15,776,864.47, the balance minus the November bills was \$15,375,076.64. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15678-15744 and payroll checks 12048-12070. The following A/P checks were voided: 15698 to Menards in the amount of \$539.70, and 15729 to Interstate Battery Systems in the amount of \$6330.66. P/R checks 12043-12047 were printed in error and voided, 12056 was printed in error (should have been Direct Deposit). 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. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to pay the December 2, 2019 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$1,505,197.02 and to ratify the November 2019 (#2) bills in the amount of \$139,237.01. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher recognized the efforts of FF/PM Steve Diehl and FF/PM Robert Rimgale who were deployed to Oregon, IL on November 21st to assist with a body search in the Rock River.

Probationary Fulltime FF/PM Connor Hickey has been completed his EMS check off for both the District and Sherman Hospital (system entry). Good job Connor!

PT FF/PM Ben Graff received his FAE certificate, and FF/PM Steve Diehl his Fire Investigator certificate from the OSFM; congratulations to both.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

The District hosted an important class through IFSI dealing with stress in the fire service; the SEPD also attended this event.

The District sponsored 10 candidates in the fall ECC Fire Academy. Chief Wascher informed the board that the entire class passed and will graduate December 11th at 6pm at the ECC Burlington Campus; all are invited. A/C Lancaster and Captain Starr have prepared a training schedule for these new employees.

District employees will be participating in several local holiday events this month. Our employees will help shop with local children for shoes at Shoe Carnival, and also help at the 2nd annual South Elgin P.D. "South Elgin's Santa's Little Helpers" - "Shop with a Cop" event that will assist South Elgin residents in need this Christmas season. Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for December 7th, this event is for the District's families.

The District will swear in Garrick Penrod as a Fulltime FF/PM on January 6th at 18:00 at Station 22; a cake and coffee reception will follow directly after. The monthly District Trustee meeting will begin at 19:00.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty updated the Board on the recent changes in the House and Senate in Springfield. Shawn reported that the Pension Consolidation Bill 7616 has passed and will take effect on January 1, 2020. Shawn estimates that we will need to turn over our pension funds by the end of 2020. The legalization of marijuana sales passed and will take effect on January 1, 2020; we will have to work on structuring policy guidelines for this subject.

OLD BUSINESS -

New Stations – Chief Wascher continues to send the Board weekly updates regarding the construction of the new stations. This past month Chief Wascher met with two potential moving companies. A/C Rothecker met with Laura Parks to start choosing/purchasing the new station(s) furniture. This purchase will be through a State Bid (RFP). Captain Eckles is hard at work on the dining tables for all three of the Stations; these will be made from downed trees at the Station 21 site.

District Policy Update- A few months ago Attorney Shawn Flaherty had recommended that we update our Policy Manual; Attorney Ryan Morton had prepared the updated first chapter. Attorney Morton and the Board went over the first chapter of the Policy Manual sub-section by sub-section, discussing the suggested additions and necessary changes.

Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits. Jeremy and his attorney Bob Seltzer were present at the meeting in November and presented their case to the board on why Jeremy should receive continued healthcare insurance benefits (PSEBA) at the District's cost. The Board discussed this in Closed Session.

Trustee Theriault asked for an update on the possible sale of 150 W State Street to the Village of South Elgin. Chief Wascher informed the Board that the Village is still waiting on the appraisal for the building from the company they hired.

NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept the 2020 Fiscal Year Actuary Pension fund contribution. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 19-0191-2019 Tax Levy – Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve the 2019 Tax Levy as filed with Kane and DuPage Counties. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept and approve the Trustee Monthly meeting dates for 2020 as provided. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. President Van Winkle signed the document that will be posted at the stations and on our website.

Dave Broz led a discussion explaining the District's choices for Benefits and Property & Casualty Insurance renewals. The Board asked Dave to push up the renewal next year to the November meeting. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the renewal of the District's Property & Casualty Insurance per the attached document. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –

A/C Rothecker informed the Board that the old brush truck will be on the January 6, 2020 agenda (surplus equipment) next month and will be put up for sale. The truck will be sold as is.

The initial spec of the proposed new engine that we are purchasing will be available for review and discussion. This will be discussed at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

Chief Dave Schmidt from Elgin FD is retiring next month on January 3, 2020. We are planning on giving him a plaque to commemorate the great partnership we shared with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Treasurer Speyers made the motion to move to Closed Session @ 20:41 for the reason of 5ILCS 120/2.5-Evidence or testimony presented in an open hearing. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 21:11. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 21:11 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman