

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

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 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 December 6, 2021, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Theriault

PRESENTATIONS – FF/PM Shannon Harms and FF/PM Robert Rimgale received their State of IL Fire Instructor II certification. FF/PM Tyler Hite received his Hazardous Materials Technician certification. FF/PM Garrick Penrod received his Fire Investigator certification. Great job and congratulations to all!

B/C Cox reported that his shift went on a call for a person not responding. Our guys jumped in and started a rapid intervention of treatment on this critical care patient call. B/C Cox conveyed to the chief that the shift showed exemplary teamwork with the Police Department, and each other. The persons working the call: Lt. Jason Peters, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, FF/ PM Anthony Rodgers, FF/PM John Theriault, FF/EMTb Colin Rothecker (Paramedic student), FF/EMTb Ryan Rompel, and John Jowaski FF/EMTb (Paramedic student). Great job to all!

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of November 1, 2021, meeting minutes, regular, special, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2021
- c. Approval of December 6, 2021 bills in the amount of \$ 754,803.25
Ratify November 15, 2021 bills in the amount of \$ 297,795.86

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept and approve items A thru C on the consent agenda. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle thanked Lt. Eric Truax, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, and FF/EMTb (Paramedic Student) Colin Rothecker for transporting her to the hospital with great care and professionalism.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the board that some of the members of the Fire District joined the South Elgin Police Department handing out Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. Jewel supplied over 100 dinners to our residents. Some of our members and the Union are participating in the South Elgin's Santa's Helpers event, donating / supplying Christmas toys for children in our District. The Fire District entered a holiday tree contest through the Village of South Elgin, AND WE WON!!! The tree was cleverly designed out of fire hose. Thanks to Liz Loss, Britta, and B/C Matt Starr for their creative input, and gold shift's Lt. Jason Peters, FF/PM Mike Rothecker, and FF/PM Garrick Penrod for helping put the tree together down in the Village park. The District received a trophy for our efforts. Liz and Britta worked the Almost Winters Day event handing our holiday safety information at the event, while Chief Wascher kept the firepit in tow. Chief Wascher informed the board of the upcoming NIAFPD conference in January 2022 in the Oakbrook Conference Center. The board should inform Britta of any interest to attend.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty informed the board that the NIAFPD conference has been shortened from three (3) days to only two (2) due to the reduction in pension training. Shawn's firm will be teaching at the conference. Shawn also explained Public Act 102-519, which is a bill that will return a bit of money (from assessments that were challenged) back into our Tax Levy.

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- The District's overtime was down a bit this month. Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker met with the Union to discuss the option of not filling the open part time firefighter spot with Mandatory OT. So far dropping down one spot at 22 to allow part time employees to attend paramedic school has been satisfactory.

2020/2021 Audit Status - The District is awaiting the Annual Financial Report from Tighe, Kress, and Orr. Our audit team filed for an extension (January 19th, 2022) for the AFR because of (their) employment issues. The Board will receive the audit in time for approval at the meeting in January.

2022 Benefits, Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Approval- Dave Broz attended the meeting to answer/explain any questions for our renewal and walked the board through the policies. Trustee Cornelissen made motion to approve the 2022 Benefits, Property & Casualty Insurance renewal as presented by the Chief. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS –

Appointments to the District Board- Chief Wascher has been in contact with Mark VanKerkhoff from the Kane County Board regarding the reappointments of our Trustees. Mark VanKerkhoff informed Chief Washer that we are up to date on our reappointments. He also mentioned that he would like to meet with Chief Wascher to discuss the possibility of an elected board. Chief has not received any other correspondence on this matter as of the meeting.

Any other New Business –Trustee Cornelissen inquired if the District had received any offers on the Seagrave fire engine that we are in the process of selling, no offers been made as of yet.

Secretary Bohlman reported that he had recently attended a funeral of a man with a terminal illness. The widow expressed her gratitude for our District and praised all the help and compassion our guys had given and shown her husband.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

CLOSED SESSION - Trustee Cornelissen moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 19:20 for reason of (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Speyers and was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 19:32. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and 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 19:33 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman