

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

DATE: February 1, 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 February 1, 2021 at 19:04 via Zoom. At this time the Board finds it practical and prudent due to the COVID emergency to meet via Zoom.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault (via ZOOM), Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on January 4, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of December 2020 showed a balance of \$7,242,006.23, the balance minus the January bills was \$7,013,960.59. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16693-16748 and payroll checks 12407-12432. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Theriault requested that we schedule a meeting with our Charles Schwab account manager(s) to review our account activity.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to ratify the January 18, 2021 bills (#2) in the amount of \$29,715.38, and approve the February 1, 2021 bills in the amount of \$223,614.54. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –

Chief Wascher shared the joyous news that FF/PM Rob Bartosiewicz and his wife Mayra welcomed their son Jason Allan Bartosiewicz on January 15, 2021. Rob also obtained his Vehicle Machinery Operations certification last month. Congratulations!

The Bartlett Fire Department Chief Gabrenya sent the District a thank you note for our help at a fire in their district. He noted a special thanks to Battalion Chief (Captain) Justin Cox for his professional experience and beneficial skillset that was valuable during this incident.

The Hampshire Fire Chief Herrmann sent a letter thanking us for the service of our divers, Steve Diehl, Scott Diehl, Rob Rimgale and Anthony Rodgers. They helped search for a missing resident possibly in a pond in their district.

We received a kind thank you note from a grateful resident; she was transported on a Red Shift for a medical emergency.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty commented on the Trustees attendance at the NIAFPD training on January 30th. He reported to the Board that the CPI numbers have been released. The CPI number dropped to 1.4 percent from 2.3 percent last year. Shawn also noted that the Board will need to go into Closed Session for personnel issues and to conduct the Semi-Annual review of CS Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the budget with the trustees. A/C Rothecker reported to the board that our ambulance transfer revenue has greatly picked up; our income for transfers has been grossly down due to COVID.

COVID 19 – Chief Wascher reported that the District continues to work hard to follow protocols and take proper precautions while on calls. Members are continuing to social distance and masks are being worn at the stations. The local hospitals are reporting a lower number of new cases. The number of positive COVID cases in South Elgin continues to decline, this month's number is 294 new cases compared to 336 cases last month. Normal ambulance call volume is starting to climb back up. Chief Wascher reported that the number of COVID cases at the extended healthcare facilities in South Elgin are starting to level off. Vaccines for the healthcare facility residents are scheduled in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker reported to the Board that everyone at the District that wanted to receive the COVID vaccine has gotten their first dose. Slightly over 90% of our members chose to get the vaccine. Chief Wascher also reported that the District has obtained some COVID quick-tests that will allow us to test our members' onsite.

Chief Wascher received the Stonington Road project cost(s) from Lamp. The final cost(s) came in around \$150,000.00. Chief Wascher has contacted Mike Millet from the Village in regards to reimbursement for their half of the cost of the project.

Chief Wascher reported that one of our firefighters has tested positive to COVID and is off work, quarantined for 10 days. We continue to make sure the Stations are thoroughly cleaned.

Chief Wascher reported to the Board that newly appointed FF/PM Corey Nickels has given his letter of resignation. He will shortly be starting full time with the Addison FPD. The Commission has started processing the next candidate on the list, Nicholas Cassidy. Samantha Heugh has completed and passed the full time processing and will start on as a full time FF/PM with the District on February 7, 2021.

The District will need to test for a new full time list. The District is looking to change our testing company/process to an online testing procedure/ company, NTN. We are hoping this change will give us a larger test group and be more cost effective.

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 19:39 for reason of (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal AND (2)(21) Semi-annual review of the Closed Session minutes of meetings that were lawfully closed under OMA. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Speyers and was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to close the Closed Session Meeting @ 20:56 and return to the regular meeting. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 20:58. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made the motion to release the following CS Minutes: 09/08/2020, 10/07/2019, 02/12/2018, 12/11/2017, 10/09/2017, and 09/11/2017, with the rest of the reviewed minutes will remain closed at this time. Secretary Bohlman 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 21:00 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman