

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

DATE: February 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd., South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:01 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 January 6, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Speyers abstaining.

Minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on January 6, 2020 were reviewed. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Speyers abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of December 2019 showed a balance of \$12,486,954.07, the balance minus the January bills was \$12,198,093.82. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15815-15884 and payroll checks 12096-12126. Check #15814 was written to First American Bank \$134,000.00 for the 2020 HSA Employer Contributions, and check #15884 was written to La-Z-Boy \$4,693.92 for the chairs for new Station 21. A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to accept the Treasurer's Report along with the ratified checks as presented. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the February 3, 2020 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$911,408.98 and to ratify the January 2020 (#2) bills in the amount of \$64,200.31. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –FF/PM Dan Cooper has obtained his Fire Officer I certificate from the OSFM. Recruit/FF Bryan Borucki has obtained his Basic Operations certification. Great job guys!

A family stopped into Station 22 to drop off cookies and to say thank-you to Red Shift and A/C Rothecker for the excellent and thoughtful care they gave to their mother on a call. Nice work guys!

FF/PM Harvey Parks, FF/PM Matthew Sutton, and FF/PM Matthew Turnquist received recognition and Humanitarian Service Awards from MABAS IL for their dedicated service in deployment to the flooded Anna, IL (area) this past July, 2019. Chief Wascher presented the three firefighters their awards/ribbons. FF/PM Sutton narrated a short presentation with pictures from their deployment for the board and meeting attendees. Congratulations!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

CHIEF'S REPORT – The District has been participating in several Active Shooter trainings with the South Elgin Police Department. Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker met with Representative Dan Ugaste to discuss important issues within the Fire Service. The District participated in an evidence recovery dive in Elgin this past month. Chief Wascher also attended a class regarding cannabis in the workplace.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty relayed several upcoming educational/training opportunities for the Trustee Board. A discussion was held on the possibility of a new Bill requiring the use of body cameras during public board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS -

New Stations – Chief Wascher continues to send the Board weekly updates regarding the construction of the new stations. Chief Wascher took Steve Super, Steve Ward, and Commissioner Hamilton through the new stations last week. Chief Wascher extended an invitation to tour the new stations to the Board.

A/C Rothecker has been working to finalize the furniture purchase(s) for the new stations with Laura Parks. We have received a preliminary proposal and are waiting to receive the final cost projection.

District Policy Update- the District is updating our Policy Manual; this month the District reviewed Chapters 3 and 6 that Attorney Ryan Morton had prepared with necessary updates and changes. Attorney Flaherty and the Board reviewed the 3rd and 6th 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. Attorney Flaherty had been in contact with Jeremy and his attorney Bob Seltzer this past month to work towards reaching a mutual agreement for PSEBA benefits. The Board discussed this in Closed Session.

NEW BUSINESS –

Andres Medical Billing Rate Reduction – We have a new representative with Andres. After meeting with the new rep they dropped our invoicing rate from 6% to 4%.

Appraisal/Offer for 150 W. State Street – This item was discussed in Closed Session.

Dave Broz from Railside Citrus led a discussion regarding the District's Fiduciary Insurance renewal.

Elgin Dispatch Contract Renewal- Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker met with Elgin Communications to start talking about our upcoming contract for dispatch services. Elgin Communications will follow up with a proposal for our new agreement.

The District's 1969 Chevy Pick-up was sold this past month to John Falduto for \$20,166.00. The vehicle was previously approved as surplus equipment.

New Engine Purchase Approval- A/C Rothecker led a discussion regarding the proposed Engine 23 purchase. The Engine Committee (Capt. Cox, Lt. Peters, FF/PM Turnquist, FF/PM Beatty, and A/C Rothecker) has been diligently working on the details of the new fire engine for Station 23. The Board discussed payment options for the new engine. This purchase will be covered with a performance bond. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the purchase of the new fire engine for Station 23 from E-One not to exceed \$610,000.00. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Speyers and passed unanimously.

Employee complaint- This was discussed in Closed Session.

Union negotiations – Chief Wascher has received notice from the Union President of Local 4833 indicating that they are ready to start negotiations for the upcoming contract. President Van Winkle and Trustee Theriault agreed to be on the negotiation committee, meetings will be scheduled in the next month.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Treasurer Speyers moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 20:00 for reasons of (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Employee Compensation / Performance, (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) Setting of a price for sale of property owned by the District, and litigation. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bohlman and was approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 20:55. Trustee Theriault 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 Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 20:55 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman