

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

DATE: February 7, 2022

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 7, 2022, 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 Jason Ames received his Vehicle and Machinery Technician certificate, and FF/PM Shannon Harms has received her Fire Department Incident Safety Officer certificate. Congratulations on your hard work!
- In August of 2021 A/C Mike Rothecker, Lt. Jason Peters, and F/M Mike Rothecker were deployed by MABAS for two weeks to Louisiana to help the relief efforts post Hurricane Ida. Chief Wascher presented all of them with a medal and certificate for their contributions, personal sacrifice, and the professional service they provided.
- The District received an appreciation plaque from Toys for Tots for our participation in their program this year.
- John Tobin a retired FF from Elgin FD dropped off a pictorial memory plaque honoring Tom Foster. Both plaques will be displayed at Station 21.

Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of January 3, 2022 meeting minutes, regular, special, and closed
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for December 2021
- c. Approval of FEB 7, 2022 bills in the amount of \$266,881.85,
Ratify JAN 17, 2021 BILLS \$62, 285.31, EFT Schindler Elevator \$1319.88

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 – No report at this time

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the board that this was A/C Mike Rothecker's last meeting as he will be leaving us for an Assistant Chief position in Elgin FD. A/C Rothecker's final walkout/sign off ceremony is planned for February 10th at 3pm on the apparatus bay at Station 21. As of today, the District is 144 calls ahead of last year. Chief Wascher informed the Board that both the Lieutenant and Battalion Chiefs testing has been completed. The final lists are posted at the stations. The Shifts have been busy conducting ice training this week at Blackhawk Pond. The District (BC Starr) aided DCFS by allowing them to use our shower at Station 21 for an adolescent in need. FF/PM Harvey Parks assisted a resident in need at Butera with her groceries. This month the chief has heard from multiple residents thanking our shifts for their caring, professional service. Secretary Bohlman thanked the District for the care we gave his daughter this past month.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty informed the board that the CPI for the upcoming tax levy is 7%. The District will need to consider doing a Truth in Taxation to obtain some growth. Attorney Flaherty advised the Board that the Economic Interest Statement form has changed this year: he gave them some instructions completing the form with the changes.

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- The District's overtime was average for this time of year. Ambulance income continues to be high because of our call volume. Fuel prices have escalated, and our bill has reflected that increase.

Vehicle Replacement Program- Battalion Chief Cox prepared a complex Vehicle Replacement Guide. B/C Cox briefly went over the vehicles that will need to be replaced in the next year or two.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS –

Sawyer/Falduto Presentation- Tom Sawyer was present to discuss the District's Charles Schwab portfolio and 5-year plan.

Semi-Annual Review/Destruction of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes prior to July 31st, 2020- These items will be discussed in Closed Session.

Economic Interest Statements 2022- Attorney Flaherty discussed this item in his report. Chief Wascher reminded the board to expect the email regarding the Economic Interest Statement sometime in March.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – BC Cox congratulated A/C Rothecker on his new position and thanked him for all the hard work he has put into the District over his career. A/C Rothecker thanked the Board and all the members of the District for their support over the years.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session at 19:38. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting at 20:02. Trustee Cornelissen seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to open the regular meeting at 20:02. Treasurer Speyers seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to open the following (closed) Closed Session Minutes: December 2, 2019, January 6, 2020, February 3, 2020, March 2, 2020, June 1, 2020, July 6, 2020, November 2, 2020, May 17, 2021, August 2, 2021, and September 7, 2021. The rest of the (closed) Closed Session minutes will remain closed.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to destroy all Closed Session tapes older than 7/31/20. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to authorize Chief Wascher to send out a letter to internally accept applications for Assistant Fire Chief, there will be a 10-day application period. Trustee Cornelissen seconded; 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 20:05 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman