

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

DATE: January 9, 2017

The 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 January 9, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Trustee Joe Cluchey, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Chief Sohn

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on December 12, 2016 were reviewed. Trustee Cluchey made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of *December* showed a balance of \$7,809,942.60, the balance as of the meeting was \$7,662,257.43. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13508 thru 13556, and payroll checks 11274 thru 11307. Check # 13507 in the amount of \$120,000 to First American Bank was ratified. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Theriault made a motion to pay the January bills as presented in the amount of \$147,685.17. President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rich Stumbaugh received the OSFM Fire Department Health & Safety Officer certification. Congratulations Rich!

Black shift responded to the home of a man suffering a major cardiac event in early November; he was in full cardiac arrest upon arrival. There were two South Elgin Police Officers and one County Sheriff's Deputy on scene doing CPR. Our crew initiated advanced life support protocols and transported him to the hospital. Capt. Rothecker ran into the man and his wife at Sam's Club. He shared with Capt. Rothecker that he has made a full recovery; he and his wife were overwhelmed with gratitude. Responding crew members include Billy Luchsinger, Shannon Harms, Dan Cooper, Neal W. Lippold II and Capt. Rothecker.

The District received a plaque thanking us for participating in the 2016 Toys for Tots campaign.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NONE

CHIEF'S REPORT –

Britta was not present due to her father being in Sherman Hospital. He will be released from the hospital tomorrow with hospice care.

Capt. Rothecker's monthly report included the call numbers for the past year. 2016 was our busiest year in the District's history with shifts responding to 2,854 calls, up 7.5% from 2015. The report detailed the types/categories of incidents; approximately 1800 calls were EMS related.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- None at this time

OLD BUSINESS –

Ken Cornelissen Firefighter of the Year Award - Chief Sohn and A/C Wascher presented the board with options for a possible plaque and criteria for possible nominations. The board discussed different ways to choose candidates for this award. The district is presenting the first Ken Cornelissen Firefighter of the Year Award at the Employee Appreciation Dinner scheduled for February 17, 2017.

The chief and the board discussed options and dates for a possible referendum. The board will continue to look into the filing and election dates, form a committee, and create a plan to move forward with the information they find.

Cash and Land Donations – Last month Chief Sohn reported that we have plans for another assisted living project in our District, and we have also heard of a possible additional Memory Care Facility. These types of buildings/facilities greatly impact our services. Chief Sohn conferred with our attorney to discuss a few options on obtaining some financial support from these facilities to help pay for future apparatus / ambulances.

Chief learned from the county that two of the properties that were annexed from FRCFRD will need land surveys to clarify the land description in order for the paperwork to be completed. The board decided to get two bids for the surveys. We have obtained two references for bids, we have not as of yet heard from either. Our attorney gave us an additional reference to contact.

NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the letter of Transition for the Pension Fund. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sohn asked the Union and the board if they would be able to start negotiations in February; a date will be agreed upon at a later in the month.

Trustee Cluchey suggested that we check to see if the District is covered for fiduciary liability for investing. Dave Broz from Railside Citrus was present at the meeting and discussed with the board a possibility for needing additional (fiduciary liability) insurance before going forward with the Investment Policy. The board decided that they feel the District is covered in this area without additional insurance due to our following best practices, using professional investors, and consultation with expert legal counsel.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT- None at this time

CLOSED SESSION - Not Needed

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cluchey and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 20:11 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman