

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

DATE: January 7, 2019

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 January 7, 2019 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:05 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on December 3, 2018 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Rick Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of November 2018 showed a balance of \$7,792,146.81 the balance minus the December bills was \$7,388,551.74. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 14916-14986, and payroll checks 11800 thru 11827. The following checks were voided: # 14871 (lost check) that was reissued as #14882, #14989 to Paulsen's Appliance, and #14938 to South Elgin Pension, the check was printed out in error. The following checks were ratified: 14987 MasterCard Sam's Club in the amount of 201.60, #14988 to Albertsons / Safeway (Jewel) for 32.14, #14990* to Paulsen's Appliances 16,214.55 (#21), #14991* to Paulsen's Appliances 16,397.50 (#23), and #14992 to Com-Ed for 17,827.47 (#23 move the electric pole). A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the January bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$252,698.04 and to ratify the December (#2) bills in the amount of \$227,787.21. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –

Chief Wascher recognized Retired FF/PM Jeremy Montgomery for his dedicated years of service to the District. Jeremy was not present; his plaque will be sent him along with the District's best wishes for the future.

Union President (Local 4833) Lt. Rich Stumbaugh presented Robert Rimgale with a plaque containing his probationary shield and his badge on behalf of Union 4833. FF/PM Rimgale thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to work at SECFPD.

FF/PM Mick Krasowski has obtained his Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Officer II Certification. Great job Mick!

FF/PM Matt Sutton reported to Chief Wascher that Brian Beatty did a great job (while off duty) by helping the shift crew obtain patient information on a MVA call that was a bit of challenge because of a language barrier. Thanks Brian!

FF/PM Brian Beatty, FF/PM Krasowski, and FF/PM Scott Diehl volunteered at the Union Organized Operation North Pole Event at the Rosemount Convention Center. Thanks all for giving your time!

A/C Rothecker helped bring a family together at the hospital after a serious call.

A group of SECFPD employees helped out with the South Elgin's Santa's Helpers event on December 23rd. SEFD Union 4833 donated \$500.00 to this event. Helpers at the event were A/C Rothecker, Krista Rothecker, Captain Cox, Captain Starr, Stephanie Starr, Lt. Rich Stumbaugh, Andrew Wright and Britta Eggebrecht.

The Chiefs and shift guys helped out at the Shoe Carnival event; deserving children are able to pick out a pair of shoes. Helpers at the event were A/C Rothecker, Mike Rothecker, Lt Peters, Walter Madsen, Anthony Rodgers, and Kevin Henryson.

Bill Sohn was sworn in as a Commissioner for the South Elgin Fire District's Commission Board by President Van Winkle.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher reported that our Lieutenants testing is underway. The In-basket Exercise is scheduled for January 14th, the Assessment Center at Station 22 is January 15-17, and concluding the process the written exams are set for January 25, 2019. The list will be posted after all testing is completed and scores are compiled.

Chief Wascher reminded the board of some trustee training that is available through NIAFPD in January 2019.

The Employee Recognition Dinner is scheduled for March 2nd, 2019 at Moretti's in Bartlett.

Pat Covey is doing well and is home recovering from surgery.

The District received notice from the State that our case from the OMA violation accusation in 2015 was closed, no action was needed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT–

Attorney Shawn Flaherty reported on some new laws in place as of January 1st, 2019. There are now restrictions on severance agreements; you also have to disclose any severance agreements. Also the Wage /Payment Collection Act has been amended requiring reimbursement to employees for certain out-of-pocket expenses that may be incurred while working. Shawn recommends the District review our Reimbursement Policy.

OLD BUSINESS –

Chief Wascher reported that we still have not heard from the Kane County Board regarding Rick Bohlman and Jeff Speyers board position reappointments.

New Stations - Chief Wascher reported that the bid openings were extended to January 16th. The Board discussed purchasing the appliances for the new stations. The Board discussed what can be recycled to the new stations and what needs to be purchased new. The Board discussed avenues of how the Trustees can be more involved in the purchasing decisions. Attorney Flaherty advised the District to review their purchasing policy and make any necessary amendments to help with future decisions. The Board discussed scheduling some Special Meetings if necessary to help with the purchasing decisions.

A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to ratify checks #14990* and #14991* to Paulsen's Appliances. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed 3-1; President Van Winkle – yes, Secretary Bohlman – yes, Trustee Theriault – no, and Trustee Cornelissen – yes.

Dave Broz from Railside Citrus will have more information regarding raising our deductibles at the next meeting in February.

NEW BUSINESS –

A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2019. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bank accounts for the bond monies were opened in December. Separate accounts were opened for each Station 21 and Station 23; the money has already been deposited. The Board discussed how invoices/bills will be paid out of these accounts. The board discussed online banking.

A Union side letter has been written and signed by the Union President and Trustee Board President regarding staffing a fourth Lieutenant this month until Lt Zabran retires on January 30th, 2019.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT- A/C Rothecker discussed the District's year end summary; the District serviced an all-time high number of calls - 3061.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Nothing at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 20:23 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman

*These checks were approved after Board discussion.