

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

DATE: January 6, 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 January 6, 2020 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:00 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 2, 2019 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault suggested a small change in wording. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with noted correction. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on December 2, 2019 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of November 2019 showed a balance of \$15,148,273.82, the balance minus the December bills was \$12,805,581.65. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15745-15814 and payroll checks 12071-12095. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault 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 6, 2020 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$224,659.94 and to ratify the December 2019 (#2) bills in the amount of \$837,495.15. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher recognized Assistant Chief Lancaster for working hard to keep our safety / training records in impeccable order. This organization of records proved to be invaluable during a surprise OSHA inspection last week. A/C Lancaster was able to provide the inspector with everything he needed and no violations were found at either Station 21 or 22.

Our 10 new Firefighters graduated from the ECC Academy last month and will start their training with the District on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Captain Cox recognized his shift for their service on a tough (possible) stroke EMS call. The shift's quick actions and care was invaluable on this call. Those on the call were Captain Cox, FF/PM Pollock, FF/PM Turnquist, FF/PM Elliott and FF/EMT-B Chavez. Nice work guys!

A/C Rothecker received his Incident Safety Officer Certificate from the OSFM and the National Fire Academy. Good work Mike!

Police Chief Krawczyk sent the District a letter thanking us for our participation in the annual COPS Walk. The walk is designed to provide participants with a physical challenge as well as the opportunity to spend time with survivors, law enforcement officers, and friends walking in memory of loved ones or co-workers. The Village received an Eternal Flame Award for their partnership and community effort pertaining to this event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle reported that she has written a letter to be sent to Kane County asking that Trustee Cornelissen be reappointed to the South Elgin & Countryside FPD Trustee Board for another term.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT –

The District hosted a class to gain knowledge on how to better handle Autistic patients. Chief Wascher reported that they received a great deal of invaluable information to help them on future calls.

Chief Wascher reported that the District's annual Breakfast with Santa was a great success! Thanks to all who helped with this event.

A group of District employees helped out with the SEPD's Santa's Helpers event on December 21st. Participants at the event were A/C Rothecker, Krista Rothecker, A/C Lancaster, Lt. Rich Stumbaugh, Britta Eggebrecht, and the duty crews.

The District's Honor Guard will be presenting the colors at the Chicago Wolves hockey game on April 11, 2020. Please contact FF/PM Steve Diehl for more information on obtaining tickets.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty relayed several upcoming educational/training opportunities for the Trustee Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS -

New Stations – Chief Wascher continues to send the Board weekly updates regarding the construction of the new stations. Chief Wascher reported that we have a new site superintendent, Bob Arnold. The drywall is going to start being put up at Station 23 this week, and the tower at Station 21 is almost completed.

District Policy Update- the District is updating our Policy Manual; this month the District reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter that Attorney Ryan Morton had prepared with necessary updates and changes. Attorney Flaherty and the Board reviewed the 2nd 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 –

IDOL/OSHA Visit – Chief Wascher discussed how well the surprise inspection went due to the Districts' organization and preparedness with record keeping and safety practices. Attorney Flaherty commented on what a great accomplishment it was to have no violations noted. Thanks again to Assistant Chief Lancaster and great job to all!

Chief Wascher and Assistant Chief Rothecker met with Warehouse Direct to discuss our furniture needs for the new stations. Our purchase through Warehouse Direct will be a State contract, allowing us to not go out to formal bids. We are waiting to see the 3D drawings and on a final cost report. Laura Parks our salesperson is waiving her commission.

#### Approval of Resolution 20-001-Surplus Equipment 1969 Brush Truck -

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 20-001 authorizing the 1969 Brush Truck as Surplus Equipment. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The new Ford 350 Brush Truck is now fully equipped and in service.

#### Approval of Resolution 20-002-Surplus Equipment – (2) Smoke Ejectors

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 20-002 authorizing the (2) 1980's Smoke Ejectors as Surplus Equipment. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously. New smoke ejectors have been purchased, they are much lighter and battery powered.

Assistant Chief discussed the District's Fiduciary Insurance renewal. This will be on the agenda for approval next month.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –Assistant Chief Rothecker discussed our end of the year call totals for District 21, 22 and 23.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Trustee Cornelissen made the motion to move to Closed Session @ 19:45 for the reason of 5ILCS 120/2.1-Employee Compensation. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 20:01. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Rothecker informed the board that the Engine Committee met last week for their third meeting regarding the new engine. Assistant Chief Rothecker reported that the final cost will be right around \$600,000.00. The District will be looking into some cash incentives that will help us save some money towards this purchase.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 20:05 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman