

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

DATE: July 1, 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 July 1, 2019 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, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on June 3, 2019 were reviewed. Britta noted that she had a correction with the payroll check numbers; payroll check numbers should have been 11921-11938 (not 11937). Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted correction. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of May 2019 showed a balance of \$14,216,489.63, the balance minus the June bills was \$13,867,392.59. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15329-15407, and payroll checks 11939 thru 11971. P/R check #11972 and A/P check #15358 were both voided; they were printed over my mistake with no money transferred for either check. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to pay the July bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$184,194.22 and to ratify the remaining June 2019 bills in the amount of \$473,669.79; this amount included the first bond payment of \$201,480.00. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – On June 4th the District received a call for an unresponsive resident. Jake Stolpa, a neighbor of the resident, jumped into action and started CPR. Chief Wascher presented Jake with a plaque to recognizing his helpful action. The shift crew responding to the call: Lt. Peters, FF/PM Rimgale, FF/PM Sutton, FF/PM Madsen, FF/PM Dalbke, and A/C Rothecker.

Chief Wascher reported that FF/PM Eric Truax has obtained his Fire Officer I certificate and Lt. Peters obtained his Fire Officer II certificate. Chief also wanted to thank the members of Local #4833 for their participation in Retired Chief Wayne Sigmund's funeral in Hampshire. Chief Wascher also thanked FF/PM Mick Krasowski for the effort he put forth organizing the presentation for Safety Stand Down Week; this year's topic was cancer in the fire service. The board congratulated all the members on their hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT – On June 9th members of the District participated in the 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. This special event is a two day, twenty-five mile walk that starts in Crystal Lake and ends in St Charles. The members that participated were Chief Wascher, Captain Starr, Lt. Stumbaugh, FF/PM Steve Diehl, FF/PM Beatty, FF/PM Rimgale, FF/PM Payne, FF/PM Truax and FF/EMT Henryson.

Fishing with the Fire Chief is in full swing, this event is every other week at various parks in the District. Dates for Fishing with the Fire Chief can be found on the Village and District websites. The Chiefs are attending weekly construction meetings with Lamp; notes from the meetings are sent to the Trustees. A/C Lancaster conducted hydrant testing throughout the Village this month; this information is needed for our ISO rating. On June 10th Chief Wascher attending a Hoarding Task Force Conference; this serious and dangerous issue has been seen in more and more residence lately. On June 18th our department hosted and participated in a DIV II Hazardous Materials Drone Training at Station 22. On June 19th our department hosted the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals board meeting; Britta and Liz are both members and Britta is currently the Secretary for this organization.

On June 19th Chief Wascher attended the Fire Commission meeting. The second, third, and fourth candidates on the Full Time Hiring List have all taken a one-time pass at this time. FF/PM William Luchsinger will be returning to work on July 2nd. The commission will be sending out the letters to the next candidates on the list, planning on starting the six new employees on September 30.

Chief Wascher, A/C Rothecker and Britta attended a retirement party last week for Chief Falese of Bartlett. Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for August 6th at Jim Hansen Park; the event starts at 18:00 hours. The 4th of July parade starts at 10am; Chief Wascher invited the Board to participate if interested.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Shawn Flaherty updated the Board on the standing of bills in Springfield that may affect our District; since the House and Senate have not been in session no decisions/updates have been made. Shawn reported to the Board that Bob Britz from his firm is retiring at the end of this month.

OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations –Chief Wascher reported that the District will be going before the Planning and Zoning Committee for our variance request(s) for the new Station 21. A mailing to the residents in our area was sent out with the information of the variances requested. The next construction meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2019. Trustee Theriault asked about the driveway issues at Station 23; some underground connections will need to be completed.

A/C Rothecker reported to the Board that he has been doing some comparative shopping for the pricing of our internet connectivity. We will be switching over to Metro Net as their pricing ended up saving the District a great deal of money over our current provider WOW.

Elgin FD has made a deal with US Digital for our Station Alerting. We have been disappointed with our current provider. The new proposal will work better for the District.

Operations Budget Approval –

A/C Rothecker discussed the final changes he made to the current fiscal year operational budget. A/C Rothecker is currently working on the Budget and Appropriations for the 19-20 Fiscal Year; this is due to the counties before the end of August. The board discussed various items within the budget, i.e. technology, station alerting, retirement payouts, computer information and updates, Fire Prevention line items, etc. Trustee Theriault made a motion to put the proposed Operations Budget for the 19-20 Fiscal Year on file. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Station 22 Commonwealth Edison Energy Audit Proposal - Commonwealth Edison performed an evaluation on Station 22. They gave us a proposal on updating the lighting at a reduced rate with the potential for substantial savings on our future bills. Last month the Board directed A/C Rothecker to get a few more quotes from other companies; we are currently still waiting for those proposals. This item was tabled until next month.

New Vehicle Updates – Ambulance 23 has its State and hospital inspections scheduled for July 2nd and pending passing it will be put directly into service. The Chiefs and the Maintenance Committee have decided to put the ambulance into service out of Station 21 and not wait until Station 23 opens. This is to ensure the ambulance does not have any issues, and if it does, find them before the warranty runs out. The new brush truck's radios and lighting are completed, the lettering will be put on this week, and the Maintenance Committee is working on the skid that goes into the back of the truck. Car 201 is currently having the lights and radios installed, as well as the command console in the back. The Maintenance Committee is also starting the spec process for purchasing a new engine in the next couple years.

NEW BUSINESS –

Staffing Model Approval-

The Board discussed the proposed staffing for the new Station 23. The Board discussed Side Letter 19-01; this side letter will replace Article XVIII Department Staffing of the current Labor Agreement dated 6/1/17 – 5/31/2020. This side letter will go into effect once Fire Station #23 is opened, fully staffed and functional. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to sign Side Letter 19-01. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Builders Risk Insurance Proposal - Dave Broz discussed with the Board the different options the District has for Builders Risk Insurance for the two construction sites, and the costs of those policies. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to approve the purchase of Builders Risk Insurance through Travelers at the cost as proposed, not to exceed one year, and with a \$5,000.00 deductible. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

On Duty Chief Proposal Approval - The Board discussed the proposed Duty Chief time off. Attorney Flaherty noted a Federal law that declares a 240 hour cap for buy back purposes. The Board and the Chiefs discussed different ways to formulate this time off, policy vs side letter. The Board directed the Chiefs to develop a Flex Time Plan to be discussed / approved at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 20:33 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman