

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

DATE: July 24, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

The Special Meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on July 24, 2018 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 18:00 hours.

The following Trustees were present: Mary Van Winkle, President
Rick Bohlman, Secretary
Jeff Speyers, Treasurer
Diana Cornelissen, Trustee

Absent: Jeff T. Theriault, Trustee (present @ 18:10)

OLD BUSINESS

Budget for 2018/2019 - Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker encouraged the Board to ask any questions they may have on the proposed budget. A/C Rothecker led a discussion on the 18/19 proposed budget.

The Board discussed the bond money portion of the budget.

The Board went through the categories of the budget with A/C Rothecker noting any changes.

The Board discussed the insurance area in the budget.

The Board discussed how the upcoming changes in staffing will affect the budget (i.e. payroll, uniforms, insurance, etc.).

Trustee Theriault joined the meeting @ 18:10.

A/C Rothecker went over some items that we will be able to recycle / reuse; SCBA Compressor, filing cabinets, washer and dryer, etc.

A/C Rothecker explained that we will need to use some of our reserve savings to complete the stations; the bond money builds the stations but will not complete all that is needed.

The Board discussed ambulance fees and income total for the Fiscal Year.

The Board discussed the Computer Information line items in the budget.

The Board discussed fuel and training costs.

A/C Rothecker reported to the Board that he feels the he has cut the budget as much as he could and that 222 Architects and Lamp are both helping us to save as much money as we can during the building process without diminishing the end result.

A/C Rothecker explained to the Board of the savings of paying up front for the new ambulance.

A/C Rothecker reminded the Board of the additional funds we will receive in tax money next year that will help alleviate some of the overages this year.

Trustee Cornelissen commented that she thinks it is important to spend the money to include a basement in the new Station 21; the Board discussed the option of a basement and its possible uses.

The Board discussed how to schedule and plan appropriately for future building maintenance. The group discussed the larger expenses expected in the upcoming years.

The Board discussed security for the new stations.

A/C Rothecker informed the Board that we will have to upgrade the phone system at Station 22 to be cohesive to the new stations.

NEW BUSINESS -

Chief Wascher informed the Board that Lt. John Freiberg is out with an injury; he will keep the Board updated. We now have three openings in Gold Shift and one in Black Shift. Chief Wascher has approved some firefighters to work more hours than normally permitted and is also allowing the Captains to work overtime to help alleviate the Mandatory OT. Chief Wascher asked that the board approve hiring another fulltime firefighter to help lessen the OT.

President Van Winkle made a motion to start processing hiring the next candidate on the Fulltime Firefighter List. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –

Chief Wascher informed the Board that Retired Chief Bill Sohn is in a rehabilitation center and would welcome visitors and phone calls.

A/C Rothecker reported that the Algonquin Fire Department had a 37 year old firefighter pass away in his home this past week; we will bring a rig to the funeral ceremony and help in any way we can.

A/C Rothecker reported that our 14 month StarCom process has been completed. We will incur some savings by dropping our connections with AT&T.

The Union will be participating in a fundraiser for MDA / Fill the Boot at Bookers on July 20&21. The Union is also raffling off a Harley Davidson motorcycle at Riverfest.

A/C Lancaster informed the Board that the old ambulance has been converted into SEFD's new Dive Vehicle. The old Dive Van will be on the agenda in August to become Surplus Equipment and hopefully sold.

A/C Wascher reported to the Board the details of a recent serious incident. SECFPD assisted the South Elgin Police and Kane County SWAT Team by responding to a call for gun shots reported at a residence in our District. The armed resident was holed up in his home, the surrounding areas were evacuated. Three officers were wounded by gunfire, all three transported. The SWAT Team returned fire shooting and killing the resident. A/C Rothecker added that the training that our District and Village members have had for these types of situations was incredibly valuable during this emergency

situation. The Board was proud and impressed with our Departments service during this serious incident.

Public Comment – Nothing at this time

Closed Session – 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 Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 19:27 after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Bohlman