

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

DATE: JULY 5, 2021

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 5, 2021, at 19:00.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, and Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on June 7, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen 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 May, 2021 showed a balance of \$5,015,244.17 the balance minus the May 2021 bills was \$4,430,425.08. The following are check numbers for the end of the fiscal year accounts payables: May 3, 2021 checks 16954-16966, May 17, 2021 checks 16976-17003, May 28, 2021 checks 17004-17034, May 30, 2021 checks 17047-17054, and May 31, 2021 bills 17059-17067, June 7, 2021 checks 17035-17057, June 21, 2021 17058, and June 23, 2021 17068-17092. There were payroll checks 12525-12551. Checks 15326 (27.76), 15904 (100.00), and 16730 (80.90) were voided. Checks 17056 and 17093 were printed over in error. A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. President Van Winkle made a motion to ratify the May 31, 2021 bills in the amount of \$12,352.68 and June 2021 #2 bills in the amount of \$129,447.40, and to approve the July 5th bills in the amount of \$123,946.15. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – FF/PM Shannon Harms received her Rescue Specialist Confined Space certificate, Battalion Chief Eckles received his Fire Department Incident Safety Officer, and Lieutenant William Luchsinger received his Advanced Fire Officer certificate from the OSFM. Congratulation to all on their hard work!

Sara Johnson was sworn in by President Van Winkle as a South Elgin Fire District Commissioner.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher reported that the District provided personnel and fire apparatus to help with the large fires in both Rockton and Morris IL. Chief Wascher informed the board that the new Kane County Board Madam Chairwoman Corinne Pierog will be joining us for breakfast on July 23, at Station 21. The Board was invited to attend. The fire District is participating in a fun McDonalds slushie sales competition with the South Elgin PD. We are team RED (Watermelon Strawberry Slushies) and the PD are Team BLUE (Blue raspberry slushies); whomever sells more of their flavor wins \$500 towards their favorite charity. The Fire District has chosen Camp I am Me as their recipient if we win.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT–We received notification that the South Elgin Fire District is in the 3rd tranche to transfer our pension funds to the State of IL.

OLD BUSINESS –

Monthly Budget -The annual audit is scheduled for July 9-11th. Once that is completed, we will have the final numbers for the Budget and Appropriations. The Budget and Appropriations Public Hearing and approval is tentatively set for August 11, 2021. The budget was adapted to reflect the higher gas prices for fueling all vehicles and to add a budget line for water/sewage for all three stations. The final budget for F/Y 21/22 will also be approved at the August 11th meeting.

Station 21 Water Pressure- A new water pump was installed and has greatly increased the water pressure. We received a check from 222 Architects for \$7,500.00; they passed this money on to us to help rectify/fund this issue from a tax credit they had received.

New Engine Update- The engine is now in Naperville. One last inspection will be conducted to make sure all items on the punch list have been completed. The engine should be delivered to us by the third week in July and will hopefully be running out of Station 21 in August.

Kane County SWAT Medics-Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the MOU and directed the Chief to select one of our interested employees for this position. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 21-194 Rate Increase in Ambulance Billing/Mileage – The Board discussed the proposed rate increases. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-194. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vanguard Energy- The Board discussed our energy costs and plan options. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to lock in the best rate when it presents itself with broker Vanguard. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Resolution 2021-002 Surplus Equipment- Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-002, designating two dry erase boards to surplus equipment. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

LED Lighting for Station 22- The Board discussed the projected lighting and roofing projects for Station 22. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the projected lighting project through Verde. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Battalion Chief Cox commended Lieutenant Brian Beatty for all of the time and effort he has put into this project.

The Board signed the approved Battalion Chief (BC) contracts for BC Cox, BC Eckles, and BC Starr effective July 1, 2021.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – The District has scheduled open houses for the new fire stations; Station 23 is scheduled for July 24th, 2021 from 10-12 noon and Station 21 on October 2nd, 2021 from 10-2pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

The Board discussed possible web-based meeting programs.

The Board discussed an attempt of fraudulent activity within one of our bank accounts at American Eagle Bank. No money was transferred. Because of our multiple layers of security and check points, this activity was shut down before the District's finances were negatively affected.

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 19:48 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman