

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

DATE: July 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 July 6, 2020 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, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on June 1, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

Closed Session Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on June 1, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of May 2020 showed a balance of \$5,955,122.45, the balance minus the June bills was \$5,451,534.76. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16199-16249 and payroll checks 12224-12255. Accounts Payables checks that were voided include: #14710 – \$40.00, #14865 - \$108.00. #15326 - \$649.49, and #15588 - \$350.00. Two payroll checks were voided; # 11509 – \$203.00, and # 11665- \$46.80. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Theriault made a motion to ratify the June 15, 2020 bills in the amount of \$45,087.25, to pay the May 31, 2020 final bills in the amount of \$18,630.64, and the July 2020 (#1) bills in the amount of \$808,680.33. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher received a letter from the Kane County Forest Preserve thanking us for our participation in the search for a missing special needs person. FF/PM Steve Diehl, FF/PM Robert Rimgale, and FF/PM Anthony Rodgers assisted the County in this task.

Chief Wascher thanked everyone who put in a great deal of hard work to get Station 21 up and running; many persons came in off duty to help. A big thanks to everyone!

The District sponsored paramedic students graduated with their class on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. ECC put together a safe distancing graduation for the students. Congratulations to Carlos Chavez, Dustin Differding, Samantha Heugh, and Jack Theriault for this great accomplishment of their hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle reported that she will be absent from the meeting in August; Trustee Cornelissen will run the meeting in her absence.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher thanked everyone for attending the flag ceremony for the opening of the new Station 21. The ceremony was certainly not what we originally planned, but followed the Governor's orders regarding COVID. An Open House for the new station will be planned when it is safe to do so. Chief also reported that we are working with Lamp and 222 Architects on a few issues with the new stations, i.e. condensation, door locks not working, garage door issues, and a list of other minor

issues. The District sent two members to Chicago last week for boat training on Lake Michigan with IL MABAS. The District will be receiving and housing two new boats through MABAS for our division.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Ryan Morton reported that there were changes to the OMA regarding public health emergencies. The new law allows the President of the Board to determine if it is feasible to physically hold meetings. If the Board President concludes that it would not be safe to meet physically, the meeting may be conducted via phone or video. This will be in effect as long as the public health issue exists.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations – Chief Wascher reported that new Station is wonderful and that we are adjusting to the new surroundings.

Covid-19 Update – Chief Wascher reported that the District is not seeing as many COVID calls this past month and that other call numbers (for different reasons) have increased. District employees continue to be mindful and adamant about wearing their PPE and adhering to safe practices to minimize the risk of transferring the virus during calls, while in public, and in the stations.

District Policy Update - The District's update of our Policy Manual is complete. Pending the Union's 14 day review and acceptance, the manual will be put on the agenda for adoption at the August 2020 board meeting.

Montgomery PSEBA Benefits - Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits (PSEBA). Attorney Flaherty has communicated via email and phone with Jeremy's attorney. Possible offer of benefits will be discussed in Closed Session.

Labor Negotiations - The Administration has presented the Union with a proposal and are awaiting a response. Once Administration hears back from the Union, another meeting will be scheduled.

2020-21 Budget - In August we will conduct an Open Hearing for the Budget and Appropriations that will need to be filed with Kane and DuPage Counties by the end of August. This will be conducted either at the August Trustee meeting or a Special meeting will be scheduled depending on when the actuarial and audit are finalized. Chief Wascher discussed the upcoming budget and County tax payments with the Board and Attorney Morton.

New Engine Update - The Engine Committee (Turnquist, Peters, Rothecker, and Wascher) traveled to Florida to go over the specs and finalize the options for the new engine 23. While at the plant the committee made a few changes, Chief Wascher is waiting for the engineers to get back to him with the final cost. A trip to see the final product will be planned for the end of the year or early next year. The engine will be delivered to us sometime mid-next year.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

The Village had to push off the closing of the sale of 150 State Street, the rescheduled date will be Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 2020-004 Surplus Equipment – We have a few items to surplus from the old stations, 2 Smokers, 1 refrigerator, 1 air compressor, and a cable exercise machine. The old mattresses will be donated. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-004, surplus equipment to be sold or donated. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A/C Lancaster is on the mend and will continue to be on Medical Leave until early August.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Secretary Bohlman made the motion to move to Closed Session @ 19:39 for the reason of 5ILCS 120/2.1 - Employee Compensation/Performance. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting @ 20:11. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept the agreement for PSEBA Benefits to Jeremy Montgomery. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed 4-1 by voice vote; Van Winkle-yes, Bohlman-yes, Speyers-yes, Theriault-present, and Cornelissen-yes.

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 20:14 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman