

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

DATE: June 1, 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 June 1, 2020 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, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on May 4, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Speyers abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of April 2020 showed a balance of \$7,954,759.78, the balance minus the May bills was \$5,763,449.03. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16103-16198 and payroll checks 12198-12223. Check #16068 to the Village of South Elgin in the amount of \$200 was VOIDED. A motion was made by President Van Winkle to accept the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the May 28, 2020 bills (#3) as presented in the amount of \$41,067.75 and June 1, 2020 (#1) in the amount of \$398,802.05 and to ratify the May 18, 2020 (#2) bills in the amount of \$1,125,561.41. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher wanted to recognize all of the District's employees for the great deal of hard work, time, and effort they gave during both the moving of the stations and the COVID pandemic. Everyone has worked as a team during the pandemic, watching out for each other and keeping both our residents and themselves safe. Chief was happy to report we have had no illness on or off duty regarding COVID-19. Chief recognized Jason Peters for all the hard work he has put in for EMS; making sure our employees had sufficient PPE and constantly sharing pertinent information

The Village of South Elgin sent Chief Wascher a letter thanking the District for our participation in the 292 birthday parades in the last three months.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The Elgin Moose donated stuffed animals to be given to children when transported by our ambulances.

CHIEF'S REPORT – We will not be continuing to participate in the birthday parades after the end of May. We will not be participating in graduation parades either. Chief reported that we have been monitoring our District's healthcare facilities. Tower Hill has reported 135 cases of COVID with 15 deaths, and White Oaks has reported 5 cases, with no deaths. Chief also reported that Station 23 has been operational for a month; we will continue to work out some small issues (i.e. garage door and Wi-Fi). A/C Rothecker has done a great job making sure that we have all the PPE and cleaning supplies necessary to keep our employees and residents safe and well cared for. The Engine Committee plans to travel to Florida to go over the specs and finalize the options for the new engine 23.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty informed the board of some new legislation in Springfield and that IL has passed their annual budget. The District may be able to receive additional funding because of the effects of COVID-19. Worker's Comp Law was amended that if any service related workers contract COVID it is presumed to be work related. The state passed a statute for the OMA that states in times of declaration of disaster we have the ability to have electronic meetings if necessary. Shawn also reported that the State did not make any changes to property tax due to COVID-19 consequences.

OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations – Chief Wascher reported that the Village of South Elgin is approving the contract to purchase 150 W. State at their meeting on June 1st, 2020 (tonight). The date the building will be turned over to the village has yet to be determined. Station 21's completion has been pushed off due to a COVID outbreak in the counter top manufacturing plant. The date to move to the new Station 21 is tentatively set for July 1st, 2020. A/C Rothecker reported that Station 23 has run 42 calls so far, this is 28% of the calls for the month. 33 of the month's calls were east of the Fox River.

Covid-19 Update - Although the District has seen an increase in transported COVID-19 patients this month, the number affected with the virus in South Elgin is down. District employees have worked hard to minimize the risk of transferring the virus during these calls.

District Policy Update - The District's update of our Policy Manual is almost complete, with only a few changes still necessary. Attorney Flaherty noted that pending the Union's 14 day review and acceptance, the manual will be put on the agenda for adoption at the July 2020 board meeting.

Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits (PSEBA). Attorney Flaherty has communicated via email and phone with Jeremy's attorney. There is no information to discuss at this point and the matter will be tabled until next month.

Labor Negotiations - Administration has been reworking a few items on the Labor Agreement. The updated proposal will be sent to the Union once reviewed by our Attorney.

A/C Rothecker reported that the 20/21 budget is almost complete pending Fiscal Year ending financials. A/C Rothecker will set up a special meeting with the Trustees if wanted/necessary to go over the budget.

Worker's Comp Insurance - The Board discussed the details for our Worker's Comp Insurance renewal that is due in July. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Worker's Comp Insurance Policy as presented with the stipulation that we stay within our budget. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

Approval of Assistant Chief's Contracts - The Board discussed this in Closed Session.

Approval of Non-Union Employee's 2020/21 Raises - The Board discussed this in Closed Session.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Trustee Cornelissen commended Inspector Zabran on his help with the re-opening of her business,

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Trustee Cornelissen made the motion to move to Closed Session @ 19:41 for the reason of 5ILCS 120/2.1 - Employee Compensation/Performance. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting @ 20:04. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept the Non-Union raises as presented with a stipulation that they are revisited if necessary after the Union contract is approved. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Assistant Chief's contracts as written for the 20/21 fiscal year. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Wascher reported to the board that A/C Lancaster will be on medical leave starting June 17th; he will be back to work the last week of July.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Cornelissen, the meeting was adjourned at 20:09 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman