

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

DATE: JUNE 7, 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 June 7, 2021, at 19:03.

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 May 3, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with noted time and name correction(s). Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session minutes of the Trustee meeting held on May 3, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Special meeting held on May 17, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session minutes of the Special meeting held on May 17, 2021 were reviewed. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of April, 2021 showed a balance of \$5,065,066.91 the balance minus the May 2021 bills was \$4,872,668.79. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16954-17034 and payroll checks 12499-12524. Checks 15326 (27.76), 15904 (100.00), and 16730 (80.90) were voided. A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. President Van Winkle made a motion to ratify the May 17, 2021 bills (#2) in the amount of \$35,954.36 and approve the May 28, 2021 bills in the amount of \$68,765.34 and the June 7<sup>th</sup> bills in the amount of \$445,225.94. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – FF/PM Jack Theriault received his FAE certificate from the OSFM. The following individuals received EMS Service Awards from Advocate Sherman Hospital: Tyler Hite (5 years), Chris Elliott (5 years), Andrew Wright (5 years), Robert Rimgale (5 years), Ryan Payne (10 years), Shannon Harms (10 years), Scott Diehl (15 years), and Neal Lippold (20 years). Chief Wascher reported that four of our firefighters received a Firefighter Excellence Award from the OSFM regarding their work and service at the 400 Collins Street house fire last year. Captain Starr contacted the OSFM to request that the award appropriately include all the firefighters working the fire; he is awaiting their response. Congratulations to all for your outstanding service and accomplishments!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle reported that she sat in on an interview with Ms. Sara Johnson of South Elgin. Sara is a possible candidate for the District's Commission board vacancy.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the board that a business owner in town has expressed an interest in coming before the board at the next District meeting; the owner currently has many outstanding violations at his business. The chief shared with the board that the District had two fires this past week, a travel trailer fire off of Route 31 and a deck fire on Ann Street. COVID related - the District is anticipating that the Governor may move Illinois into Phase 5 by next week.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT–Attorney Flaherty alerted the board to some updates to legislation. The election date set for March 2022 is being moved to June 2022. A bill passed allowing Fire Departments to test/hire their own part time employees past the age of 35. Shawn updated the Board of the current stance of a few bills that are pertinent to fire districts; the bill allowing Battalion Chiefs to continue to be a member of a Union did not pass.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Monthly Budget -A/C Rothecker discussed the current budget numbers with the Trustees. Due to low manning, we will be over our budgeted amount on overtime and part-time. A/C Rothecker discussed the roof and lighting projects budgeted for at Station 22 and our projected ambulance billing income.

Station 21 Water Pressure- Tim Schmidt from 222 Architects was present at the meeting. Tim led a discussion regarding the low water pressure issue that is happening at Station 21. An additional pump is needed to fix the water issue at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00. Tim Schmidt termed the issue an omission, not an error and that his firm was not negligent. 222 Architects offered to pass on a \$7,500.00 tax credit they received to help rectify this issue.

Proposed Increase in Ambulance Billing/Mileage- The Board discussed the District's new ambulance billing rates for ALS and BLS stemming from the GEMT reporting. The Board discussed assuming these rates for all of our ambulance billing. The Board directed Shawn to write an ordinance to be approved at next month's meeting reflecting the GEMT Medicaid rates.

Workers Compensation Approval - Dave Broz from Railside Citrus was present at the meeting. Chief Wascher and Dave went over the District's workers comp insurance renewal with the Board. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the renewal for the District's Workers comp insurance with Illinois Public Risk Fund for the 21/22 Fiscal Year. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Engine Update- Chief Wascher, Assistant Chief Rothecker, Lieutenant Peters, and FF/PM Turnquist went to Florida for the new engine's mid-build check May 18th-20<sup>th</sup>. They were able to take a ride in the new engine. The final cost for the engine is estimated at \$605,000.00. Assistant Chief Rothecker, Lieutenant Peters, and FF/PM Turnquist will be returning to Florida for the final inspection of the new engine in a couple weeks.

Full-Time Testing Update- The Commission conducted Oral Interviews on May 22, 2021. Preference Point Claim Forms are due by the end of the workday on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Once the preference points are calculated the Final List will be approved at the Commissioner's meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Kane County SWAT Medics- Nothing new on this item, Chief Wascher is waiting to hear more details from the person in charge (Commander Wolfe); he is vacation through the first week of July.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

Vanguard Presentation- Chris Iwanski from Vanguard gave the board a short presentation on energy costs/savings. The Board directed Chief Wascher to seek out a quote from another energy broker and report back next month.

Sara Johnson Appointment to the Fire Commission- Sara Johnson presented the Board with a letter of intent to become a Fire Commissioner; she would fill the vacancy of Louis Oine. Trustee Theriault made a motion for Sara Johnson to fill the remaining term of Louis Oine on the Commission Board. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lawn Mowing IGA with the Village of South Elgin Approval- Trustee Theriault made a motion to adopt/sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of South Elgin for station mowing and terminate the current landscaping contract with Cornerstone Partners. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joining OMNIA for Purchases- OMNIA is a joint purchasing program for various equipment and services; there is no cost for this agreement. Trustee Theriault made a motion for the District to join OMNIA. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other New Business- The Board revisited the Station 21 water pressure issue and the offer of \$7,500.00 from Tim Schmidt of 222 Architects. Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept the offer of \$7,500.00 or 50 percent of the project, whichever is greater from 222 Architects. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bohlman and passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Gold shift members Lt. Brian Beatty, FF/PM Neal Lippold, FF/PM Dan Cooper, FF/PM Matt Turnquist, and FF/EMT-B Colin Rothecker edged, weeded, and distributed 10 yards of mulch at Station 22. Additionally, Captain Matt Starr, Lt. Eric Truax, FF/PM Steve Diehl, FF/PM Chris Elliott, and FF/EMT B Ryan Differding turned all the mulch at Station 21. All of the shifts have helped water the trees at all three stations. The Board expressed their thanks for the firefighter's efforts to help keep our stations beautiful.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT –

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault. and seconded by Trustee Cornelissen, the meeting was adjourned at 21:42 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman