

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

DATE: MARCH 1, 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 March 1, 2021 at 19:28 via Zoom. At this time the Board finds it practical and prudent due to the COVID emergency to meet via Zoom.

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 February 1, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of January 2021 showed a balance of \$6,934,775.40, the balance minus the February 2021 bills was \$6,640,524.62. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16749-16813 and payroll checks 12433-12459. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify the February 15, 2021 bills (#2) in the amount of \$70,636.24, and approve the March 1, 2021 bills in the amount of \$240,592.17. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – Nothing at this time

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher informed the Board that recently hired FF/PM Cory Nickels has given his notice and will be moving on to a job with the Addison FPD; his last day is on March 12, 2021.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT–Attorney Flaherty reiterated to the Board that the CPI numbers have been released; the CPI number dropped to 1.4 percent from 2.3 percent last year. Shawn also noted that there are many bills sitting in legislature at this time, he will update us at the next meeting of any that have passed or have a good chance of doing so.

OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the current budget numbers with the Trustees. A/C Rothecker relayed that he has started the budget process for the upcoming 21/22 FY. The Board discussed our tax payments. A/C Rothecker reported to the board that our ambulance transfer revenue has greatly picked up and we are hopeful to receive our budgeted amount.

COVID 19 – Chief Wascher reported that the District continues to work hard to follow protocols and take proper precautions while on calls. The number of positive COVID cases in South Elgin continues to decline, this month's number is 119 new cases compared to 294 cases last month. Normal ambulance call volume is starting to climb back up. The hospitals are reporting a lower number of cases this month. Chief Wascher reported that the number of COVID cases at the extended healthcare facilities in South Elgin are continuing to level off. Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker reported to the Board that everyone at the District that wanted to receive the COVID vaccine have now received both doses. Slightly over 90% of our members have chosen to get the vaccine. Chief Wascher also reported that the District has decided not to utilize the in-house COVID quick-tests since learning that a follow up test at Sherman would still be required, making this effort futile.

A/C Rothecker informed the Board that he has switched up the POC scheduling for the next couple months to keep our OT down. Some of the part timers are filling permanent part time shifts and working more hours.

NEW BUSINESS –

Last month Captain Starr submitted a grant application for some fire training props that required a resolution (21-001). Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify Resolution 21-001 authorizing application for Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat funds and execution of all necessary documents for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District, as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The District will need to test for a new full time list as our recent hiring has depleted the current list. The District has decided to utilize the online testing procedure / company, NTN. We are hoping this change will give us a larger test group, and it is definitely cost effective.

FF/PM Brian Beatty and FF/PM Phillip Swider will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in April. They have been working as Acting Lieutenants for the past few months.

Representatives from Sawyer / Falduto will be present at the Trustee meeting on April 5, 2021 to discuss our account activity.

Budget 2021/2022 – A/C Rothecker informed the Board of the timeline he has set to complete the upcoming budget. A meeting will be scheduled to go over the new budget.

Trustee Cornelissen made the motion to destroy the CS Meeting tapes prior to 9/1/2019. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A/C Rothecker reported that the decision has been made to run Tower 21 out of Station 23. This decision will make the tower truck more readily available for calls.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 20:03 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman