

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

DATE: March 13, 2017

The 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 13, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:02 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Chief Sohn

ABSENT: Trustee Joe Cluchey

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on February 13, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Secretary Bohlman abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of February showed a balance of \$7,073,190.05, the balance as of the meeting was \$6,816,092.66. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13612 thru 13675, and payroll checks 11329 thru 11363. A/C check #13667 (460.17) was voided, and check #12654 (also 460.17). A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Theriault made a motion to pay the March bills as presented in the amount of \$257,097.39, Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chief recognized the following persons for their service to various special teams:

Firefighter Paul Duffy- 15 years TRT Team

Lieutenant Arnold Zabran- 10 years TRT Team

Firefighter Steve Diehl- 15 years Hazmat Team

Captain Justin Cox- 17 years Dive Team

The board thanks all of the members for their service.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianna Cornellisen sent the District a note thanking us for including her at our Appreciation Dinner. She was thrilled to be able to witness the first Kenny Cornellisen FF of the Year recipient receive the award. She added that it was a very nice night, and she was touched by the award honoring and remembering Kenny.

CHIEF'S REPORT –On Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> the District responded to a dryer fire at Liz Loss's parents' house. She is working with the insurance companies in the recovery progress.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Fiduciary Liability Insurance – Dave Broz from Railside Citrus was present and led the board in a discussion about insurance for (investment) fiduciary liability. Dave presented a proposal for coverage where we would share the cost of the policy, and it would cover the District, the Pension and the Foreign Fire boards. Trustee Theriault made the motion for the District to join the Pension Board in purchasing the proposed coverage (\$1,000,000.00) for Fiduciary Liability Insurance. Jeff Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Referendum- Chief reported that the committee has been formed, and urged the Trustees to contact the members to set a meeting date for early April.

Contract Talks- Chief reported that the first contract negotiation meeting seemed to go very well, and he hopes for a contract to be agreed upon by next month.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

Star Com Radios – Although we are still in the running for a grant to pay for new radios, we cannot count on obtaining the funding. Mike Rothecker discussed with the board a plan he has devised with the help of the City of Elgin to obtain/purchase the necessary radios. Mike proposed that we engage in a loaner program with the City of Elgin, and as we are able to purchase our own radios we can return the loaners. These radios are the “future”, and come with a 5 year warranty. Trustee Theriault needed time to think about the proposed plan and to review the information Mike had provided. The purchase approval will be pushed to next month’s meeting.

Vehicles- Chief Sohn discussed with the board that he and our maintenance division feel that our 2003 Ford F 350 (Car 23) is requiring more repairs than it is worth. Chief would like to put it up for sale next month. Chief and Captain Cox discussed a 2017 Vehicle Replacement Proposal with the board.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to reappoint Louis Oine to the Fire Commission. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

We have some older Hurst Tools that we no longer need and Chief would like the trustees to think about donating them to a department in need. In the past we have chosen to donate tools like these, the resale / trade-in value is not a lot, and there are many departments in the State of IL that do not have them and do not have the budget to purchase them.

CLOSED SESSION - Rick Bohlman made a motion to suspend the monthly meeting and move to Closed Session to perform the biannual review of Closed Session minutes @ 20:21. Treasurer Speyers seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on March 13, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 20:21 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Chief Sohn, A/C Lancaster, A/C Wascher and Britta Eggebrecht.

A motion to close the Closed Session at 20:37 and resume the regular meeting was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion for the following closed Session Minutes to remain closed: 12/9/13, 12/8/14, and 12/14/15, and the following Closed Session Minutes to be released: 7/13/15, 8/10/15, 9/14/15, 1/11/16, 5/25/16, 6/13/16, 7/11/16, and 9/12/16. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to destroy all Closed Session recordings previous to 8/31/15. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - Captain Rothecker reported that he, Captain Cox, and Bill Luchsinger will be going to Springfield next week. They plan on meeting with some of the Legislators to talk about the bills dealing with pensions.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None at this time

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Rick Bohlman