

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

DATE: MARCH 12, 2018

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by A/C Lancaster.

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on March 12, 2018 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, Chief Steve Wascher

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on February 12, 2018 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault requested that a change be made to the wording in the minutes pertaining to the surplus hose; add the word "surplus" to help define the donated hose. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the noted correction. Trustee Theriault seconded, the motion passed unanimously with Secretary Bohlman abstaining.

Closed Session minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on February 12, 2018 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes as written and submitted. Treasurer Speyers seconded, the motion passed unanimously with Secretary Bohlman abstaining.

Overlooked at the previous meeting, Trustee Theriault made a motion for the following closed Session Minutes to remain closed: 12/9/13, 12/8/14, 12/14/15, 3/13/17, 5/8/17, 8/14/17, 9/11/17, 10/9/17, 11/13/17, 12/11/17 and 1/8/18 closed at this time. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Secretary Bohlman abstaining.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of February 2018 showed a balance of \$6,704,788.89, the balance as of the meeting was \$6,444,436.22. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 14325 thru 14381, and payroll checks 11616 thru 11633. A/P check #14321 (\$300.00) written on 2/13/18 for an ambulance bill overpayment reimburse needed to be ratified. Three A/P checks were voided as they were printed over by mistake; 14322, 14323, & 14324. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the bills. President Van Winkle made a motion to pay the March bills as presented in the amount of \$260,352.67. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – Retired Elgin FD Battalion Chief William Freiberg presented Probationary FF Kevin Henryson his (Kevin's) grandfather's fire helmet. The helmet had been passed down to Freiberg to use for work and he felt strongly that it should now belong to Kevin.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher thanked everyone for attending his swearing in ceremony on March 10, 2018. He was overwhelmed by everyone's support!

Chief Wascher reminded the board to complete the District's Sexual Harassment online training.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS –

Property for new station – Chief Wascher reported that FRWRD held an annexation hearing this morning that included our Spring Street property. Chief noted that all the paper work had been turned in so he felt confident that our annexation was passed; he will check tomorrow with Doug Sohn from FRWRD. Chief confirmed that the property on the east side is already annexed in.

Verizon Space Rental –Verizon approached the District wanting to rent some space on a light pole in the Station 22 parking lot. A/C Rothecker reported that Verizon was sending someone out to do a site study and he thought that they would send a proposal after that is completed.

Attorney Retainer Proposal – Chief Wascher supplied the board with proposals from both our current attorney Shawn Flaherty of Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, Gilbert, & DiNolfo and also one from Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi and Anderson. The board discussed the two proposals that included the attorneys availability and retainer fee/fee schedules. A motion was made by President Van Winkle to enter into an agreement with Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, Gilbert, & DiNolfo to have legal counsel at our monthly trustee meetings. Secretary Bohlman seconded the motion with a roll call vote as follows: Secretary Bohlman, yes; Treasurer Speyers, yes; Trustee Theriault, no; Trustee Cornelissen, yes; President Van Winkle, yes; the motion so carried.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to change the date of the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District monthly trustee meeting from the second Monday of the month to the first Monday of the month, when the said date falls on a holiday the meeting shall be the first Tuesday. President Van Winkle seconded the motion with a roll call vote as follows: Secretary Bohlman, yes; Treasurer Speyers, yes; Trustee Theriault, no; Trustee Cornelissen, yes; President Van Winkle, yes; the motion so carried. Next month's meeting date will reflect the new schedule and convened on April 2nd, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dynergy Electric Proposal - Chief Wascher informed the board of some lower electric rates that are currently presenting. The board would like Katie from Vanguard to come to the next meeting and explain the rates and options for our new contract; Chief Wascher will ask her to be present.

OMA Training – Chief reminded the board that we need a copy of their OMA training.

Good of the District - A/C Rothecker reports referendum efforts are still moving forward and running strong by our Union members; they have hung door hangers, handled a large sign campaign and a mass mailing is currently in the works. The board thanked the Union for their hard work and diligence for the District. Mike also mentions that the Village Board has made a proclamation endorsing our referendum as well as SEED (South Elgin Economic Development). The Chiefs spoke with the board and members of SEED at one of their meetings informing them of the District's current and future needs and answered any questions that arose.

Secretary Bohlman asked when the new ISO rate is in effect. A/C Rothecker informed the board that the new ISO rating was in effect March 1, 2018; information was sent to businesses within the District and ISO should be sending or have sent a notification of the rate change to insurance companies.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel, employee benefits, and any other lawful purpose necessary at 19:46. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on March 12, 2018 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:47 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Diana Cornelissen, Chief Wascher, Assistant Chief Lancaster, A/C Chief Rothecker, and Britta Eggebrecht

Absent: None

A motion to close the Closed Session at 20:38 and resume the regular meeting at 20:39 was made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Cornelissen, the motion passed unanimously.

Action from Closed Session -

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to accept Retired Chief Sohn's retirement benefit package as submitted. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept Chief Wascher's starting salary at \$140,000 - to be in effect March 12, 2018. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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 20:42 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman