

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

DATE: March 2, 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 March 2, 2020 at 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, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on February 3, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on February 3, 2020 were reviewed. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of January 2020 showed a balance of \$11,921,697.17, the balance minus the February bills was \$10,602,349.93. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 15885-15956 and payroll checks 12127-12155. 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 pay the March 2, 2020 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$1,075,966.23 and to ratify the February 2020 (#2) bills in the amount of \$107,938.26. A money wire was also ratified in the amount of \$300,000.00 to Fire Service Inc towards the purchase of Engine 23. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –PFF Enrique Guerrero and FF Colin Rothecker both received their EMT-b licenses from the IL Board of Health. Congratulations to both Enrique and Colin.

The Police Chief from Hanover Park sent Chief Wascher a letter of thanks for our (dive) assistance in a weapon/evidence recovery search in the Fox River. Those involved were FF/PM Matthew Sutton, FF/PM Robert Rimgale, and FF/PM Anthony Rogers. Great job guys!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

CHIEF'S REPORT – Our Honor Guard will be presenting the colors at the Chicago Wolves game on April 11, 2020. Please contact Lt. Rich Stumbaugh if interested in obtaining tickets to the game.

South Elgin Fire District responded to a fire at 865 Commerce Drive on March 1, 2020. Chief Wascher reported that A/C Rothecker took command and did an awesome job. Crews were able to contain the fire quickly and fully extinguished the fire utilizing an interior attack within approximately 90 minutes. An investigation into the cause of the fire was conducted by Fire Investigators from the South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District, assisted by the South Elgin Police Department. In addition to South Elgin, firefighters from Elgin, Bartlett, Fox River, Pingree Grove, and Elburn all responded and assisted

with the incident. Companies from Hanover Park, Geneva, Hampshire, and North Aurora all assisted with Change of Quarters units as well. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters

The South Elgin Fire District "Fire Fighter of the Year" nominations have been turned in to Chief Wascher. President Van Winkle will help Chief Wascher go through the nominations, and assist in making the final decision for this honor.

Chief Wascher reported that the District has been very busy this month. Besides many EMS calls, our District has responded to a few structure fires, both in our District and in neighboring towns.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Nothing to report (Attorney Ryan Morton)

#### OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations – Chief Wascher continues to send the Board weekly updates regarding the construction of the new stations. Chief Wascher reported that Station 23's interior is getting close to being completed, and weather permitting the outside work will hopefully follow.

District Policy Update- the District is updating our Policy Manual; this month the District reviewed Chapter 5. Attorney Ryan Morton was prepared with necessary updates and changes for this chapter. Attorney Morton and the Board reviewed the 5th chapter of the Policy Manual sub-section by sub-section, discussing the suggested additions and necessary changes. Next month the board will review Chapter 4.

Offer for 150 W. State Street – This item was discussed in Closed Session.

Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits. The Board discussed this in Closed Session.

A/C Rothecker reported that he investigated the employee complaint that was discussed at the last meeting; the issue was realized to be unfounded.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

The District's Employee Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for March 21st at Moretti's in Bartlett. An invitation containing the details of the event was sent to all employees.

The Chiefs and the Union have scheduled a Labor Agreement negotiation meeting on March 9, 2020 at 9am. President Van Winkle and Trustee Theriault will be joining the meeting.

A/C Rothecker sent an email to the District asking that all purchasing for this budget year be completed in April; he and the other chiefs will begin working on the new budget with the department heads mid-month.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – FF/PM Mick Krasowski reported to the Board that Red Shift participated in a Make a Wish event for a 10 year old boy at Buffalo Wild Wings. Our District presented the boy with a flag that was on Engine 22. Thanks to all our guys that participated in this heartfelt event!

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Trustee Cornelissen moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 19:30 for reasons of (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Employee Compensation / Performance, and (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (7) Setting of a price for sale of property owned by the District. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bohlman and was approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 20:14. President Van Winkle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cornelissen and seconded by Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 20:15 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman