

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

DATE: MAY 8, 2017

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 May 8, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL, Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on April 10, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Cluchey made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of April showed a balance of \$6,291,777.90, the balance as of the meeting was \$6,029,132.42. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13626 thru 13792, and payroll checks 11384 thru 11402. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to pay the May bills as presented in the amount of \$262,645.48, Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Cluchey added that he would like us to hold the check for the Investigator Class written to the University of IL due to the fact that they did not cover the class learning objectives that were originally suggested. We will hold the check until some sort of resolution can be made.

PRESENTATIONS:

The following individuals completed classes and received certifications:

William Luchsinger – Vehicle Machinery Ops

Tyler Hite - Instructor I

Rocco Giardino – Hazmat Ops

Mike R. Rothecker – Rescue Specialist Confined Space and Rope Technician

Scott Diehl, Jeremy Montgomery, and Rich Stumbaugh completed Fire Investigator classes.

Great job everyone!

Mick Krasowski reported on an accident that his shift responded to that required extrication; it was a two vehicle head-on collision. The driver of one of the vehicles was unconscious. Our guys arranged to have a Flight for Life helicopter come to transport the woman; they were able to give her some crucial immediate care before they took off. A/C Wascher praised the crew and the South Elgin Police for working together to ensure the best outcome for those involved in this call. A/C Wascher, and Station 22's ACO Krasowski, Walter Antos, Paul Duffy, Scott Diehl and Neal Lippold were the responders to this call. They were assisted by Station 21; Lt. Freiberg, Harvey Parks, Brian Sloan, Shannon Harms and Dan Cooper.

Chief received a thank you from a resident on Terrace Lane for recently responding to two calls at their house. They reported how wonderful and helpful the crews on both calls were, and that they are grateful for all that we do for them.

We also had a few instances when the shifts took the time to show the engines and ambulances to our residents and their children. The board thanks all of the shifts for their wonderful service(s) to our community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT -

A/C Lancaster reports that we will start our ISO process next week. He informs the board that he feels that we are prepared and in good shape for the reassessment.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Union Contract – Chief Sohn reported that the District and Union met twice during negotiations with an end result they were both proud of and believed to be fair for both sides. A motion was made by Treasurer Speyers to authorize the District President to sign the contract effective 6/1/2017 as proposed and enter into a labor agreement with IAFF Local 4833. A second was made by Trustee Speyers, and the motion passed 4-0 with Trustee Cluchey abstaining. Both Trustees and Union members signed the new contract. Union President Rich Stumbaugh added how pleased he was that the District and Union worked so well together and could come to an agreement in such a short time span. To show the Union's appreciation, Rich passed out challenge coins to the board. Captain Rothecker passed on the news that along with Rich Stumbaugh recently becoming the new Union President, Eric Truax is now the Union's 2nd Vice President.

Star Com Radios – Captain Rothecker reported that the cost of the Star Com Radios came in a bit under budget. The radios should be delivered in early June. Captain Rothecker has set up radio training for the end of May and hopes to implement their use by July 1st.

Ordinance 17-172 Donation of old Hurst Tools – The tools were donated to the Mineral Gold Fire Department. President Van Winkle and Secretary Bohlman were on hand to present the tools to the department, they were very appreciative.

Ordinance 17-171 Car 23 (Ford F 350) – The truck has sold for \$5,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS –

Chief reported that we are sponsoring candidates for the ECC Firefighter I Program starting in the fall. A/C Lancaster has prepared a letter with the information about the program and that will go on our website; we will also put the information on Facebook. Rich Stumbaugh (who teaches at the academy) explained a bit about the program. Trustee Cluchey recommended participating in this program, pointing out the number of full time firefighters currently employed by SEFD that got their start in a program much like this.

A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the proposed meeting dates for the 17/18 Fiscal Year. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Chief Sohn reminded every one of the fundraiser for Jeff Speyers; the SEFD, SEFD Union and the Lion's Club is planning a fundraiser for Jeff Speyers on May 12, 2017 at the South Elgin Lions Club. Jeff Speyers thanked everyone for this generous event.

President Van Winkle thanked Trustee Cluchey for graciously serving on the Trustee Board for the last couple years. The board wished Trustee Cluchey all the best!

PUBLIC COMMENT- none at this time.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to suspend the meeting to move to Closed Session for purposes of Compensation of specific employees of the Public Body: Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Secretaries, and Civilian Fire Prevention Officers at 19:47. Trustee Theriault seconded, and 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 May 8, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:57 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Joe Cluchey, and Chief Sohn.

A motion to close the Closed Session at 20:24 and resume the regular meeting (@ 20:27) was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion for the following pay raises: Chief Sohn, A/C Lancaster, A/C Wascher, Fire Inspector Dave Carlson, Office Manager Britta Eggebrecht, and FPB Office Assistant Liz Loss will all receive a 2.5% raise for the 17/18 Fiscal Year. Additionally the amount Britta receives for opting out of the District's insurance (Insurance Rebates) will be raised from \$1500 to \$4000 to mirror the other full time employees for the 17/18 Fiscal Year.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cluchey and seconded by Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 20:29 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman