

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

DATE: May 4, 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 May 4, 2020 via Zoom at 19:00 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on April 6, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of March 2020 showed a balance of \$9,014,090.44, the balance minus the April bills was \$8,168,245.25. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16030-16102 and payroll checks 12177-12197. Check #15971 Fire Ninja \$222.33 was VOIDED item was paid for on District credit card. Check # 15977 to Interstate Battery in the amount of \$45.62 was VOIDED. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the projected costs that are still left to pay out before completion of the new stations. The board discussed the four bank accounts that we recently closed and the money transferred into the money market account to gain better interest.

The Board discussed the current bills. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to pay the May 4, 2020 bills (#1) as presented in the amount of \$1,065,749.34 and to ratify the April 2020 (#2) bills in the amount of \$60,387.39. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher and A/C Rothecker thanked all of the district employees for the great deal of work, time, and effort, (some without taking pay) they all put forth to help get Station 23 up and ready to open. Our guys are awesome! A/C Rothecker thanked everyone who helped and attended the flag ceremony at the opening of Station 23. He also noted that Station 23 has been busy running calls.

We have received many heartfelt thank you notes for our participation in the birthday parades in the last two months.

Chief Wascher thanked Scott Diehl and Steve Diehl for representing the District and our Honor Guard through their participation at the funerals of two fallen firefighters in Chicago. We received a thank you note for their voluntary service.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

CHIEF'S REPORT – We will not be continuing to participate in the birthday parades after the end of May. Although the parades have been fun and a bright spot for everyone during this uncertain time, the response has become overwhelming. We will not be participating in graduation parades either.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Shawn Flaherty stated that due to Covid-19 we will have to wait to see if a meeting at the station will be possible in June. Shawn also informed the board that there is no new legislation to report at this time as all the attention in government is Covid-19 related.

OLD BUSINESS –

New Stations – Chief Wascher reported that Station 21 is coming along and that we may have the keys to the Station the Friday before Memorial Day. The weekly construction meetings have been discontinued due to Covid-19.

District Policy Update- the District is updating our Policy Manual; this month the District reviewed Chapter 4. Attorney Ryan Morton had prepared the necessary updates and changes for this chapter. The board discussed the changes and updates. Attorney Morton noted that this was the last chapter to update/review and that he would have the updated manual completed by the next meeting. Attorney Flaherty noted that pending the Union's 14 day review and acceptance, the manual could be put on the agenda for board adoption next month.

Offer for 150 W. State Street –The board discussed the proposed final contract with the Village of South Elgin for the sale of 150 State Street. President Van Winkle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-003 to approve the sale of 150 West State Street to the Village of South Elgin. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed by a voice vote of 4-1; President Van Winkle-yay, Secretary Bohlman-yay, Treasurer Speyers – yay, Trustee Theriault- nay, Trustee Cornelissen- yay.

Jeremy Montgomery has petitioned the District for insurance benefits (PSEBA). Attorney Flaherty has communicated via email with Jeremy's attorney. There is no information to discuss at this point and this matter will be tabled until next month.

Both sides for the Labor Negotiations have met a few times. A proposal has been made from the Administration and sent to Attorney Flaherty to review. The proposal will be sent to the Union once back from our Attorney.

A/C Rothecker has started the preliminary work on the 20/21 budget; Fiscal Year ending financials are necessary to produce new budget. A/C Rothecker will set up a special meeting if wanted/necessary to go over the budget with the board.

As soon as possible pending Covid-19 restrictions the Engine Committee will travel to the E-1 Manufacturing in Florida to go over the final specs of the new engine.

Covid-19 Update- The Chiefs have continuously been involved in Zoom meetings with a long list of organizations making sure they are updated on the most current Covid-19 information. At this time we have 81 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the Village of South Elgin. A/C Rothecker has done a great job making sure that we have all the PPE and cleaning supplies necessary so we can keep our employees and residents safe and well cared for. The District has seen an increase in transported Covid patients this month. District employees have worked hard to minimize the risk of transferring the virus during these calls.

Worker's Comp Insurance- The chiefs will meet with Dave Broz this month to work out some details for our Worker's Comp Insurance renewal that is due in July. This renewal will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the IGA proposing a five year contract with the City of Elgin for dispatch services. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 Treasurer Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 19:41 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman