

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

DATE: MAY 3, 2021

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 3, 2021, at 19:03.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on April 5, 2021 were reviewed. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of March, 2021 showed a balance of \$5,639,435.88 the balance minus the April 2021 bills was \$5,237,512.13. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16879-16953 and payroll checks 12479-12498. A motion was made by Trustee Theriault to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify the April 19, 2021 bills (#2) in the amount of \$166,168.05 and approve the May 3, 2021 bills in the amount of \$87,678.42. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – FF/PM Ryan Payne has received his Company Fire Officer certificate from the OSFM. Lieutenant Rich Stumbaugh renewed his Fire Investigator certification. Chief Wascher received a letter from the Elgin Fire Department (Lt. Eric Gurke) thanking us for helping them out at a difficult EMS call in their district. Ambulance crew included FF/PM Neal Lippold (medic) and FF/EMT Ryan Differding. Congratulations to all!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Pension Board Members Chief Wascher, A/C Rothecker, President Van Winkle, Retired Lieutenant Etheridge, and Lieutenant Luchsinger will be attending the Pension Conference in Lincolnshire May 5th-7th. Chief Wascher and Assistant Chief Rothecker will be attending the IL Fire Chiefs Symposium in Peoria May 12th-14th. Chief Wascher, Assistant Chief Rothecker, Lieutenant Peters, and FF/PM Turnquist will be heading to Florida for the new engine's mid-build check May 18th-20th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT–Attorney Flaherty alerted the board to some possible trustee training opportunities through the IAFFPD in June. Shawn updated the Board of the current stance of a few bills that are pertinent to fire districts; allowing Battalion Chiefs to continue to be a member of a Union and PSEBA insurance plan opportunities. He noted he has not seen any tax freezes.

OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the current budget numbers with the Trustees. The new engine payment will have to be pushed into the next budget. The board discussed ambulance revenue and tax payments. Chief Wascher reported that we currently have over \$30,000.00 in Impact Fees at the Village of South Elgin; President Van Winkle will need to write a letter requesting the fees be paid out to the District.

Chief, Assistant Chief, and Battalion Chiefs Contracts- This item will be discussed in Closed Session.

Full time testing- Chief Wascher reported that 41 persons have taken the test through NTN, 39 of those passed the test with only 28 turning in the application. The Commission will be conducting Oral Interviews on May 22, 2021.

Kane County SWAT Medics- KC SWAT Team is looking for medics. This concept is brand new, there are physical necessities that need to be met to join, and members will also need to attend mandatory training. Shawn would like the District to have an signed intragovernmental agreement if we decide to allow a medic join them. Treasurer Speyers made a motion to allow the District to authorize staff to actively look into having one member join the KC SWAT Team as a medic. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other Old Business- Due to the open Full Time Firefighter positions and to keep OT costs down Assistant Chief Rothecker the Union to delay the Battalion Chief's promotion.

NEW BUSINESS –

Budget 2021/2022 Update- Assistant Chief went over the line items in the proposed 2021/2022 Draft Budget with the Board.

Workers Compensation Renewal- Dave Broz, Railside Citrus- Dave started by explaining how COVID 19 has affected insurance costs. Dave went over his proposal for the District's Workers Comp insurance renewal; we had a 4% rate increase.

Fire Commission Board- Chairman Louis Oine has informed Chief Wascher that he plans on retiring from the Commission Board as soon as a replacement is found.

Station 21 Water Pressure- The Chiefs have met with Lamp and 222 Architects regarding the low water pressure issue that is happening at Station 21. An additional pump is needed to fix the water issue at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00. We feel that this issue should have been caught in the designing phase of the station, and that 222 Architects should help cover this cost. Chief Wascher will invite Tim Schmidt from 222 Architects to attend the next meeting.

New E-One Engine Update- Chief Wascher, Assistant Chief Rothecker, Lieutenant Peters, and FF/PM Turnquist will be heading to Florida for the new engine's mid-build check May 18th-20th.

Employee Evaluation Forms- Chief Wascher provided some Employee Evaluations examples in the packet. A work group will be formed to establish a form for the District.

Illinois Fire Service Home Day- Chief Wascher invited the Board to this MABAS event; a flyer regarding this event on June 3, 2021 was included in the packet.

Proposed Increase in Ambulance Billing/Mileage- Assistant Chief Rothecker and Britta met with Amanda from Andres regarding our ambulance rates. Assistant Chief Rothecker discussed raising our ambulance rates; the rates have not been raised since 2017. The Board discussed different options for this revenue.

Healthcare Renewal Update- The District's Healthcare renewal had a zero percent change in costs this year.

Approval of Non-Union Employee's 2021/2022 Raises- This item will be discussed in Closed Session.

Any other New Business

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lieutenant Stumbaugh reported to the Board that after seven years as Union Board President he has decided not to seek a new term. The Board thanked Rich for his service. The new Union Board President will be FF/PM Mike Rothecker.

CLOSED SESSION - Treasurer Speyers moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 20:29 for reason (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Employee Compensation / Performance. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bohlman and was approved by unanimous vote.

Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to close the Closed Session Meeting @ 21:21 and return to the regular meeting. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 21:22. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept the one-year Assistant Chiefs contract. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept the one-year Battalion Chiefs contract without Appendix B. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the civilian staff's raises as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Trustee Theriault, and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 21:24 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman