

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 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 November 1, 2021, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers

PRESENTATIONS – Lt. Eric Truax received his Incident Safety Officer certificate from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Great job Eric!

The District received a special recognition from Advocate Sherman Hospital for our rapid intervention of treatment on a critical care patient call. The following persons on shift were recognized: Lt Mick Krasowski, FF/PM Andrew Wright, FF/PM Dustin Differding, FF/EMTb Kevin Henryson, and FF/EMTb Brennan Peters.
Great job to all!

FF/PM Bailey Nixon has passed his EMS checkoffs (ours and Advocate Sherman Hospital) and can now practice as a paramedic for SECFPD.

FF/PM Kevin Henryson and FF/PM Carlos Chavez have passed their National Registry for their Paramedic Licenses. They now only need to get their State License, congratulations guys!

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-

- a. Approval of October 4, 2021, meeting minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September 2021
- c. Approval November 1, 2021 bills in the amount of \$ 225,062.91
Ratify Oct 20, 21 bills in the amount \$126,392.13

Trustee Theriault made a motion to accept and approve items A thru C on the consent agenda items. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle reported that she found the NIAFPD class that the Trustees attended at Station 21 on Oct. 24th very informative.

CHIEF'S REPORT – A/C Rothecker and Chief Wascher attended the IFCA conference in Peoria a few weeks ago. Chief Wascher reported that he enjoyed the classes and networking with the other chiefs. Chief thanked the trustees for furthering their education and attending the conference through NIAFPD. Chief informed the Board that Matt Turnquist's brother passed away this past weekend; please keep his family in our thoughts. RK's, a restaurant/bar in town, would like to do a fundraiser for the District. Chief shared some ideas of possible recipients of the fundraiser. Chief reported that the new roof project is now completed at Station 22. The new roof has a 20-year warranty.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty reported that when the General Assembly met this past month, they passed some bills pertaining to fire districts. Senate bill 1169, (Healthcare Right of Conscience Act) having to do with exemptions for COVID vaccinations passed. House Bill 220 has passed; if the bill passes both Houses Battalion Chiefs would have the opportunity to unionize. A/C Rothecker noted that he did not think that our current Battalion Chiefs are interested in unionizing at this point. The Open Meeting bill did not pass. The boundaries changed for the United States House of Representatives. Shawn also reported that some departments pension funds have begun moving into the state program this past month. The Districts pension funds are slated to move to the state program in early December.

OLD BUSINESS –

2021/2022 Budget Update- The District's overtime has been high this past month due to having a few members out in class(es), two members that have had break-through COVID cases, and one member off with a long-term injury. Chief reports a good increase to our ambulance billing revenue.

Presentation of American Water Grant Check- The representative from American Water was unable to attend to the meeting and are placing the check in the mail. They may visit in the future for a presentation.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Approval of Tax Levy 2021 - Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the District's 2021 Tax Levy. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The 2021 Tax Levy will need to be turned in to both DuPage and Kane Counties by the third week of December.

Approval of the Actuarial Report for 2022 A/C Rothecker discussed the Actuarial Report with the trustees. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to accept the Actuarial Report for 2022. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Pension Contribution for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year – The Pension Board sent the District their request for the District's 2022 pension fund contribution. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to approve the Pension Contribution for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Car Replacement Proposal- The Vehicle Maintenance committee recommended to the Chiefs that we replace a few station vehicles. A/C Rothecker proposed that we purchase new cars through a State contract for the chiefs and pass the old vehicles down to be utilized as station vehicles. A couple Ford Expeditions that would fit our needs are currently available through a State contract. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to enter into a contract to purchase two staff vehicles through the State contract, not to exceed \$100,000.00 (including equipment and lighting packages). Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed financially preplanning for vehicle replacement and having a comprehensive replacement plan for the future.

Liability Insurance Information for 2022- Dave Broz attended the meeting. Dave went over the renewal information with the Board. The Board discussed the possibility saving some money by prepaying three years. The Board has a month to review the policies/changes, the renewal will be approved at the December meeting.

Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates – The Board discussed the proposed dates. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Trustee meeting dates as presented for 2022 . Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The District is waiting to receive the Annual Financial Report from Tighe, Kress, and Orr. The Board will need to have a Special Meeting to approve the report later in the month.

Any other New Business – Nothing at this time,

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Chief noted that we have had an extremely busy year, currently over 500 call up from last year. Britta wanted to thank Lt. Eric Truax for helping her collect EMS equipment information for GEMT reporting. A/C Rothecker informed the Board that the District has had a run of some very difficult calls lately. He noted that the Chiefs are keeping a close eye on the mental health our employees through this difficult time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 20:16 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman