

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:01 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on October 9, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on October 9, 2017 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes with the correction to his title, Trustee Theriault, not Treasurer Theriault in the first line. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of October showed a balance of \$8,894,585.61, the balance as of the meeting was \$8,673,768.84. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 14087 thru 14152, and payroll checks 11499 thru 11515. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to ratify check 14087 in the amount of 10,000.00 to REMAX / Horizon for earnest money for the property at 1090 Spring Street. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There were two voided P/R checks 14088 and 14089; they were destroyed by Britta's printer. A/P check #13979 to Action Training was voided; we changed online training companies (per A/C Lancaster). A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to pay the November bills as presented in the amount of \$220,816.77. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Van Winkle swears in new Trustee Diana Cornelissen. Welcome Diana!

PRESENTATIONS – FF/PM Tyler Hite has passed his check off to drive the tender. Congratulations Tyler.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Van Winkle read a very nice letter that Chief Schmidt had wrote to her commending Chief Sohn on his hard work and valued cooperation with the Elgin FD. He mentioned in detail how appreciative he is of their working relationship, and the relationship between our two departments. Dave also thanked Chief Sohn for his tireless and dedicated service. Chief Sohn reiterated the cooperation and commitment between the departments.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Sohn reported to the board that our new fulltime FF/PM Robert Rimgale has fulfilled all our requirements and will be sworn in at the December meeting, a small reception will follow.

The ECC Recruits have completed their Basic Operations Firefighter (BOF) class at ECC and will have a graduation ceremony on November 15, 17 at ECC's Burlington Campus. They will still need to finish HAZMAT Operations and Fire Service Vehicle Operations classes. Chief met with the candidates this past week and was impressed by their maturity. The recruits will be appointed to the District at the meeting in January, 2018.

Dave Broz from Railside Citrus Insurance will have our renewal proposal (comparisons) for our liability insurance in the next couple weeks and will get them to the board for their perusal.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS -

Old Radios – Captain Rothecker reported that we were able to sell the old surplus portables and equipment for over \$11,040. We have a small amount to the surplus radios/equipment left but may still have an interest party in purchasing those.

Property for new station - Chief reported that the board has signed the purchase contract and are waiting for the results of an independent appraisal, a survey, soil borings, and a Phase I Environmental Study before proceeding with this purchase.

Treasurer's Statement - Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2017. Treasurer Speyers seconded the motion and signed the statement, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discuss elections for reorganizing the Board of Trustees- The board will vote on positions at the next meeting in December.

Approve Ambulance Billing Ordinance-- The Board discussed the proposed changes. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-0175 as written. Treasurer Speyers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Accept and Approve Pension Board Levy request – Trustee Theriault made the motion to approve the Compliance Report provided by the South Elgin Firefighters Pension Board for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017

Referendum question – Chief Sohn and Assistant Chief Wascher reported on the proposed bonds and the New Tax. Chief Sohn discussed with the board how much the proposed (2) new stations / manning would cost the District. The board will need to approve a referendum question at next month's meeting.

The board discussed the proposed Tax Levy. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to adopt and sign Tax Levy Ordinance #17-0175. Treasurer Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Station 22 Parking Lot – Chief Sohn discussed the necessity of resurfacing Station 22's parking lot. Chief asks the board to consider working through an engineering firm, instead of hiring a company ourselves. Chief is hoping that although this would cost more upfront it would give us a better and longer lasting end result. This will be discussed at the meeting in December/January.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Britta invites the board to the District's Breakfast with Santa scheduled for 12/3/17.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to suspend the meeting @ 19:50 to welcome our new Trustee Cornelissen. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was reopened at 19:59. Roll call.

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

Secretary Bohlman made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real property for the use of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act, personnel, and for any other lawful purpose necessary at 19:35. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on November 13, 2017 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:59 hours. Present: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeff Speyers, Jeff Theriault, Diana Cornelissen, Chief Sohn, Assistant Chief Lancaster, Assistant Chief Wascher, and Britta Eggebrecht.

A motion to close the Closed Session and resume the regular meeting @ 21:28 was made by Trustee Theriault and seconded by Secretary Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

Action on items from Closed Session –

For the Board of Trustees Treasurer Speyers made the motion to accept A/C Steven W. Wascher as Chief Sohn's successor to Fire Chief, and Acting Fire Chief while Chief Sohn is out on medical leave. Trustee Theriault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Secretary Bohlman and seconded by Diana Cornelissen, the meeting was adjourned at 21:30 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Rick Bohlman

*Trustee after being sworn in @ 19:07