

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

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 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 October 4, 2021, at 19:00.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Theriault

PRESENTATIONS – Swearing in of FF/PM Bailey Nixon. Chief Wascher introduced our newest Probationary Firefighter Bailey Nixon to the board and meeting attendees. FF/ PM Nixon was sworn in by President Van Winkle. Welcome Bailey!

The District has received many cards, emails, and notes of thanks this month for recent exemplary service to our residents, neighboring towns, and the Village of South Elgin:

We received a touching note from a family praising our members for their service, compassion, and professionalism on a heartbreaking call. Members on the call: BC Justin Cox, Lt Jason Peters, FF/PM Tyler Hite, FF Scott Diehl, FF/PM Steve Diehl, and FF/PM Harms.

The Village of Bartlett sent letters thanking us for our assistance with a boat for a search for a missing person. Members on the call: FF/PM Matt Turnquist and FF/PM Scott Diehl

The South Elgin Police Department thanked BC Bill Eckles, Lt Eric Truax, FF/PM Harvey Parks, FF/PM Scott Diehl, and A/C Mike Rothecker for their help searching for a Tower Hill resident that had wandered off.

A resident sent a lovely thank you to Lt Paul Duffy and FF/PM Jon Pollock for their service and compassion towards her husband on an EMS call.

We received a thank you from a resident who was very appreciative of the care her husband received after he collapsed last year. Members on the call: Lt Luchsinger, FF/PM Chris Elliot, FF/PM Ryan Payne, FF/PM Connor Hickey, and FF/EMTb Colin Rothecker.

The South Elgin Police Department sent a letter of thanks commending our crew for their exemplary service they provided on a call at the river. Members on the call: BC Matt Starr, Lt Rich Stumbaugh, Lt Brian Beatty, FF/PM Steve Diehl, FF/PM Rob Rimgale, FF/PM Chris Elliott, FF/PM Samantha Heugh, FF/PM Rob Bartosiewicz, and FF/EMTb Jacob St John.

Great job to all involved in these calls!

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-

A. September 7, 2021 Minutes, Regular and Closed

B. October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 bills 229,792.40

September 20, 2021 (Ratify) \$14,513.38

Ratify check 17280 for \$25.80 to Matt Dalbke

C. Chief Wascher contract

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to accept items A, excluding the Closed Session minutes, B, and C on the consent agenda. Trustee Cornelissen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Flaherty suggested adding a clause to clarify the September 7<sup>th</sup> Closed Session minutes. Trustee Speyers made a motion to adopt the 9/7/21 Closed Session Minutes with the suggested amendment. President Van Winkle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT –Chief Wascher reported that he attended the Fallen Firefighter Ceremony in Springfield on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The following members were recognized for their exemplary service at a house fire in our District on November of 2020: Captain Starr, Lt. Stumbaugh, Lt. Krasowski, Steve Diehl, Chris Elliott, Neal Lippold, Jon Pollock, Robert Rimgale, Jason Ames, Matt Dalbke, Brian Sloan, Kevin Henryson, and Dustin Differding. Congratulations to all! Thanks to all who participated or attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Service at Patton Mill Park. Chief reported that our nonvaccinated members have complied with the General Order and have been getting weekly COVID tests. The OMA/FOIA website was hacked and it currently down.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– No report

OLD BUSINESS –

Monthly Budget – The District's overtime has been high due this past month due to having a few members out with medical issues, and also two members that have been on a two-week deployment to Louisiana. Shawn discussed the current tax levy that needs to be completed and turned into the counties (Kane & DuPage) before the due date in December. Shawn recommended that we levy for 4.9%, the board will not seek truth in taxation.

Any other Old Business- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Resolution 2021-004 1993 Seagrave Fire Engine - Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-004, designating the 1993 Seagrave Fire Engine as surplus equipment. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The starting bid is \$20,000.00.

Any other New Business- The District has received a \$1,000.00 grant from Illinois American Water. We will use the funds to outfit SWAT Medic Anthony Rodgers.

NIAFPD has scheduled a free seminar on October 23, 2020. It was decided that those on the Board interested will attend via ZOOM at Station 21; Diane will attend from her home. Britta will sign everyone up.

Staff Cars- Two of our staff cars are currently in need of replacement. 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. He will gather more information for the meeting next month.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT –

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 Secretary Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 19:25:04 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman