

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

DATE: October 5, 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 October 5, 2020 at the South Elgin Fire District, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd., South Elgin, Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

PRESENT: President Mary Van Winkle, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers (7:01), Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on September 8, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Theriault, made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4-0, Treasurer Speyers absent for vote.

Closed Session Meeting minutes of the Trustee meeting held on September 8, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes with a noted date correction (2023, not 2022). Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of August 2020 showed a balance of \$7,442,389.89, the balance minus the September bills was \$7,177,276.23. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16396-16469 and payroll checks 12293-12310. A motion was made by Trustee Cornelissen to accept the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Secretary Bohlman made a motion to ratify the September 19, 2020 bills (#2) in the amount of \$22,886.93, and approve the October 5, 2020 bills in the amount of \$214,049.82. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS – Chief Wascher recognized Lt. Stumbaugh and Liz Loss for all their hard work they put in to create the fun and informative fire safety videos that were put on our Facebook page for Fire Prevention Week. These videos can be used for fire safety programs in the future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher reported that Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10th. This year's theme is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen".

COVID 19 – Chief Wascher reported that everyone at South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District is healthy. The District continues to follow protocols and are taking proper precautions while on calls. Numbers of positive COVID cases in South Elgin are going up. This month's number is 658 compared to 540 cases last month. Call volume is slowly starting to climb back up. Chief Wascher updated the board on the COVID cases at the extended healthcare facilities in South Elgin.

Chief also informed the board that we will be receiving PEDA benefits for J. Montgomery.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty updated the board on a few training opportunities. The Northern Alliance Conference has cancelled their live training, there will be a virtual conference held on January 30th at 8am to noon. Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts has yet to announce what their spring training will look like, he will update the board once he knows. Attorney Flaherty noted the legislative session in Springfield will start back up after the election in November. Attorney Flaherty discussed with the board the upcoming Tax Levy.

OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the budget with the trustees. A/C Rothecker also reported that our application for funding from the CARES ACT through Kane County was approved. The Community County CARES Distribution Panel will meet on the 8th of October for final review and we will be notified by the end of October when we should receive the funds.

Station Update – Chief Wascher informed the board that we have received a Certificate of Occupancy for both new stations. Chief also mentioned that Lamp is still working on minor punch list items.

Labor Negotiations – The District's Administration and Union 4833 met at the end of September. Union 4833 voted to pass the negotiated Labor contract with the exception of omitting the section on shift picks. Trustee Cornelissen thanked Trustee Theriault and President Van Winkle for giving their time and efforts on the negotiation committee. Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the 20-23 Labor Agreement Contract. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS –

Open House/ Fire Prevention Week - After much thought and discussion Chief Wascher reported to the Board that due to COVID he has decided to wait until spring to have an Open House. Chief recapped and presented the fun and informative fire safety videos that Lt. Stumbaugh, Liz Loss, and Inspector Zabran created and produced for Fire Prevention Week. Liz Loss added her thanks to all the shift members that helped make the videos. A great job was done by all!

Firefighter Testing – The original test date for establishing a Full Time Eligibility List was October 17th, 2020. Due to other tests on that same date the Chiefs and the Commission Board decided to move the test date to October 24th, 2020 in hopes of getting more applicants.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

CLOSED SESSION - 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 Trustee Theriault, the meeting was adjourned at 19:37 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman