

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

DATE: September 8, 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 September 8, 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, Trustee Jeff Theriault, Trustee Diana Cornelissen

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee meeting held on August 3, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

Special meeting minutes of the Trustee meeting held on August 25, 2020 were reviewed. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to approve the Special meeting minutes with a noted date correction (2020, not 2019). Treasurer Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of July 2020 showed a balance of \$8,011,846.36, the balance minus the July bills was \$7,614,329.14. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 16327-16395 and payroll checks 12275-12292. Check #16305 to Fox Valley Appliance in the amount of \$60.00 was voided, check 16323 was written in its place to Fox Valley Fire & Safety in the same amount. A motion was made by Secretary Bohlman to accept the Treasurer's Report and ratify check # 16290 to Health Care Services in the amount of \$690.90. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the current bills. Trustee Cornelissen made a motion to ratify the August 17, 2020 bills (#2) in the amount of \$69,453.90, and approve the September 8, 2020 bills in the amount of \$242,226.73. Trustee Theriault seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –Chief Wascher reported that a homeschool family sent a nice thank-you note after visiting Station 21. They gave a shout out to FF/PM Rodgers and Britta.

FF/PM Phillip Swider was presented with a plaque thanking him for his 11 years of service to the HAZMAT Team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Wascher reported that Lamp is still working on the punch lists for the new stations; Station 23 is almost completed. Kane County is gearing up for upcoming COVID vaccinations. A/C Lancaster is compiling a list of the District's families to turn into the County; all personnel are asked to report their household number(s) to A/C within the next week or two.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT– Attorney Flaherty reported that legislature has not yet started back up in Springfield due to COVID. He noted that he was glad to see that the District was in compliance with the Governor's orders about wearing masks. Attorney Flaherty also updated the board on new entries that are now allowable to be included in our application for the CARES ACT through Kane County.

OLD BUSINESS –

A/C Rothecker discussed the budget with the trustees; he is working on getting the final numbers for the new stations from Lamp.

District Policy Approval – Trustee Theriault made a motion to approve the updated Policy Manual as presented. Trustee Cornelissen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Labor Negotiations – Administration and Union 4833 met at the end of August. The Board will move to Closed Session to further discuss this item.

NEW BUSINESS –

Open House/Station Grand Opening – 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. Lt Stumbaugh, Liz Loss, and Inspector Zabran are working on some fun and informative (virtual) ideas for Fire Safety Week.

Firefighter Memorial Plaza- Many retired area chiefs are working on raising funds in a 3 year campaign to update and restore the memorial that is located in Elgin. The goal is to raise \$300,000 to help with the aging building and old landscaping. The annual service at the Firefighter Memorial Plaza is scheduled for this Saturday, September 12, 2020.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – Treasurers Speyers thanked the District for the flowers that were sent for his Father-in-laws funeral service.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nothing at this time

Trustee Cornelissen moved to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Closed Session at 19:21 for reason of (5 ILCS 120/2.1) Employee Compensation. The motion was seconded by Secretary Bohlman and was approved by unanimous vote.

Trustee Theriault made a motion to reconvene the meeting @ 19:33. Trustee Cornelissen 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 Trustee Cornelissen, the meeting was adjourned at 19:34 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Bohlman