

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

DATE: December 14, 2015

PRESENT: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeffrey Speyers, Joe Cluchey, Chief Sohn

ABSENT: none

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on December 14, 2015 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

Jeff Speyers made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from the November 9th, 2015 meeting. Joe Cluchey seconded, and the motion passed with Rick Bohlman abstaining. The minutes for the October 12th meeting could not be approved at the November 9th meeting due to not having a quorum for these specific minutes. Jeff Speyers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 12th, 2015 meeting minutes. Rick Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed with Joe Cluchey abstaining. The Treasurer's Report at the end of November showed a balance of \$7,861,576.98 and the balance as of the meeting was \$7,531,662.11. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 12719 thru 127189, and payroll checks of 10999 thru 11017. Joe Cluchey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Rick Bohlman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Joe Cluchey to pay the bills for December in the amount of \$329,914.87. Rick Speyers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Britta noted three voided checks; #12563 in the amount \$942 to Illini Power, #12565 in the amount of \$710.00. Also a check was written out for an EFT payment and was voided; # 12710 in the amount of \$51,666.67.

PRESENTATIONS

A/C Wascher has completed his final year of his EFO Program (with a fantastic 96%) and has obtained his Incident Safety Certification. Lt Eckles has completed his Fire Officer II classes and received his certificate. Steve Diehl has received the following dive certifications: Full Face and ERDI Dive Technician including dry suit, Mike Loss has also received the same dive certificate plus his Open Water Certification. Ashley Rebou has completed Fire Instructor I. The Board expresses their congratulations to these firefighters for successfully completing their classes/certifications.

REPORTS

President – No report

Fire Chief – No report

Attorney – No report

OLD BUSINESS- Ambulance 24

Representatives from Elgin Community College (ECC) Carl De Carlo, Director of the Fire Science Program, Dr. Ileo Lott, Dean of Sustainability, Business and Career Technologies and Dan Walter, ECC Foundation's Board of Directors were present at the meeting and discussed their interest in obtaining Ambulance 24 to be used for training. The Board offered the option of trading the ambulance for hours of use at the Fire Science Program's training tower that would be equal to the fair market value of Ambulance 24. Carl De Carlo stated that although he himself would not be able to make a decision/deal of this nature, he would help facilitate this agreement with ECC's VP of Finance.

Department Facebook Page – Our Facebook page is up and running and has been well received with approximately 1500 "likes". We have put many informative posts, pictures and some training videos on the site. This should prove to be a positive and informative way to give the public fire district news and fire education.

It was decided that we do not need to be a member of IAFF since we obtain the same benefits from a few other memberships that we are already a part of.

NEW BUSINESS

Actuarial Draft Report and Pension Board Letter – The board discussed making sure we stay on top of our pension contributions. Joe Cluchey made a motion to approval the report submitted by TWS Actuary as submitted. Jeff Speyers seconded the motion, and the motion passed

IPRF and Liability/Vehicle Insurance - Joe Cluchey recused himself from this topic because of a personal relationship with one of the insurance brokers. Citrus Railside Insurance and Corkill Insurance submitted a quote for our Liability/Vehicle Insurance. Dave Broz from Railside was present and went over his proposal for our District from his company. The board decides to plan a special meeting for December 22 @ 19:00 so they can have time to further review the information before making a decision.

Joe Cluchey rejoined the meeting.

Rick Bohlman made a motion to adopt and sign Tax Levy Ordinance #15-0159, contingent on our attorney's approval. Jeff Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Safer Grant – This is a regional 4 year grant that can provide part-time firefighters with training, classes, gear and benefits. Pingree Grove would be the head of the grant process for our area. This program is at no cost to the District and is run through a management company. A/C Lancaster answered questions from the board and will continue to research all the details of this program so we can better comprehend the process and benefits of this grant.

The trustees were give a copy of the Fire Preventive Bureau's Ordinance #16-0160 to review; Amending Fire and Safety Codes for South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District. This ordinance will be on the January 11th, 2016 agenda for possible approval.

As a matter of convenience we will be utilizing Sherman Healthcare located across the street from Station 22 as our department doctor from this point forward. The yearly physicals with run as accustomed.

Good of the District – Britta reports that Breakfast with Santa held on December 12th was a success! Thanks to all that helped make it such a joyous occasion.

Public Comment- None

Rick Bohlman made a motion to suspend the monthly meeting and move to Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter @ 20:43. Jeff Speyers seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

Closed session for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on December 14, 2015 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #2, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 20:44 hours.

A motion to close the Closed Session at 21:31 was made by Joe Cluchey and seconded by Rick Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Joe Cluchey and seconded by Jeffrey Speyers, the meeting was adjourned at 21:31 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Bohlman