

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

DATE: May 9, 2016

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on May 9, 2016 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:01 hours.

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

ABSENT: None

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on April 11, 2016 were reviewed. Trustee Cluchey made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with the following corrections; spacing issue in second paragraph - second line, and Steve Diehl received his Provisional Fire Officer I, not Provisional Firefighter II. Trustee Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report at the end of April showed a balance of \$5,780,004.34 and the balance as of the meeting was \$5,649,430.76. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 13043 thru 13103, and payroll checks of 11106 thru 11125. Checks numbered 13104-13109 were voided as they were printed over in error. Trustee Cluchey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Bohlman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bills for the month of May were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Bohlman to pay the bills for May as presented in the amount of \$130,573.58. Trustee Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rob Bartosiewicz received his Fire Apparatus Engineer certificate. A/C Wascher and A/C Lancaster earned a certificate from an Operations class they attended dealing with NIMS topics. Lt. Freiberg earned his Instructor II, and Ryan Payne earned his Vehicle Machinery OPs certification. Good job guys!

President Report – Nothing at this time.

Attorney – Nothing at this time.

Chief Report – Chief reported details of two bills progressing in Springfield that can affect our District. Bill 5522 if passed will require anyone over 1 million dollars to maintain a website, and display a specific list of items on that website that help ensure transparency. Bill 5630 requires that special districts will have to have their trustees elected, not appointed. The trustees discussed how these bills could affect us, both negatively and positively.

Fox River & Countryside FPD asked that we cover an area for them this past month, while some road work was done on Route 31.

A/C Wascher learned at the Village staff meeting that the construction on the McDonald Road Bridge will be starting soon; this will create many opportunities for Mutual Aid regarding calls in that western area of our District.

Trustee Cluchey made a motion to reappoint Patrick Covey as a Commissioner for South Elgin & Countryside FPD. Trustee Bohlman seconded, and the motion carried unanimous. Pat is an original Commissioner for SEFD.

A/C Lancaster states that he has nothing new to report on the Safer Grant at this time.

Railside Citrus (Dave Broz) is recommending that we purchase an insurance policy that will take the place of having individuals having to be bonded. Dave Broz was present and explained that the proposed crime policy will act as blanket coverage for the entire organization, and will be cheaper than our previous coverage. Trustee Speyers made a motion to get the crime coverage policy for the District. Trustee Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Broz also recommended that we raise our Accident Policy amounts. The board discusses if we need to up this coverage. Dave Broz explained the benefits to this policy. The policy is \$5600 dollars more than our current policy. Trustee Cluchey made a motion to accept Plan 3 for the District's accident insurance policy (3 year contract). Trustee Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

We have been working on a 5 year plan for replacing hose to keep up with NFPA standards. Our old surplus hose has been donated to both Central Warren FD and Pamms Fire and Rescue. We have a waiting list for any future surplus hose donations. The departments receiving the hose have signed our waiver of liability.

Ambulance 24 has been sold to a heating / cooling business for \$6500.00.

A/C Wascher presented a draft budget for the board's perusal. Trustee Cluchey suggests that the board make plans for a Special Meeting to have the time to go over the budget in detail. A Special Meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 25, 16 at 18:00. Additionally, the new trustee Jeff Theriault can be sworn in at this meeting.

NEW BUSUNESS

A motion was made by Trustee Cluchey to accept the proposed meeting dates for the 16/17 Fiscal Year. Trustee Bohlman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sohn asks the board to declare the Stryker Power Cot from Ambulance 24 as surplus equipment. Chief would like to start the selling price at \$5000.00. Trustee Bohlman made the motion to surplus the Stryker Power Cot from Ambulance 24. Trustee Speyers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The back driveway at Station 21 is unsafe and in dire need of work/replacement. Since we will not be moving anytime in the near future it was the board's direction to obtain bids for the necessary work.

Special Events Large Gathering Permit – The Trustees engaged in a discussion about updating our Special Events Large Gathering Permit. A/C Wascher and Inspector Carlson will continue to work on updating this permit, and then have our attorney look it over before putting it up for approval in the near future.

Heartland Blood would like to host another blood drive at Station 22 on a future date TBD.

The Board of Trustees held a discussion on some property realignment with Fox River FPD. Between Fox River & Countryside FPD there are some parcels of land that have been previously overlooked, mismarked, and/or recorded in error. The Districts are working together to correct these past recorded errors.

The State of Illinois has made an error in their accounting and has overpaid Replacement Tax. The State is currently preparing a plan for regaining their money. We found that SECFPD will owe approximately \$2600.00.

One of the firefighters has proposed a "no billing" policy for special circumstance ambulance transfers. The board discussed if it is possible to fairly determine whom to bill and whom to waive / reduce fees for ambulance transfers. Although the board feels badly for grieving families, we are the keepers of tax payer's money, and reducing/waiving the fees may open the door for many other types of requests. It is thought that we can look into increasing our value of service, rather than waive/reduce fees.

Good of the District – Trustee Speyers has been fighting Polycystic Kidney Disease for 14 years. He is currently on a waiting list for a kidney, and will most likely be on dialysis by the end of summer. The board discusses many ideas on how to help Jeff and get the word out on the donor process.

Public Comment – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Trustee Cluchey and seconded by Trustee Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 20:27 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustee Rick Bohlman