

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

DATE: September 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 September 14, 2015 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 19:00 hours.

Rick Bohlman made a motion to approve the August 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Jeff Speyers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer's Report at the end of August showed a balance of \$6,722,685.05 and the balance as of the meeting was \$6,551,733.21. There were accounts payable payments made of checks 12530 thru 12594 and payroll checks of 10945 thru 10961. There was a voided check #12509 for \$145.00. Jeff Speyers notes a clerical mistake for the check written to Hi-Viz (written to Hi-Biz) that will need to be corrected before it is mailed. 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 Jeff Speyers to pay the bills for August in the amount of \$170,951.84. Rick Bohlman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS

A/C Lancaster reports that Brian Beatty was receiving recognition for his 11 year service to the dive team. Brian was part of both the MABAS and SEFD dive teams for many years. Brian was unable to be present.

Captain Cox reports a call involving a woman in our district. The woman came into the station today to thank Black Shift, especially Shannon Harms - she was extremely thankful for her care and compassion.

Phil Laier from St. Joe's Hospital recognized the following employees with EMS Awards for years of service:  
20 years

Walter Antos

Mick Krasowski

Rick Stumbaugh

Matt Starr

25 years

Steve Diehl

Mike E. Rothecker

Congratulations, and thank you all for your years of wonderful care.

#### REPORTS

President – Mary Van Winkle reported that she went to Bartlett for their Joint Review TIF Meeting regarding the property off of Rte. 25 in our District.

Chief – Chief Sohn reminds the Trustees of upcoming training offered through NIAFPD in November. The Trustees will let Britta know if they are interested in signing up for this training.

Dave VanDusen has taken a leave of absence and started a full time position in Sycamore. He will be missed.

Attorney – No report

## OLD BUSINESS

Building Survey- Chief Sohn states that we should have the survey results to share by the next board meeting in October. Chief Sohn and Architects 222 will not be able to make the meeting as they will both be attending the Fire Chiefs conference at that time. Chief suggests we plan a Special Meeting to receive the results of the survey.

Chief reminds the board that if we are going to ask for a referendum in April, the paper work needs to be completed by this December.

Britta included a breakdown of what percentage Medicaid pays us for ambulance billing in the packets. This stems from the Transportation Fee Schedule from IL Dept. of Health & Family discussed last month.

Mike Rothecker discusses the district's plan to include full time / part time positions. This change will be taking place in the near future.

Joe Cluchey questioned an item he read in the Hazmat Monthly Report involving acquiring a drone. He points out all the costs involved in pursuing a purchase of this kind. Joe also had a question about the Haz ID machine maintenance costs. A/C Lancaster explains how MABAS is now funding the maintenance of the machine.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chief asks the board's permission to purchase an ambulance from Foster Coach. We get a discount if we pay the full amount up front; this adds up to a discount of over \$4,000. The board discusses the decision to purchase this model ambulance. Joe Cluchey adds that he feels confident with this purchase because of the integrity of Foster Coach. Joe Cluchey makes the motion to authorize the Chief to execute an agreement with Foster Coach to purchase the new Horton ambulance, with the prepaid arrangement that has been negotiated with the dealer. Jeff Speyers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sohn addresses the board on his reasons why he would like to get rid of the newest ambulance. He shows the board the very high repair/maintenance cost we have had for this vehicle this year. The report was prepared by the Maintenance Department. Mike Rothecker gave Matt Turnquist credit for the work he has done to help determine which would be the best choice of vehicles to keep.

Mike Rothecker discussed with the board the results of our district only running with only 3 ambulances for the past few months. Mike explains in the reports he provided that this may be a good decision for the future. The questions discussed - Do we keep an ambulance in reserve? Is it worth it? Are we in the position to keep a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance? Chief Sohn believes we can make the move to 3 ambulances.

Chief Sohn reports that the police are interested in acquiring an ambulance to use as a Command Vehicle. Chief suggests that we think about sharing a vehicle with PD; both would use it as a Command Vehicle. We would be able to use it for investigations; it could house the equipment involved in fire investigation. The power cot loader would be transferred to the new ambulance. More thought and planning will have to go into this idea.

Joe Cluchey made the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kane County Fire Investigation Task Force. Rick Bohlman seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously, and Mary Van Winkle signed the agreement.

There were not any changes to the audit from the draft. Joe Cluchey reminds the board that although we are at this time in a good place financially, we always need to actively look for ways to save money. Rick Bohlman made the motion to approve the 14'-15' prepared by Tighe, Kress and Ohr. Jeff Speyers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Union Local 4833 is selling Breast Cancer T-shirts to support this cause. Chief asks the board if they have a problem with allowing the employees to wear them to work in October. The board does not have a problem with this request, as long as they are appropriate.

Chief informs the board of the extra Pub-Ed events that we have been involved in, and what is coming up in October (Fire Prevention Month).

A/C Lancaster tells the board about the upcoming live fire training opportunities our FFs will be involved in during the next month. Much of the financial support for these trainings will be funded by MABAS. We will also be involved in Search and Rescue training with Kane County OEM. A/C Lancaster invites the board to attend any of the scheduled training.

The Maintenance Department has brought to the Chief's attention that the old Ford pick-up truck has rust in several places. Chief has come up with the idea to retire the old brush truck, and repurpose the pick-up into our new brush truck. It has become harder and harder to find parts for old brush truck. This will save a great deal of money over having to purchase a new brush truck.

#### Public Comment

We have a child in our District with a significant brain injury; we transported this patient this summer. Our Union reached out to the parents to see what they could do to help. The parents received a donated van that desperately needed a good cleaning. The child had a severe allergic reaction after riding in it due to the previous owner's pet's dander. The Union decided to pay for a full detail cleaning at Key West Car Wash for the van. There will be a homecoming celebration for the boy on Sept. 20 at Thornwood Sports Core.

Joe Cluchey thanks Rich Stumbaugh for his hard work and years of service as Union Local 4833 President. The board and Chief Sohn add their thanks.

Rick Bohlman made a motion to suspend the monthly meeting and move to Closed Session for Possible Litigation @ 20:30. 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 August 10, 2015 at the South Elgin Fire Department, Station #22, 2055 McDonald Rd. South Elgin, IL Kane County, IL at 20:30 hours.

A motion to close the Closed Session at 20:40 was made by Jeff Speyers and seconded by Rick Bohlman, the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 20:41. PRESENT: Mary Van Winkle, Rick Bohlman, Jeffrey Speyers, Joe Cluchey, Chief Sohn.

There being no further business to come before the board on a motion duly made by Jeff Speyers and seconded by Rick Bohlman, the meeting was adjourned at 20:42 hours after the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Bohlman