

**SUGAR GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEE'S MEETING
OPEN MINUTES**

DATE: March 19, 2012
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

Board of Trustees: Christopher Ruchaj, President
 John Lehman, Secretary
 David Linden, Treasurer
 Scott Stalcup, Trustee
 Mike Fagel, Trustee

GUESTS: Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Attorney O'Connor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call –Fagel absent, on deployment

Approval of Minutes-

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Linden to:
 'Approve February 20, 2012 open session meeting minutes'

Roll Call vote, Ruchaj abstained – Motion carried

Closed minutes for February 20, 2012 were not prepared at this time.

Treasurers Report –

Current Assets for Operations - \$1,769,835.70, for Construction - \$519,333.51 for a total of \$2,289,169.2.
 Shows we are at 76%, reality is 83.3% with truck payment and truck transfer (not included in 83.3% figure)
 1.3% under budget is more accurate. Revenues - about \$50,000 short in income.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:
 'Accept the Balance and Budget Report as written and dated 02/29/2012'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Stalcup to:

'Approve the Expenditures Report written February 2012 in the amount of \$164,599.45'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Consent Agenda Items –

Two items for WS Darley. Mercury monitor and bracket \$2425 and 5" hose \$3750.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

'Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Trustees report –

Ruchaj stated that there will not be a quorum for next month's meeting.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

'Change the date of the April 2012 meeting to April 9 at 7 p.m.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Report from Chief and Command –

Water Rescue – Community fund raising is moving forward with donations being accepted through Community Foundation of Fox Valley that is a 501(c)3. There is about \$3000.

Communications/Dispatch – There is no communications or dispatch – meeting with Jerry Black on Thursday, will advise on dispatch centers.

The Village of Montgomery has appropriated \$20,000 to develop a TIF district along the west side of Orchard Road.

Chief is going to Village of Sugar Groves village meeting, to find out when they are going to bring forth the ordinance it stating taxing districts will get 10% back from the TIF.

Draft Budget – Discussion was held on the draft budget.

Attorney's report –

Court case, challenge ability of FPD to regulate the control of monitoring of fire alarms. In brief court states... (1) FPD are empowered to have the authority to require direct connect of alarms to the fire board, (2) FPD have the authority to mandate the form in which that connection takes place, be it wireless, radio, or whatever source permitted by the international codes. (3) FPD cannot designate a single source of contact for them. (4) Limits place on FPD to place fees against its residents for fire alarm hookup or radio lease expenses.

Old Business –

Social Media Policy – Discussion was held on the options that were presented to the Trustees.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Adopt Option B under the Sugar Grove Fire Protection Districts Social Media Policy, the stipulated document which is undated, but shows as Option B, will have any reference to personal communications devices eliminated, up to and including Section D, and making the correction under Section E ‘A Superior Officer’ shall be replaced with “The Fire Chief or his Designee”.

Discussion: Stalcup stated that the language being corrected in Section E is in other places in the policy, which should be corrected also. Lehman stated yes as stipulated.

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

Nothing to report on acquisition of assets.

Discussion held on Resolution 2012-01 Fire Recovery USA – changes have been made from the original agreement regarding Schedule A Item 4, releasing negative information to credit agencies and Section 11.1 changed from California Law to Illinois Law.

Lehman questioned when we adopt a resolution like this, where we lump everything together, and we stipulate a single corporation, what happens if they change names or they fail and we decide to go with a different corporation, do we have to go with a whole new resolution? Attorney Flaherty stated that we have a clause in our contract that states our contract continues with any successor or assigns, the resolution part, when it concludes with entity one, it goes to entity two then three, so on. Attorney O'Connor stated that the resolution just approves the contract.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

‘Approve Resolution No.2012-01 as listed’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

New Business –

Designation of Surplus Equipment – bought new compressor for apparatus floor, old one does not have enough PSI to add air to vehicles. Chief would like to designate old one as surplus, needs new pressure regulator. Chief would like to offer out to employees with a minimum bid of \$100.

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Linden to:

‘Designate the Coleman Power Mate Air Compressor/Tank Serial No. X33713447 as surplus equipment’.

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

Discussion held on Electrical Upgrade for Apparatus Floor – there is a problem with the charging of the vehicles. When the original station was built there were 4 designated circuits, but now the capacity has been exceeded many times and the breaker has been tripping, causing the vehicles not to start. After much research, Americal Electrical Inspections came in and did an extensive evaluation of the system, and determined that another 100amp panel should be added to the electrical room and provide drops to each vehicle. The proposal is that we purchase the materials, and Americal Electrical Inspections does the labor. Chief stated the request for approval is \$1500 material and not to exceed \$1950 for labor. Lehman questioned how the budget is for that account. Chief stated we have almost \$8000 in that overall account.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Direct the Chief to procure material with the districts tax exempt number in the amount not to exceed \$1500’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Linden to allow:

‘In relation to the electrical upgrade project at the central fire station for the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District that we direct the Chief to enter into an agreement with Sam Jones of Americal Electrical Inspections with a price not to exceed \$1950’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

Farm Lease Agreement – Denny Nichols farms the land on Denny Road and he gives us a donation of \$300 a year around Christmas time. Chief asked Brian to find out what the going rate is for leasing farm property, and he found it is around \$200 an acre. This would bring in roughly \$2000 a year. Chief stated that Brian told him once the property is income producing, it will no longer be eligible for tax exempt status, and then we will have to pay taxes. Chief stated that he does not want to jeopardize the tax exempt status. Lehman asked Chief to research who bought the property next to us on Denny.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

‘Go into closed session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with Local 4748, discussion on personal issue of former trustee and possible disciplinary action of an employee’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

It was motioned to go back into open session at 8:40p.m.

President Ruchaj stated no action is taken on the first two items on the agenda.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

‘Terminate Jason Rose for Lack of Participation’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None Heard

Public to Address the Board

None Heard

At 8:44 it was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Adjourn’

Roll Call vote – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



John Lehman, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary