

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

**DATE:** May 21, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Lehman, Linden absent.

**Approval of Minutes-**

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:  
'Approve April 9, 2012 open session meeting minutes'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Ruchaj to:  
'Approve April 9, 2012 closed session meeting minutes as issued and open them'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Treasurers Report –**

Ended Fiscal year on April 30. Ending operations balance was \$1,409,375.46 of which \$802,324.31 was the reserve account. Construction account ending with \$519,852.81. Total cash on hand at end of fiscal year \$1,919,228.27. Revenue over expenses for last year was \$177,979.00.

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Fagel to:  
'Approve the Budget Percentage Report and Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2012'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Fagel to:  
'Approve the Expenditures for April 2012 in the amount of \$141,929.48

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Consent Agenda Items –**

Air One Equipment, maintenance SCBA bottles – \$1273.10  
ATT Global – maintenance contract – \$1667.16  
Computer Network Management – sonic wall - \$1,615.00  
Global – repair parts for three vehicles – \$1,454.78

**Foreign Fire**

Liberty Art Works – awards for appreciation dinner-- \$510.00  
Olmsteads TV- two remote controls – \$47.30

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Fagel to:  
'Accept the consent agenda for May 2012 for the six items listed for the Fire District and Foreign Fire'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Report from Chief and Command –**

**Buildings and Grounds** – Electrical upgrades for apparatus floor has been complete.

**Operations** – monies received for water rescue equipment total \$34,415.60.

Re-appointment of Fire Commissioners needs to be done – on agenda.

**POC employment process** – Chief stated a while back he mentioned to board that he needs more POC's. Put out application request last month – 32 applications came in. Put through mandatory orientation. Modified CPAT was last Saturday, had 21 testing – 5 failures – 16 applicants will be interviewed in the next few weeks.

Fagel questioned if anything new with dispatch center – Chief stated nothing new, Police Chief has not tried to resolve any of the issues. They have not billed for dispatch fees for last year. Trustees want Chief to inquire on the costs/information of other dispatch centers.

Review of Fiscal Draft – solid numbers on carry over funds. Salary is almost \$99,000 increase this year, prior to any raises, but includes step raises, DC position, and OT. Increase in Employee Health benefits, the increase is the maximum amount with deductibles; depending how much employee's use of the deductible, this amount can decrease. Public hearing will be published next month.

**Attorney's report –**

Items for closed session.

**Old Business –**

**Acquisition of Assets** - Letter was sent out, not heard anything back.

**New Business –**

**Purchase of Water Rescue Equipment** – Carl Stirns Marine – water rescue boat/motor/trailer; Rescue Direct – floatation devises, specialized equipment.

It was motioned by Stalcup and seconded by Fagel to:

'Approve the purchase order to Carl Stirns Marine in the amount of \$13,873.00 for the purchase of the equipment listed as well as the purchase order to Rescue Direct, Inc. in the amount of \$11,196.62'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Appreciation Dinner** - \$2,500.00 towards dinner and decorations. Association donates towards liquor. Fagel questions who provides backfill. Chief stated that we let surrounding districts know we are having the dinner and we may need auto aid, but also the duty crew knows they have to respond to calls.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

'Approve expenditures of \$2,500.00 towards appreciation dinner'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

'go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with Local 4748, discuss Local 4748 grievance, discuss wages and benefits of employees and discuss re-appointment of Fire Commissioners'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned at 8:48p.m. by Ruchaj and seconded by Fagel to:

'Go back into open session'

Roll call vote – Motioned carried

Ruchaj stated the following...

12a – contract negotiations with Local 4748 - no action taken

12b – discussion on grievance –

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

‘Provide a written response by Ruchaj and districts attorney for presentation to Local 4748’

Roll call vote – Motioned carried

12c – wages and benefits of employees - no action taken

12d – reappointment of fire commissioners

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

‘Reappoint Commissioner Scimeca for his 2011-2014 term’

Roll call vote – Motioned carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

‘Reappoint Commissioner Sander for the 2012-2015 term’

Roll call vote – Motioned carried

**ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Chief stated that Fire Recovery has had success collecting \$2776.00.

Bank Accounts at Chase – Chief would like to take the ambulance account and use it for the HRA the district has to fund.

American Heartland Bank – would like to close checking and put that money in the money market at American Heartland Bank, that has better interest. This will need to be ratified at next meeting.

**Public to Address the Board**

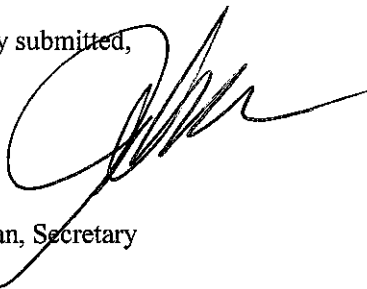
**None Heard**

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

‘Adjourn at 8:54p.m.’

Roll call vote – Motioned carried

Respectfully submitted,



John Lehman, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary