

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

DATE: March 18, 2013
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 – Fagel absent, on deployment

Approval of Minutes-

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:
'Approve the February 18, 2013 open session meeting minutes'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Treasurers Report –

Operations - \$1,840,489.42, Construction - \$526,449.49, total both accounts - \$2,366,938.91
10 months into the budget Revenue - at 99.13% of income received. 10% under on Budget, once balloon payment is paid, will be closer to percentage.

Lehman questioned if we are leaving remainder of monies in truck fund. Chief stated yes; that will be for the ambulance.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Linden to:
'Accept Balance and Budget Percentage report dated February 28, 2013 as submitted'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Disbursements –

Total disbursements were \$194,722.72 of which \$6,192.59 was for the HRA.

Linden questioned the Office Depot for \$999.96. Chief stated this was for office chairs for the Shift/Radio Rooms.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Stalcup to:
'Approve the expenditures dated 02/01-02/28/2013 in the amount of \$194,722.72'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Consent Agenda Items –

Balloon Payment for Oshkosh Capital - Chief stated he choose to pay it off early so we can save \$943.77. The total is \$331,444.51, and the check is coming out of the truck account and Bank of Montgomery.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Linden to:
'Approve the item listed on the March 2013 Consent Agenda in the amount of \$331,444.51'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Trustees report –

Trustee Lehman stated he appreciates everyone's well wishes and his intentions are to remain on the Board as long as he lives in Sugar Grove.

Report from Chief and Command –

Chief stated DC Perkins handed out the operations report, it should be self-explanatory.

Chief stated that we were picketed out front by the Painters Union, but there were no problems. The painting has been finished in the building.

Graphics on the ARFF truck should be finished sometime this week.

Commissioners met – DC Perkins put a comment on this in his operations report.

Linden questioned DC Perkins on how the program is going. DC Perkins stated it is going well, there is an increase in people coming back when there is a call, and the POCs have definitely stepped up and helped out.

Lehman questioned on the grant - on how long we ride it out before we write it off or assume we don't have to return it. Flaherty stated that we cannot write it off until we get a letter from the government saying we don't need to pay it. Flaherty stated that he will look into it.

Attorney's report –

Legislation – all bills need to be out of committee by next week. Flaherty state he will know more in April.

Old Business –

Tri-Com – Chief reiterated what was discussed last month for Trustee Lehman. Tri-Com will assume and take over our radio infrastructure on the signing of the agreement in exchange for providing a microwave link from Tri-Com to the Prestbury tower. Chief stated that we have pretty much everything completed. Chief stated that Lehman asked for the transition costs; Annual fees for dispatch are in draft budget, one-time cost to Miner Electronics of \$16,075 is a 50/50 split; there is a little more work on the N. Aurora system, so it will be 50/50 unless it comes back that it is really offset. Tri-Com dispatch fees we pay up-front, with a one-time reserve of \$6,047.00. Net Motion is for new licenses. Tri-Com Board has approved it, but won't sign until they get a document from FEMA. Lehman asked Chief for clarification: the microwave connection that Tri-Com is going to responsible for, does it have a dollar figure, when Chief sated it was huge, what does he estimate it to be value wise to us. Chief stated the T1-line was going to be over \$1000 a month, and the microwave installation link was 25-30K. Ruchaj stated that we are still waiting on the other approvals, so we don't necessarily have to move on it tonight. Chief stated that we do have to approve and sign it tonight.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

“Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Communication Services with Tri-Com dated March 18, 2013’

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Bond Refunding –

This does not have to be moved on until January. Chief will bring proposals in June.

Draft Budget – Still working on.

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Stalcup questioned how the energy study went – Chief stated they were here last month. Parson stated that he spent about 3 hours with the gentlemen, and he said that he will be back with a report.

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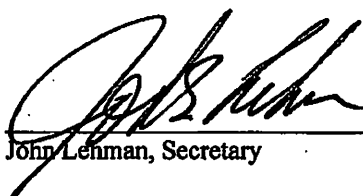
Nothing heard

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Stalcup to:

“Adjourn at 7:30pm”

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,


John Lehman, Secretary


Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary