

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

DATE: November 21, 2013
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Trustee Linden absent, Trustee Fagel deployed.

Approval of Minutes-

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:
'Approve October 21, 2013 open session meeting minutes'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:
'Approve October 21, 2013 closed session meeting minutes and open them.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Treasurers Report –

Total cash on hand - \$3,084,415.40. Half way through fiscal year – at 44%, we are 6% under budget. Lehman questioned if we attribute anything to the recovery of incident fees. Chief stated that the recovery company that bills for us has been pretty successful in getting payments. Lehman would like a report of how many incidents this relates to.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:
'Approve the October 2013 account balance and budget percentage report as submitted.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Expenditures – Chase Checking \$184,969.79 – Chase HRA \$1,692.25 – Total \$186,662.04.

Ruchaj questioned if the Chicago International Trucks was for the ambulance repairs. Chief stated yes.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Wojciechowski to:
'Approve the Expenditures for October 2013 in the amount of \$186,662.04.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Consent Agenda Items –

Foreign Fire Tax Fund - \$12,724.12 – this is from the Illinois Municipal League that needs to be disbursed to the Foreign Fire Fund.

Emergency Maintenance Apparatus – \$1,963.53 – this is for the annual pump tests, and miscellaneous repair parts.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Wojciechowski to:
'Accept consent agenda for items purchased in November 2013'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Report from Chief and Command –

Chief talked about the Montgomery TIF meeting. Existing property owners EAV will be frozen, talked about background EAV to go back to taxing districts. The Village thought this might be fair and will take to Board.

Hammond has no interest in annexing into Montgomery Village, and because of this, the impact is very minimal for Sugar Grove Fire. Final vote scheduled for Jan 19.

ARFF Truck – did not happen for Nov 1. No emergency lights – doing in-house. About \$6000.00 invested in vehicle. Should be operational within the next couple of weeks.

Operation Report – DC Perkins – 91 calls in October, down from 2012.

Kane County has extended their fiber network throughout the county. School district is bringing it from WCC to the middle school and now thinking of running it to Shields through 30 and Municipal Dr., which the district might be able to tap on to, that would link us to Tri-Com and other municipalities on fiber.

New Business –

Compliance Report – Due annually – this is their recommendation to levy. Lehman questioned if we could levy a higher amount. Chief stated we can levy whatever we want. Ruchaj stated if we adopt the lower figure we can actually pay the higher amount.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Accept Municipal Compliance Report for the year end dated April 30, 2013 for the Sugar Grove Firefighters Pension Fund’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Levy - Legislature allowed EAV on Ambulance increase from .70 to .80. If we levy what was proposed we will be at 7.8% or 7.9%, we will be against the cap; if the EAV falls we could lose revenue. Shawn’s recommendation was to put the \$301,836.00 in the levy.

It was approved by Lehman and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Approve as submitted Ordinance 2013-04 Levying and Assessing Taxes for the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Andres Medical Billing – new contract is 1% less.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Approve the Ambulance Billing Agreement dated November 1, 2013 with Andres Medical Billing’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Sikich LLP – Annual agreement with Sikich, they did not do an agreement last year, so prices stayed the same as year before. Lehman questioned how much they went up, chief stated he does not have that with him, but does not think it is more than 10%.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Accept the contract dated November 14, 2013 for rates and service from Sikich, LLP for the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

No closed session.

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD – None heard

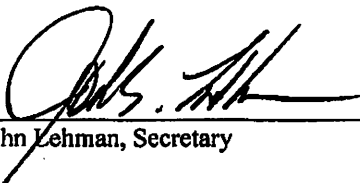
Public to Address the Board - None heard

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

‘Adjourn at 11:50am’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



John Lehman, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary