

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

DATE: April 21, 2014
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

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

GUESTS: Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Attorney Tim Hoppa

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Fagel deployed.

Approval of Minutes-

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Ruchaj to:
'Approve March 21, 2014 open session meeting minutes'

Roll Call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Wojciechowski to:
'Approve March 21, 2014 closed session meeting minutes and keep them closed'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Correspondence –

President Ruchaj stated that he received correspondence for the open trustee position.

Treasurers Report –

Operations Account – \$1,767,422.63, Construction Account - \$532,751.11, Total \$2,300,173.74
16% under budget with truck money included; without truck money at 8% under.
Received the \$26,000 State Fire Marshal Grant. IPRF – 2 grants showed up in this fiscal year.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Linden to:
'Accept the March 2014 Budget Percentage Report and Balance Sheet'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Expenditures –

Chase Checking - \$204151.57, Chase HRA - \$14,353.71- Total expenditures \$218,505.28.
Linden questioned Accurate Equipment and Truck Repair – Chief Kunkel stated that this was for brakes on the medic. Linden questioned what the payment to MacDonald was for – Chief Kunkel stated it was class reimbursement. Lehman questioned why the Chase HRA account keeps fluctuating. Chief Kunkel stated that this is the account the deductibles come out of. Linden questioned the payment to Montgomery Police – Chief Kunkel stated that this is the final payment for dispatch.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Wojciechowski to
'Approve the Expenditures for March 2014 in the amount of \$218,505.28'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Consent Agenda Items –

Chief Kunkel - \$31,863.72, this is the final payout for unused vacation and sick time for Chief Kunkel, he stated that he gave the board a document of all time taken.

Foreign Fire Fund –

The Fire Store - \$1,110.00 – True North Rectangular Mask Bag

It was motion by Lehman and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Approve the Consent Agenda for April 2014’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Report from Chief and Command –

Operations report – up in calls for March, continuing to raise, 130 over since last year at this time.
Minor fire at laundry mat in SG, and provided mutual aid to Batavia for their Foundry facility that had a fire.
Research for new engine- doing due diligence.

New POCs are progressing in early portion of training – did lose one, but this is the time that they decide if this is the career for them.

Attorney’s report –

Minimum Manning bill passed the House, is sitting in Senate.
A bill that would require FPDs to bid on anything over \$20,000 passed unanimously in the Senate.
Fire Authority passed House – will be admitted to the Senate.

Old Business –

10a) Draft Budget – any changes are highlighted in yellow. Training - trying to have a better account on reimbursements. Full time people should be finished with all required classes this budget year.

Looking at around \$27,000 over actual income for this fiscal year’s budget.

Impact fees for Montgomery are exhausted, Foxmoore and Fairfield subdivisions are completely built out.

10b) Dauberman Road Extension – Ruchaj questioned if Sugar Grove passed their amended support. Chief stated he did not know. Ruchaj stated he has some background information on this, the State Representative is looking for all the effective districts to say we support this, so he can bring it down state.

Chief Kunkel stated that Chief Ruh from Big Rock asked if we could support it.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

‘Approve Resolution No. 2014-01 ‘A Resolution Supporting Improvements to US 30, Dugan, Dauberman and Granart Roads’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

New Business –

11a) Discussion of the Appointment to the Foreign Fire Tax Board – State statute requires the fire chief to be on the board – tabled

11b) Retirement party for Chief – John Lehman stated that he would like to have a party for Chief Kunkel for his retirement. No alcohol will be purchased with funds from the district, not to exceed \$3000.

It was motioned by Lehman and seconded by Linden to:

‘Approve funds not to exceed \$3000 for a retirement party for Chief Kunkel, no alcohol will be purchased with these funds’

Roll call vote – Lehman –Yes, Linden – Yes, Ruchaj – Yes, Wojciechowski – No.
Motion Carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

'Go into closed session to discuss Chiefs contract for Deputy Chief, labor negotiations with Local 4748 and complaint by employee and request for leave of absence.

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

'Go back into open session at 8:17pm'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Ruchaj stated no action was taken on items 12b labor negotiations with Local 4748 and 12c complaint by an employee and request for leave of absence.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Lehman to:

'Approve the Chief contract for DC Perkins to the position of Fire Chief for a 3-year contract beginning May 1, 2014 and ending on April 30, 2017, subject to a clean copy.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

'Appoint Chief Perkins to the Foreign Fire Board effective May 1, 2014.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Lehman stated that this is an interesting time when you have Chief Kunkel transitioning with the new Chief Perkins, Kunkel has served just over nine years and Lehman appreciates the service he gave to this community. Lehman and Ruchaj also thanked him for his service.

Lehman questioned how his replacement happens. Flaherty stated that this board needs to appoint a replacement within 60 days of the vacancy, it will need to be done by the July meeting. This is done by a majority vote of the remaining trustees. Linden questioned has this changed. Flaherty stated this is how it always has been.

Public to Address the Board

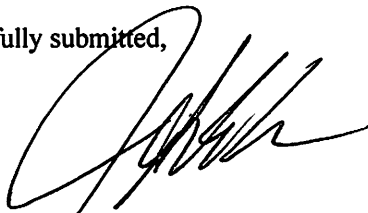
None heard

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by seconded by Lehman to:

'Adjourn at 8:24pm'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



John Lehman, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary