

**Sugar Grove Fire Protection District
Trustee's Meeting
Open Minutes**

DATE: September 15, 2014
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

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

GUESTS: Attorneys Shawn Flaherty, Tim Hoppa

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Wojciechowski absent

Approval of Minutes-

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Approve the open session minutes of August 14, 2014, with amendment to change Fagel from absent to deployed’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Approve the closed session minutes of August 14, 2014, with amendment to add Fagel as deployed, and keep them closed’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Elect Trustee Fagel as Secretary Pro-Tem’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Treasurers Report-

Operations Account - \$1,887,927.66, Construction Account - \$545,216.99, Total - \$2,433,154.11.

More than a quarter of the way through the year, budget is at 34%. Payout of the truck, otherwise would be less than 25%.

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Accept the August 2014 Budget Percentage Report and Balance Sheet’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Expenditures-

Chase Checking - \$363,891.98, Chase HRA - \$3845.10, Total expenditures - \$367,737.08.

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Approve the Expenditures for August 2014 in the amount of \$367,737.08’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Consent Agenda-

Pomp's Tires \$2,460.25 Replace 901 Tires

Midwest Seal Coat – 5457.00- Seal coat and stripe parking lot

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Ruchaj to:

‘Accept the Consent Agenda dated September 2014’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Report from Fire Chief and Command-

Call Summary Report – 75 calls in August – just under on total calls from last year at this time.

2014 Calls to date - 822, 2013 Calls to date same reporting period – 660.

Attorney Report –

Attorneys mentioned 3 bills that have been signed and are now in effect.

Synopsis AS INTRODUCED added by Secretary pro tem from ILGA.gov website:

HB 4418,

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Prohibits a city or village that owns, operates, or maintains any fire protection or advanced life support services facility from ceasing the operation and maintenance of these facilities unless the proposed cessation is first submitted to the voters by referendum. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Prohibits a city or village that owns, operates, or maintains any fire protection or advanced life support services facility that is located in whole or in part within or adjacent to the corporate limits of a fire protection district from ceasing the operation and maintenance of these facilities unless the proposed cessation is first submitted to the voters by referendum. Sets forth requirements and referendum language for the dissolution. Provides for the transfer of services, operations, facilities, rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, employees and responsibilities of the dissolved fire department to the fire protection district designated by the referendum. Effective immediately.

HB 5856

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that upon a majority vote of the board of trustees in favor of the proposition to annex or consolidate the district, the district shall cease. Provides that on the effective date of the annexation or consolidation, all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, indebtedness, obligations, bonding authority, taxing authority, and responsibilities of the district shall vest in and be assumed by the governmental unit assuming the functions of the former district.

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that the voters of a fire protection district may vote to simultaneously dissolve and consolidate the district into an adjoining fire protection district. Requires the board of trustees of the adjoining district to accept by resolution the former fire protection district's territory prior to the effective date of the simultaneous dissolution and consolidation.

SB 1681

Creates the Unified Fire Protection District Act. Provides the purpose of the Act and definitions. Provides that a Unified Fire Protection District may be formed either by referendum or intergovernmental agreement, and sets forth requirements for each method of formation. Provides for a Planning Committee, its formation, powers, and duties with regard to the Plan. Provides guidelines for the Plan that shall design, finance, and develop the new District. Provides for the board of trustees of the Unified Fire Protection District and their duties, powers, and obligations with regard to the District. Further provides for employees, contracts, tax levy, indebtedness, and liabilities of the formerly separate units of local government now consolidated into a Unified Fire Protection District. Provides for the dissolution of the District by referendum. Effective immediately.

The attorneys will provide a final synopsis in a future article being prepared for distribution.

Old Business –

All old business is tabled until next month –

New Business –

Audit Report-

Presentation by Miriani and Associates Annual Financial Report ended April 30, 2014

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:

‘Approve the Audit report presented by Miriani & Associates Dated 4-30-14’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

‘Accept resignation letter dated August 24, 2014 by district employee’

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:
'Go into closed session at 7:37pm'

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:
'Go back into open session at 7: 44 pm'

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried

Ruchaj stated no action was taken in closed session.

Any Other Matters that May Lawfully Come Before the Board:

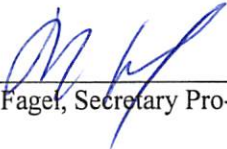
None heard

Public to Address the Board-

None heard

It was motioned by Ruchaj and seconded by Linden to:
'Adjourn at 7:44pm'

Roll Call Vote – Motion Carried



Mike Fagel, Secretary Pro-tem



Paula Lacey – Recording Secretary