

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

**DATE:** April 13, 2015  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Sugar Grove Fire Station

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

**GUESTS:** Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Attorney Tim Hoppa

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call** – Trustee's Ruchaj and Wojciechowski absent.

**Approval of Minutes-**

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:  
'Approve the March 23, 2015 open session meeting minutes'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:  
'Approve the March 23, 2015 closed session meeting minutes'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Linden and Seconded by Fagel to:  
'Approve Trustee Guddendorf as Secretary Pro-tem'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Correspondence –**

Chief Perkins stated all trustees should have received a letter from the Village relating to the TIF District #2.

A citizen approached Chief Perkins about buying the parcels off Denny Rd. – After much discussion the district has decided they have no interest in selling the property. Chief Perkins will advise the interested citizen of this decision.

Trustee Fagel read the letter from Village President Sean Michels concerning the TIF District #2. That letter is attached to these minutes. Trustee Fagel stated he believes this letter is flawed, as they use the word may, which does not mean it will happen. Attorney Hoppa stated that it is possible to enter into a binding agreements with respect as to how the TIF is going to be handled, but this letter is not an offer to do that.

Fagel handed out pictures of buildings in the TIF #2 area, and pictures of what he believes are real blighted areas. These pictures are attached to these minutes.

Trustee Fagel questioned if Brent Eichelberger contacted Chief Perkins. Chief stated he asked for statistics on properties. Chief is gathering the information requested by the Village to help work at a solution to the TIF District issues, but advised him it will be a lengthy process. Chief advised that the district gets about 92% of its revenue from property taxes.

Fagel stated that the Sugar Grove Township is now in opposition to the TIF District #2.

**Treasurers Report – Date to be corrected to 03/31/15 on Balance Sheet**

Operations Account – \$1,827,028.47, Construction Account - \$550,992.85, Total \$2,378,021.32

At 73% with just April to go.

Guddendorf questioned the 2% money, asked if it is a pass thru. Chief stated yes, we issue a check to the FF Board as soon as the money is received.

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Linden to:

‘Accept the March 2015 Budget Percentage Report and Balance Sheet’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Expenditures –**

Chase Checking - \$176,685.75, Chase HRA - \$8,596.85 Total expenditures \$185,282.60

Guddendorf questioned City of Geneva and Commonwealth Edison

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the Expenditures for March 2015 in the amount of \$185,282.60’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Consent Items –**

Foreign Fire –

Multiple Vendors for Kitchen Utensils – not to exceed \$500.00

Superior Knife – Knife Sharpening Service - \$260.00

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the Consent Agenda for the two items from the Foreign Fire Fund for April 2015 not to exceed \$760.00’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Report from Chief and Command –**

Call summary report was given to Trustees – 92 calls for the month of March – up 2 calls from last year.

Chief advised Trustees of barn fire. BC Warner gave overview of the fire.

Chief Perkins discussed the ambulance fees – Chief would check on rates from surrounding area.

**POC/Full Time Training** – Revamping the training. 20hours training per month, can combine with training from other departments. – State requires 20 hours a month, will stick with that. Wednesday night training starting in May will be 2 nights a month, with a high quality drill on the weekend. Sharing of gear when employees work on other departments.

**Attorney’s report** – Hoppa talked about consolidation of Fire Departments – County Board has the power to do so.

**Old Business –**

TIF – Public meeting to be held at Village of Sugar Grove on April 21 at 7pm. Discussion was held on the TIF and the concerns of the district. Fagel requests a letter sent to the Village regarding the letter sent to the district and the concerns the district has. Attorney recommends a meeting between the district and village.

Fee Ordinance – Chief Perkins still getting information – tabled.

Post-retirement Healthcare – tabled.

**New Business –**

New Board starts May 18, 2015.

Chief Perkins stated we need a new phone system – would like to send the Village of Montgomery a letter to see if the monies can come out of Montgomery Impact Fees – 18% of call volume comes from that area. Cost \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Fagel thanked John Guddendorf for his service and stepping in at a difficult time. Fagel also thanked Chris Ruchaj for his service.

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Go into closed session for discussion of Labor Negotiations at 8:27pm’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Go back in open session at 9:05pm’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

No Action was taken in closed session.

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

**None**

**Public to Address the Board**

**None**

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Fagel to:

“Adjourn at 9:07pm’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Guddendorf, Secretary Pro-Tem

  
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Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary