

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

**DATE:** May 18, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call** – Trustee Ruchaj absent

**Approval of Minutes-**

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the open session meeting minutes of April 13, 2015’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 13, 2015 and keep them closed’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the special open session meeting minutes of April 28, 2015’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Linden to:

‘Approve the special closed session meeting minutes of April 28, 2015 and keep them closed’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Correspondence –**

John Guddendorf stated he appreciates that everyone accepted him for the last 6 months, he learned a lot about the fire service and he thanked everyone for making him feel at home.

At this time Trustee Fagel presented Trustee Guddendorf a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the department and the community. Trustee Fagel also had a certificate for outgoing Trustee Ruchaj who was not present at the meeting.

**Treasurers Report –**

Operations Account – \$1,668,751.30, Construction Account - \$551,002.26, Total \$2,219,753.56  
Budget at 77% at the end of the fiscal year, this had into account the \$490k that was supposed to be expended on apparatus, which was not, if it was expended it would have been at 89%, still 11% under budget.

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

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

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Expenditures –**

Chase Checking - \$173,601.25, Chase HRA - \$4,878.06 Total expenditures \$178,479.31

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Approve the Expenditures for April 2015 in the amount of \$178,479.31’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Consent Agenda –**

MES - \$1,155.40 – Uniform shirts – stock

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the Consent Agenda for May 2015’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Linden to:

‘Move Item #11 (swearing in of new trustees and election of officers) to this point in time’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

At this time Attorney Flaherty Swore in David Blankenship and Harry Davis as new trustees.

**Election of Officers –**

President:

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Elect Trustee Fagel as President’

**Discussion: Attorney Flaherty asked if there are any more motions for President.**

It was motioned by Wojciechowski and seconded by Blankenship to:

‘Elect Trustee Blankenship as President’

Vote on election for Fagel for President – Blankenship-NO, Davis-YES, Fagel-YES, Linden-YES, Wojciechowski-NO. Motion Passes. No vote on second motion.

Secretary:

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Wojciechowski to:

‘Elect Trustee Wojciechowski as Secretary’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Treasurer:

It was motioned by Wojciechowski and seconded by Blankenship to:

‘Elect Trustee Linden as Treasurer’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Report from Chief and Command –**

Call Summary – April 93 calls, down 3 calls from last year.

**Attorney’s report –**

Attorney Flaherty welcomed the new Trustees.

Pension overturned by the Illinois Supreme Court. Skipped the Appellate Court, went straight to Supreme.

Legislative Report – Two Bills pending; House Bill 695 and House Bill 699. Both these bills will do negative for taxing bodies. It will put every taxing body in the state on a tax cap. Stating in 2015 levy there will be no CPI, it is 0%. The only way around it would be to go to referendum. It does not address TIFs, merged districts or new growth. Why two bills? One bill applies to home rule municipalities the other does not. 699 exempts home rule, 695 does not. Amendments have passed, but the Bills have not.

Naden hearing starts tomorrow – first day of testimony.

**Old Business –**

Discussion was held on the TIF #2 that was passed by the Sugar Grove Village Board. The District tried to negotiate with the Village and have an IGA signed by both boards, the Village Board declined the proposal.

Items 10b Establishment of a Fee Ordinance and 10c Post-retirement Healthcare Funding Plan are tabled.

It was motioned by Linden and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Go in to closed session at 7:43pm for discussion of Possible/Probable Litigation.’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Davis to:

‘Go back in open session at 8:17pm’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

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

None

**Public to Address the Board**

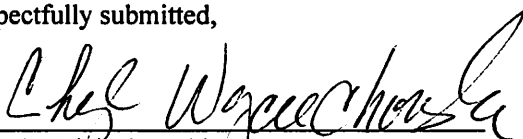
None

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Linden to:

‘Adjourn at 8:19pm’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Wojciechowski, Secretary

  
Paula Lasey, Recording Secretary