

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

DATE: September 25, 2017
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

Board of Trustees: Mike Fagel, President
David Linden, Treasurer
John Guddendorf, Jr., Secretary
David Blankenship, Trustee
Harry Davis, Trustee

GUESTS: Chief Perkins,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – All Trustees present

Trustee Fagel swore in Brad Sauer as Commissioner to finish the term of Rick Sander.

Old Business –

Airport Contract Fees – Copy of contract given to Trustees. (Fagel) impact fees of .24 sq. ft. (Perkins) only on new construction, no new construction only remodeling. (Fagel) fee structure reevaluated every five years, put on work list. Airport Aircraft Incident Recovery fee? (Perkins) looking for one that is specific for the airport. (Fagel) responsible for Quad cities vehicles. (Perkins) small is the original, large is different. Prior to 2012 City of Aurora has stopped paying of maintenance for vehicles. (Fagel) Table keep on agenda.

Ambulance Billing – (Perkins) a third billing service came in and dropped off info. Does board want all three to come in. (Board) schedule all three at different times, common questions for all.

Ambulance Purchase – (Bob Baxa - Osage) had the floor to discuss the quote and any concerns with Osage. Quote included everything asked for, 8-year/ 200000 mile Ford warranty, after 36 months would be \$100 deductible. Multiplex wiring, computers by Welden. Believes price was the lowest, with the best warranty. Ambulance could be here month of January. Osage ambulance is a 2017 F450. Cost of \$256,271. (Fagel) offer trade-in/amount (Baxa) yes, will do but was never discussed. (Fagel) prepay discount (Baxa) very little, 1%.

(Fagel) quotation from Foster Coach – 2017 F550, total cost \$270,304 with trade-in and prepaid discount. Keeping with motion from last week, safest ambulance, would like to entertain a motion for acceptance of bid with two items: \$270,304 with all options as listed.

(Jeff LeBeda - Fire Service Incorporated representing Wheeled Coach and Road Recue Ambulance) – Supplied information to district, warranty is 25 years, uses Welden and Multiplex. June 19 was at SGFD board meeting, when board stated they will have Chief go out to bid. Subsequent board meetings up until September, there has not been discussion further of the bid. Since June 19 has there been a list provided to Osage and Foster Coach, which has not been sent to Fire Service Inc. (Fagel) has not seen the documents, do they have air bags in rear approved passenger compartment. (LeBeda) No, to say they are the safety vehicle in the industry is highly suggestive. Two rollover test have been done in the last 60 days, Foster Coach has yet to do either of the live crash tests. LeBeda continued his discussion stating the positives of his ambulance. Trustees were given copies of the documents from Wheeled Coach and Road Rescue. (Perkins) LeBeda brought in demos and forwarded information when the district was looking at demo ambulances. It was decided that demos would cost more than to go out and bid. The intension was to go out to

bid. (LeBeda) was there a point in time that the Bob and PJ were given a set of criteria to build an ambulance with. (Fagel) No criteria list, spoke with attorney who suggested to look at the bidding documents North Central, at that point decided to go with the North Central bid product. (PJ Foster) Horton vehicle, what sets them apart from the other vehicles, only ones with airbags, deploy at a 45 degree angle not 90. Been in business since 1957 – 3rd generation family owned business. (Blankenship) table for a week in order to look at LeBeda's specs.

(Perkins) two weeks. (Fagel) would like to call in question the bid from Horton in front of them now. If going to bid, then spend a difficult time, Horton is a state bid, a Northwest bid, is this ambulance meets the qualifications of what the district wants. (Perkins) The Horton ambulance met the specs. (Davis) did LeBeda get a fair chance. (Perkins) the Board directed him to go out to bid, which would have given them all the same opportunity, but it got switched from going out to bid to direct to buy under the Northwestern bid for the Horton. (Blankenship) understand Fagel has a question on the table, but a couple weeks won't hurt. (Fagel) that would take us out of the Northwest bid packet and put us in an open bidding. (Fagel) question on the floor, does he have a second – Motion to entertain the bid of the Horton under the NWSPC State bid as presented and specifications as gone over by the committee. Discussion continued.

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Linden to:
'Accept Horton as State bid'

Roll Call – Fagel – Yes, Linden – Yes, Blankenship – No, Davis – No, Guddendorf – Yes. Motion Carried.

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Davis to:
"Accept the price of \$270,304.00, paint scheme black over red"

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Discussion continued on the specs and drawings of the ambulance.

New Business –

Management Consultant – Fagel handed a quote for a management consultant in the amount of \$2000. Completion 4-6 weeks. Same vendor who will be doing the COOP Planning. Will be \$1500 as COOP Planning is part of this is. (FF Olmstead –public - requested a copy of the quote). (Fagel) this is to look at best practices, planning structure, risk management, cross functionality. (Linden) move to accept this. (FF Miner - public) knows who Greg Benson is - have never heard of this company, multiple companies all over the Chicagoland area, has any other company been looked into. (Fagel) Yes, \$14,000 was lowest bid found. (Fagel) question is before the board. (Blankenship) Board taken on a lot of things lately. Board committed to give Chief the opportunity and with a list of performance goals that need to be addressed. Before bringing in an outside firm telling what is wrong, [Blankenship] made a commitment to this Board, this town, and to that man (Chief Pekins) to give him an opportunity, don't think we need to add more to the pot. Address what we have put before this department and take it a step at a time - the more that is put in this, he is going to fail, and we are going to fail. (Davis) agrees - confusing the issue. (Fage) table. (Perkins) appreciates the opportunity to address the issues.

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Linden to:
'Go in to closed session at 7:02pm for discussion of goals/performances on specific employees of the district'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Davis to:
'Go back in open session at 8:14pm'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

No action taken in closed session

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None

Public to Address the Board

FF Cahill – President of the Local, along with FF Miner, FF Blazina, and FF Olmstead – the Union E-Board – wanted to go on record to state that they would like the board to give a little more thought to the management consultant, look at more than just one, feels his track record is not the best, realizing price is always the option, looking for what is best for the district. Supports that the board wants to work with the Chief, the union wants to work with the chief also, and work to make things better. (Blankenship) this was something that was just bounced around, does not want to spend money frivolously.

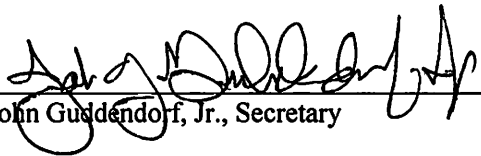
Starting to accomplish things, putting trust into the chief, will do everything they can to help, cause if he fails, the Board fails. (Fagel) goal of the trustees is to help the Fire Fighters do the best job they can, give them the tools, the training, to help those that dial 911.

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Linden to:

“Adjourn at 8:19pm”

Roll call vote – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



John Guddendorf, Jr., Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary