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

DATE:

March 14, 2018

TIME:

6:00 pm

PLACE:

Sugar Grove Fire Station

Board of Trustees:

Mike Fagel, President

John Guddendorf, Secretary Dave Linden, Treasurer

Dave Blankenship, Trustee (absent)

Harry Davis, Trustee

Guests: Chief Perkins, Assistant Chief Parson, BC Warner, BC Moran

The special meeting was to begin a dialogue with officers and trustees coming up with a strategic plan for the Sugar Grove Fire District. Trustee Fagel began the meeting asking all participants to write down the 3 most important issues that would be before the fire district in the next 5 years. Top three were money, labor and new funding. Next Trustee Fagel asked each person in the group to give a solution to fix a problem existing in the fire district presently. The answers varied amongst the participants but all were around the financial concerns of the fire district.

There was talk about future fire site locations, purchase of fire apparatus and consolidation with surrounding fire districts.

These 2 questions brought a wide range of conversation with all present contributing to the group session.

Some of the topics of conversation were:

- Future expansion in the district of satellite stations for fire and/or ambulance service.
- Future purchase of new equipment and property for still district expansion.
- Concern of lack of impact fees for the district and public awareness about them.
- How TIF's will affect the district's financial growth in the future. And having the taxpayer understand the hardships a TIF puts on the district and the fire district's taxpayers.
- Community involvement and understanding the need for a tax increase in the future to continue existing services.

Discussion on these issues went on for some time. The meeting then was adjourned.

Adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John እGuddendorf, J

Secretary Sugar Grove Fire Protection District