

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

**DATE:** March 15, 2021  
**TIME:** 5:30 pm  
**PLACE:** Sugar Grove Fire Station

**Board of Trustees:** David Blankenship – President  
John Guddendorf, Jr. – Secretary  
Harry Davis – Treasurer  
Mike Fagel – Trustee  
Tim Cicero – Trustee

**GUESTS:** Chief Perkins, Attorney Shawn Flaherty

**Roll Call –** Trustee Blankenship - absent

**Public to Address the Board –** None

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Appoint Trustee Fagel as President Pro-tem’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes –**

It was motioned by Davis and seconded by Guddendorf to:  
‘Approve the February 15, 2021 open session meeting minutes.’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Approve the closed session minutes for September 21, 2020, December 21, 2020, and  
January 5, 2021 and keep them closed’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Treasurers Report –**

**Approval of Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports**

Operating Fund – \$3,857,301.16, Capital Account – \$1,304,528.75, Total – \$5,161,829.91

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Approve the February 2021 Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports.’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Approval of Expenditures –**

Chase Checking- \$246,907.59, Chase HRA-\$8,902.17, Total Expenditures-\$258,375.00

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Davis to:  
‘Approve the Expenditures for February 2021 in the amount of \$258,375.00’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Consent Agenda –**

Pomp’s Tires– tires for Engine 901 - \$3,419.82

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Approve the Consent Agenda Item for February 2021, in the amount of \$3,419.82.’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Trustees Report** – Trustee Guddendorf – his mom thanks the fire department for Saturday’s rescue. Trustee Cicero welcomed Lt. Miner back.

**Report of the Fire Chief** – 116 calls in February, up 30 from previous year. Monthly report is in packet.

Capital Plan has replacing an engine in 2022 and every 4-5 years an Ambulance. With the Cares Act funding this allows replacing these ahead of time. If moving forward with the engine – 10–14-month build – will go into the 2022-2023 budget year. Ambulance will be an 8–10-month build – 2021-2022 budget year – get approved in April, will be identical to the ambulance we have now – IL State Bid – can get a \$2500 discount by paying it early - will get a \$5000 trade-in on old ambulance, making it around \$277,000, the last one was about \$270,000 with trade-in. Warranty – believes it is a 7 year. Would like to put on agenda next month the approval of purchase of a Horton ambulance under the Illinois State bid spec Effective May 1, and use the Houston Galveston bid process for the engine which is a Sutphen. Discussion on new Engine – Fagel questioned why a Sutphen over a Pierce. Chief stated he had an apparatus committee that went over numerous rigs and this is the one they chose. Fagel questioned how many people in area have Sutphen, where are they serviced locally, what is their warranty, and how are they better than Pierce, he would like a list of the plus and minuses. Chief stated he will have BC Moran send a list out to all the trustees in advance of the next meeting. Chief would like this on the agenda for next month - Trustee Guddendorf stated to put it on next month’s agenda.

**Attorney’s report** – Lawsuit pending – between pension funds and governor and police and fire pension funds– this was filed in Kane County. Members of the pension funds are seeking class action – they are saying it is unconstitutional for the government to form these two investment funds; it is weakening individual investment authority of the membership. Assessment fees are also being challenged.

Cherry Valley is holding a Trustees training – in person or online – March 22.

Fire Gambling – trying to make it legal – raffles.

SB2150 – change the exemptions – people over 35 that had previous employment can become a full-time FF.

HB3635 – cannot use PFAS Foam for training.

HB212 - AFFI – wants to expand who can be in the Union.

HB220 – Fireworks legislation – SG fire works display can be considered novelty – which will open door for more fireworks in Illinois.

**Old Business** –

**Updating Door Access Control System** – Tabled

**Amendments to FSA Amount Changes and Carryover of unused Funds for 2020** – this was discussed at last month’s meeting, amendment was drafted and this one is ready for approval.

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:

‘Approve the Amendment to The Sugar Grove Fire Protection District Cafeteria Plan With Health Flexible Spending Arrangement’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**New Business** –

**Engineering Fees for Training Facility** – moving forward with getting soil samples and concrete bidding. Shawn reviewed it – standard bid. Total cost for fees are \$2,234.

Cicero questioned if this is just the sampling. Cicero questioned if we are on a swamp. Trustee Guddendorf explained the process of soil boring.

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the \$2234 for the Engineering Fees’

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Bidding/Purchase of Extrication Equipment** – Chief would like to go out to bid – early April – with a bid opening April 19 at the next board meeting. Discussion continued on the extrication equipment including discussion on untethered and tethered.

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Guddendorf to:  
'Go out to Bid for Extrication Equipment.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

**Closed Session**

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:  
'Go into Closed Session At 6:40pm to for The Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes and Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

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

Roll call vote – Motion carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:  
"Open the Following Closed Session Minutes: July 21, 2014 – August 18, 2014 – May 18, 2015 – July 18, 2016 – November 21, 2016 – December 16, 2016 – January 15, 2018 – July 16, 2018 – July 15, 2019 – August 26, 2019 – February 17, 2020 – May 18, 2020 – June 15, 2020 – July 20, 2020 – September 21, 2020 – December 21, 2020 and January 5, 2021'

Roll call vote – Motion carried

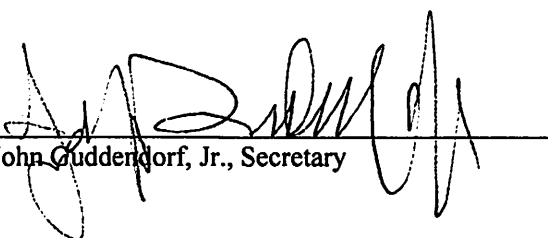
**ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Destruction of tapes – put on agenda for next month.  
Cicero would like the 10–15-year timeline for Rigs – Chief will have next month.

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:  
'Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.'

Roll call vote – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Guddendorf, Jr., Secretary

  
Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary