

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

DATE: October 4, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Sugar Grove Fire Station

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

Call to Order 5:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call – All Trustees present

Public Comment –

Trustee Cicero read correspondence from Local 4748 – see attached.

Closed Session -

It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Cicero to go into closed session at 5:40pm

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carried

It was motioned by Guddendorf and Seconded by Blankenship to go back into open session at 6:41pm

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor – Motion Carried

No action was taken in Closed Session

Old Business –

Outside Consultant – Tabled

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD-

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Lamela to adjourn at 6:44pm.

All in favor – Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy Cicero, Secretary

October 4, 2021

To the Sugar Grove Board of Trustees,

Professional Firefighters Local 4748 is writing this letter to you to express our concerns regarding things that happened at the board meeting on the night of September 27, 2021. We felt the Sugar Grove Professional Firefighters were let down by the people who make our financial decisions and who should have the best interests for the future of the district at heart. Countless examples of vulgar language and inappropriate behavior were displayed by the board; not to mention, a probationary firefighter who was hired less than a month ago was in attendance and witnessed these behaviors. This cannot continue.

As many of you stated, we need to work as a team to accomplish one goal and to provide the highest quality of service to the citizens that we protect. Without teamwork and professionalism, we have no business providing care to our residents. The Local is open to any further discussion related to building this district for the future. Everybody must be willing to work towards changes for the betterment of this district rather than keeping it status quo. Many of us have put a lot of our time and effort into making this district a "home" we can be proud of. This is our family. Everyone needs to be held accountable for their actions - Professional Firefighters Local 4748 wants to continue to make this place grow and we cannot afford to allow an atmosphere filled with so much animosity. Thank you for your time, and we are looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees in the future.

Sincerely,

Professional Firefighters Local 4748