

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

DATE: July 18, 2022
TIME: 6:00 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

GUESTS: Chief Moran, Attorney Flaherty

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Roll Call – All Trustees present

Bid Opening –

Concrete - two submittals – one by mail, one by email. The one by email will not be accepted – directions were not followed.

- Fabians Flooring Inc – \$82,000
- This bid came by email, will not be accepted – Industrious Garage LLC - \$88,725
- Area is 110x75
- Quote 2 years ago was \$100,000
- They must pay prevailing wage
- Over \$50,000 – required to bond the project

EMS Manikins – three submittals – all sealed

- CAE Healthcare Inc. - \$38,285
- DIA Medical USA - \$17,450
- Laerdal - \$34,712.98
- Low bid – did they miss something – needs to be reviewed

Public to address the Board – nothing heard

Approval of Minutes –

June 20, 2022, open

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:

‘Accept the open minutes as written’

Roll call vote – Blankenship, abstain - Motion carried

June 20, 2022, closed

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Accept as written, and keep them closed’

Roll call vote – Blankenship, abstain - Motion carried

Correspondence – nothing

**Treasurers Report –
Approval of Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports –**

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Lamela to:
‘Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports for June 2022.’**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Approval of Expenditures –

**It was motioned by Lamela and seconded by Guddendorf to:
‘Approve the Expenditures for June 2022’**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

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| Consent Agenda – | | |
| Crack Attack | Front Sidewalk, Remove and Replace | \$8,500.00 |
| Pomp’s | Front Tires - 8153 | \$1,506.98 |
| CDW-G | Smart Managed Pro Switch x6 | \$2,507.64 |
| Teburgge Engineer | Parking lot improvements | <u>\$2,757.00</u> |
| Total District | | <u>\$15,271.62</u> |

**It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Guddendorf to:
‘Approve the Consent Agenda Items’**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Trustees Reports – Nothing heard

Report of the Fire Chief –

- Air Force 2 – 2nd out ambulance staffed and in the motorcade from airport to YMCA in Plainfield
- Is there reimbursement for this – no – call for service
- Structure Fire in Montgomery – homeowner had most of outside fire extinguished – BK put rest out by roof line – our crew check for extension – no injuries – scene cleared at 3:30am
- Month of June 2022 – 122 calls – Month of June 2021 – 116 calls
- YTD 2022 – 739, YTD 2021 643 - increase of 96
- Entry Level Testing – 9 took it – 9 passed it – August 7 is oral interviews with commissioners – 3 of the 9 are FF/PM, one is a medic only
- Engine – scheduled to be complete by end of September – pick up first week of October go to Legacy Fire Apparatus to put in interior cabinets etc. – asked if we could have our engine go to IFC conference – they will give us an end of service warranty for free

Attorney’s report –

- Pritzker ordered an executive order on July 12 – to eliminate mandates for paramedic weekly testing of COVID – this does not mean a fire department can’t still require it
- Monies went out to former fire chief –
- Pension lawsuit has been appealed – stay was granted to plaintiffs who remained in case

Old Business –

Trustee Fagel amended agenda – New Business 14a

Sawyer/Falduto

- Fully allocated in terms of investments
- Keep cash for liquidity – paying close to 1%
- Slight loss in value for the month – this is not realized unless bonds are sold before maturity
- Projected income – a little over \$24,000 in income over the next year
- Disparity over quarter to quarter – most bonds pay every 6 months – in the end it's the same amount of money
- What is projected income and maturity – income plus the bonds that are maturing
- Are bonds usually sold after 6 months – will trade occasionally
- If need for cash – when bonds come due, will target the one-year or less investment
- Does not like to sell at a loss to reinvest for better interest – defeats the purpose
- Economic update – inflation at 8.6 went up to 9.1.

EMS Training Manikin –

Wide range of bids – approve lowest responsible bidder subject to compliance of specifications or table and have Chief review it. This is tabled, Chief will review bids.

Floor Coating on Bay Floors –

We can approve with only one bid –

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Guddendorf to:

'Approve the Bid Subject to Confirmation of Compliance to Specification'

Credit Card Act –

Trustee Fagel opened the hearing - Attendees of the meeting may make comments on the credit card act –

- Is there is a fee
- This just allows us to consider it
- We can contact a bank in the future
- We are just adopting it

Trustee Fagel closed the hearing.

It was motioned by Lamela and seconded by Blankenship to:

'Adopt the use of the Credit Card Act'

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Appointment of Fire Chief – Table until after closed

New Business –

Appointment of Commissioner –

Ross Scimeca would like to continue being a commissioner.

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagle to:

'Appoint Ross Scimeca as Commissioner for a 3-year term'

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Appointment of Pension Board Member –

- Two appointed members are Harry Davis and Bill Perkins
- Harry will continue
- Don't know of the discussion with Bill Perkins
- Will determine when his term is up by locating his appointment in the minutes.

This will be tabled until next month.

2023 GEMT Program –

Renewal of program that we are already involved in.

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:

‘Accept the renewal of the 2023 GEMT Program agreement’

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Appointment of Battalion Chief – After closed

Hiring of Full Time Firefighters – After closed

NFPA3000, Ballistic and PPE Protocols and Purchase of Equipment for Protection of Members –

- Trustee Fagel handed out a thumb drive with protocols
- Quote - Kits cost around \$1000
- Sizes? - One per seat – some large some small
- Vests are not assigned to individuals – they are assigned to seats
- Grants – there are general ones out there
- Good for 10 years – only replace inserts
- Chief Moran cannot in good faith send our people in an active shooter situation – not knowing who they are going in with or how they are trained.
- Henry Pratt – we were only set up in cold zones
- Table for 6 months – Trustee Fagel does not want to table for 6 months
- Do it correctly - 10 is not enough – there should be 30 on there – they are not one size fits all
- There needs to be training
- Fagel would like Moran to research and bring back next month
- Not providing accurate protection for everyone – could bring liabilities if something fails – women's vests have breast cups – can't put that on a man.
- Discussion continued with Trustees going back and forth

Recent Active Threat Events –

Trustee Fagel discussed the events in Uvalde and Buffalo that happened recently.

Closed Session –

The agenda missed 15 -

It was motioned at 7:07pm by Guddendorf and seconded by Blankenship to:

‘Go into closed session under 16(15)a, 16(15)b and 16(15)c’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Open Session – 8:40pm

Action taken in closed –

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Destroy all closed session recordings from January 18, 2021 or earlier’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Blankenship to:

‘Make a finding that no closed session minutes will be released’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

13D – old business

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Blankenship to:

‘Approve the contract with Brendan Moran for Fire Chief subject to final Attorney revisions’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Lamela to:

‘Approve the hiring of 3 full-time Firefighter Paramedics’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

14E is tabled

All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board – none heard

Adjourn – 8:44pm

Motioned by Lamela and seconded by Blankenship

All in favor - Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Cicero, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary