

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

DATE: October 24, 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

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Trustees Blankenship and Lamela absent

Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:
‘Open the Public Hearing’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Public to Address the Board – Hearing None:

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Cicero to:
‘Close the Public Hearing’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Public to Address the Board –

Dave Harrington from Sawyer/Falduto spoke on the investment performance report.

Approval of Minutes –
August 15, 2022, closed

It was motioned by Guddendorf to:
‘Accept the September 2022 open meeting minutes’

Trustee Fagel stated that we are approving the closed session minutes from August 15.

The motion was amended by Guddendorf to:
‘Accept the August 15, 2022 closed minutes and keep them closed’
And seconded by Cicero.

Roll call vote – All in favor– Motion carried

September 19, 2022 closed

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:
‘Accept them and keep them closed.’

Roll call vote – All in favor– Motion carried

September 19, 2022 open

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Accept the September 2022 open meeting minutes’

Roll call vote – All in favor– Motion carried

Treasurers Report –

Approval of Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports –

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual for September 2022.’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Approval of Expenditures –

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the Expenditures for September of 2022’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Consent Agenda –

District-NPN Flooring – Carpet Install - \$19,000

2% -The Home Depot – Shower Doors – not to exceed \$3000

Kutch Professional – Flat Top Grates for Stove – not to exceed \$200

Cafeteria Plan – Misc items for members - \$648.72

Grand Total - \$22,848.72

It was motioned by Guddendorf and seconded by Fagel to:

‘Approve them’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Trustees Reports –

Trustee Cicero stated that October is a very busy season with Pub Ed and he has seen the guys out there and knows it can be very taxing on everyone with the OT, but wanted to thank everyone.

Trustee Fagel attended the NIAFPD seminar in Lisle on October 22, 2022 – Trustee Fagel gave a handout on key points of the seminar.

Report of the Fire Chief –

- Chiefs report given to Trustees
- 127 calls for month of September 2022
- Total of 1111 from 01/01/-09/30
- Bay floors complete – received a \$1000 discount for bleed through of yellow striping
- New Engine is finished – punch list items going on
- Alternator going in Pierce engine – got it from manufacturer for \$2600 – Pierce wanted \$4600
- Gutter repair finished
- Back yard drainage – got permit from Village
- Home Depot Grant - \$17,300 – will cover:
 - Paint bunk rooms
 - Bay walls getting painted
 - Replace patio door
 - Landscaping project out front
 - Countertop for breakroom kitchen
 - Laminate flooring will be replaced throughout station
 - All labor is free

- Swot meeting – 15 of 25 members attended – BC Lopez wrote up narrative from all the bullet points – next meeting will be in November

Question on the lowest bid that came in –

- does it need to be rebid if it is not completed this year
- Attorney stated no - it was already awarded

Attorney's report –

- Election is November 8
- Summit took place – it is 13 fire service-related groups in state that goes over pieces of legislation
- 4 Bills passed as consensus Bills
 - One is to increase bids from \$20,000 to \$30,000
 - Pension Fund – some districts have not been able to add one
 - Sell real property with a regular appraisal instead of an MAI appraisal
 - Clarify existing law so we can hold reserve funds and other funds besides the Corporate funds

Old Business –

Truth in Taxation –

- Levy in the amount of \$3,928,639
- Increase of 7% over last year
- Expect to receive at least a 6% increase
- The Pension figure of \$300,582 comes from the actuary as well as the \$22,943 which is exempt from PTELL
- File with the County

**It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:
'Approve Ordinance 2022-04'**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

New Business –

Ambulance Billing Rates –

- The GEMT Report filed for this year identifies that the ambulance billing rate should be \$2504.
- GEMT rate is the rate determined by Medicare as the acceptable cost to run the ambulance
- Mileage rate – stays the same

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Guddendorf to:
'Approve Ordinance #2022-03'**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Policy Manual Changes –

- Revisions from Jeffery Bacidore – Risk Management Consultant sent revisions
- Talked about group discussions
- Language changes
- Most are covered by CBA
- This was a free service from the insurance company
- Attorney did not agree with a few of them
- Trustee Fagel wanted Attorney to look them over

Resignation of Employee – Tabled until after closed

Full Time Firefighter Vacancy – Tabled until after closed

Closed Session –

**It was motioned at 6:38pm by Cicero and seconded by Guddendorf to:
‘Go into closed session’**

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

Open Session –

Trustee Cicero motioned and Trustee Guddendorf seconded to go back into open session at 6:46pm

Board received a resignation from Firefighter Van Horn effective October 9, 2022

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Guddendorf to:

‘Approve the filling of the Full Time Firefighter Vacancy’

Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried

All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board – Denny Road – Chief Moran will look into this - add to agenda next month.

Crews will be out on Monday for Halloween, Friday night at Walnut Woods, Saturday for the Villages Trick or Treat Passport, and a parade in Prestbury.

Motion by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to adjourn at 6:50pm

All in favor - Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Cicero, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary