

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

**DATE:** May 15, 2023  
**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**

**Public to Address the Board Concerning the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2023-02**  
Nothing heard

**Close of Public Comments**

**Adjournment of Annual Budget & Appropriation Hearing at 6:02pm**

**Roll Call** – Trustee Guddendorf absent

**Swearing in of new Trustees** –  
Attorney Flaherty swore in Patrick Hines as a Sugar Grove Fire Protection District Trustee for a six-year term

**Election of Board Officers** –  
It was motioned by Lamela and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Nominate Dave Blankenship as President’

**Roll call vote – All in Favor - Motion carried**

It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:  
‘Nominate Nicole Lamela as Treasurer’

**Roll call vote – All in Favor - Motion carried**

It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Hines to:  
‘Nominate Tim Cicero as Secretary’

**Roll call vote –  
Fagel yes, Hines yes, Blankenship yes, Cicero nay, Lamela yes – Motion carried**

**Public to Address the Board** – None heard.

**Approval of Minutes** –  
It was motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to:  
‘Approve the April 17, 2023, open minutes’

**Roll call vote – All in Favor - Motion carried**

**It was motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Fagel to:**

**‘Approve the April 17, 2023, April 28, 2023 and March 20, 2023 closed minutes, and keep them closed’**

**Roll call vote – All in Favor - Motion carried**

**Correspondence – None**

**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 April 2023.’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Approval of Expenditures –**

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Hines to:**

**‘Approve the Expenditures for April 2023’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Consent Agenda –**

1. S.J. Carlson – Attic Repairs and Nitrogen Conversion – over 100’ of 4” main needs to be removed and replaced with new – also includes nitrogen generator.

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:**

**‘Approve the Consent Agenda for an Emergency Purpose’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Trustees Report –**

- Trustee Fagel stated he has been honored to serve as President for the last few years
- Trustee Cicero thanked John Guddendorf for all his work and time on the board
- Trustee Cicero welcomed Pat Hines, and wished him the best of luck

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- Call volume down 24 calls so far this year.
- 3 new members – Admin and Fire Inspector have started – DC starts May 30.

**Attorney’s report –**

- Session ends on Friday
- Governor will be signing the Chicago Fire Covid Bill and the Ease of Ability to Sell Real Property
- Discussed Continuation Insurance for Full-time Firefighters – Volunteer FFs will get a tax exemption of \$500 if they make under \$10,000.

**Old Business –**

**Grievance – Arbitration date is 08/25 – Jean Charles was selected by both parties – this will be held via Zoom. Discussion with the Union Atty and Union – the 2<sup>nd</sup> grievance will be added on to this.**

**Budget & Appropriation –**

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Hines to:**

**‘Adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2023-02’**

**Roll call vote – All in Favor - Motion carried**

**New Business –  
Efficiency Committee –**

Discussion on the Efficiency Committee:

- Must follow Open Meetings Act
- Can be included on the agenda of a regular meeting, but must also post its own agenda
- Need 3 meetings – can be as follows:
  - Meeting 1 – get to know the Districts policies and procedures – streamline
  - Meeting 2 – talk about what was discovered, outline and draft it
  - Meeting 3 – prepare final report and file with county

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:**

**‘Adopt Ordinance 2023-03 – Creating and Authorizing a Committee Pursuant to and in Compliance with The Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Resignation of Employees –**

Nick Merrell – went to work for Schaumburg FD

Robert Schillinger – went to work for Oswego FPD

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:**

**‘Accept the resignations of Nick Merrill and Robert Schillinger’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Closed Session –**

**It was motioned by Cicero and seconded by Fagel to:**

**‘Go into closed session for 6-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes, Destruction of Approved Closed Session Tapes over 18-Months Old and the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**Trustees are back in open session at 6:42pm.**

**It was motioned by Lamela and seconded by Cicero to:**

**‘Release the closed session minutes of July 18, 2022 September 19, 2022, November 21, 2022 January 16, 2023 and April 28, 2023.’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**It was motioned by Hines and seconded by Lamela to:**


**‘Destroy closed sessions older than November 15, 2021’**

**Roll call vote – All in favor - Motion carried**

**All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board – None heard.**

**Motion by Blankenship and seconded by Lamela to adjourn. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
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Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary