

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

Date: October 16, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Sugar Grove Fire Station

Board of Trustees: David Blankenship– President
Tim Cicero – Secretary
Nicole Lamela – Treasurer
Mike Fagel – Trustee
Patrick Hines – Trustee

Guests: Chief Moran, DC Weaver, Attorney Flaherty, Megan Lamb

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call – All trustees present
Public to Address the Board – none heard

Minutes – September 18, 2023

Open Session –
Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Hines
To Approve the September 18, 2023 open minutes
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Closed Session –
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the September 18, 2023 closed minutes
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report –

Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Cash Balances vs Actual Reports for September 2023
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Expenditures –

- Did insurance cover Tahoe - yes

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to approve the Expenditure for September 2023
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Consent Items –

For District – Lawn mower – the one we have is about 17 years old.

All others are for 2% -

K.Wade, graduate program – Home Depot, Nailer – Best Buy, vacuum – Blackstone, griddle – Costco, TV and mount – Best Buy, TV and mount.

Discussion on lawnmower and nailer.

Motioned by Fagel and seconded by Cicero to Approve the Consent Agenda in the amount of \$14,285.33
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Trustees Report – None

Report of the Fire Chief –

- 123 Calls for the month of September, total increase from last year is 39
- North parking lot is finished
- FEMA Recruitment grant has been awarded

Attorney's report –

- Training on Saturday from 8-12 NIAFPD –
- November in West Chicago
- Veto session is next month - Townships and Municipalities are taking action to exempt themselves from the All Paid Leave Act – Fire Districts should be added to this list
- Arbitration – brief was filed today – should know something by the next meeting

12a has been moved up – Dave Harrington from Sawyer Falduto explained the Investment Performance Report to the Board

Old Business –

Application for PSEBA Benefits – Mr. Wilkins and his attorney were invited to present his petition – neither showed up – can discuss in closed session

Local 4748 Grievance – Nothing to add

Law Firm's Conflict of Interest on TIF District – Discussion was held –

- School district has now consented – they are using a different law firm – Robin Schwartz
- Elburn Fire has consented – they are using Ottosen
- Sugar Grove has three options
 - Sign it and keep the same lawyer
 - Do not sign it and no one can use Ottosen
 - Sign – opt out – have a different lawyer
- Discussion was held on the three options and if we choose to go with Ottosen can we change our minds – Attorney Flaherty stated they are at will and the district can change if they want.

Motioned by Fagel and seconded by Lamela to Approve Signing the Waiver of Conflict with doing Alternative Research

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

**New Business –
Truth in Taxation –**

Discussion was held on the PTELL – whether or not to hold truth in taxation – would leave about \$37,000 behind if we do not hold it.

Motioned by Fagel and seconded by Lamela to Hold the Truth in Taxation Finding and Levy at 6.5%

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-04 – Revised Schedule of Fees

- Change made now allows for current GEMT rates

Motioned by Cicero and seconded by Hines to Approve Ordinance 2023-04

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Staff Vehicle –

- State bid pricing is not out yet
- Flaherty stated that dealers do not want to go with the state pricing
- Flaherty stated that Boards have invoked the Emergency Exemption for Bidding Act
- Would need a 2/3 vote from the Board

Motioned by Fagel and seconded by Hines to Invoked the Emergency Exemption for Bidding Act

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

Side Letter Agreement with Local 4748 – after closed

Closed Session –

Motion by Blankenship and seconded by Fagel to go into closed session for 11a and 12b of Agenda

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Return to Open Session –

Motion at 7:16pm by Blankenship and second by Cicero to go back into open session

11a) PSEBA Benefits –

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Lamela to Deny the PSEBA Benefits for Mr. Wilkins

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

12b) Side Letter Agreement with Local 4748

Motioned by Cicero and seconded by Hines to Approve the Side Letter Agreement with Local 4748

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

6-month Review of Closed Session Minutes

Motioned by Cicero and seconded by Lamela to Open the Closed Session Minutes from October 4, 2021, October 21, 32021, December 19, 2022, May 15, 2023 and September 18, 2023 – and keep the rest closed.

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

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

Adjourn

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Cicero to Adjourn

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy Cicero, Secretary


Paula Lapey, Recording Secretary