

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

**Date:** December 18, 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

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call** – Trustees Fagel and Lamela absent

**Decennial Efficiency Committee** – See details in separate minutes

**Public to Address the Board** – nothing heard

**Minutes – November 20, 2023**

**Open Session –**

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Cicero  
To Approve the November 20, 2023 open minutes  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report –**

**Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –**

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

**Expenditures –**

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

**Consent Items** – nothing this month

**Trustees Report** – Trustee Hines finished his Trustee training in November.

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- New style report – should be easier to read
- 134 calls – up 21 over the year
- 13 of the 17 applications came back in
- Denny Road property – met with Com Ed about site improvements
- Met with Cordogan and Clark on developing site map for Denny Rd
- Discussion with members of Department on what they would like to see
- Written Test is January 18, Oral Interviews are January 27
- Attended Joint Review Boards for Sugar Grove and Montgomery – will see a little revenue from both
- Attended Tree Lighting – Delivered Santa
- Attended Holiday in the Grove – 34 people came to help – including Fox Valley Carrer Center
- Started the Chief Officer Program
- Station Photo on vestibule wall – original station at 220 Main Street
- Evaluations due in January for Chief and DC
- Bill Keck passed away – he was a Trustee and his dad, 'Spiv' Keck, was a founding member of the department

**Attorney's report –**

- IL Supreme Court heard arguments on the pension consolidation case last month – can issue decision any day now
- Legislature will meet again on January 16 – some of the Legislature leaders called the IAfpd and NIAFPD about support that would exempt Fire Districts from the Illinois Paid Leave Act
- Shawn is raising his rates January 1. From \$235 to \$245.
- ODHC wants to do away with retainers – there are good and bads with retainers. Would like it on agenda next month.

**Old Business –**  
**Local 4748 Grievance – no word yet**

**New Business –**  
**Ordinance 2024-04–Revised, Revised Schedule of EMS Fees**

- Mileage was not updated on the original Ordinance
- The mean is \$25 per mile.

Motioned by Hines and seconded by Cicero to update the mileage from \$12 to \$25 per mile on the Revised Ordinance as attached.  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

**Trustee Compensation –**

- Discussion on Trustee Compensation
  - Other Districts raise Trustee Compensation in the middle of a term
  - Per Attorney Flaherty – if elected they are not following the law
  - Districts with same law firm do different things – Attorneys advise the Boards – Boards don't always follow
  - To change the Resolution – it has to be revisited
  - Trustee Cicero will make a change on the Resolution and bring it back next month
  - Attorney Flaherty - the people elected in 2025 will be eligible for the new salary

**Time/Day of Monthly Meetings –**

Discussion was held on the time of the meetings – it was decided that 5pm would work out better  
Motioned by Hines and seconded by Cicero to change the time of the meetings in 2024 to 5pm – keeping the days on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

**Extension of Probationary Period for FF Mangum – This will be discussed in closed session**

**Closed Session – 6:37pm**  
**Open Session – 6:52 pm**

Motion by Blankenship and seconded by Cicero to Extend the Probationary Period of FF Matthew Mangum 11 months 15 days after end of 1-year term  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried.

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

**Adjourn**

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Hines to Adjourn at 6:59pm  
Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
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Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary