

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

Date: January 15, 2023
Time: 5:00 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, Attorney Flaherty

Call to Order

Roll Call – Trustee Cicero absent

Public to Address the Board – nothing heard

Minutes – December 18, 2023

Open Session –

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Fagel

To Approve the December 18, 2023 open minutes

Roll call vote – Hines, yes – Fagel, yes – Blankenship, yes – Lamela, abstain

Motion carried

Correspondence – Trustee Fagel – Osha Firefighter safety rules are changing for the first time since 1983 – includes PPE and Training

Treasurers Report –

Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve the Cash Balances vs Actual Reports for December 2023

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Expenditures –

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to approve the Expenditure for December 2023

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Report of the Fire Chief –

- Up 52 calls for the year
- Significant calls included a structure fire on Terry Dr., Fatal on Jericho, and HazMat Team call out in Montgomery
- 11 people passed the written test – Oral interviews will be on January 27
- Cadet Program had first meeting – 11 cadets showed up
- Received IDPH Grant in the amount of \$735.37 for Stop the Bleed training kit

Fagel questioned senior living calls – Chief responded they are mostly transports – very few assists

Attorney's report –

- IAFFPD AND NIAFFPD have training classes available
- Legislative comes back tomorrow for rest of week –
 - o Fire department agenda –
 - Increase bidding limit from 20k to 30k
 - Explicit Authority to accumulate funds for EMS, Specialty Teams, and Retiree Health Insurance, and payouts of sick and vacation leave when people leave a department. Right now it is Implied Authority. Some towns are being challenged by tax objectors for putting money aside

Grievance – needs more time – maybe by the end of the month/next meeting

Trustee Compensation – Moved out to 2029 – will table for next meeting

Sawyer Falduto – Dave Herrington went over the presentation he handed out

Engagement Letter with ODHC (Attorney) –

- Rate increased by \$10 per hour
- Law firm wants to do away with retainer
- Discussed by Chief and Board / financially beneficial to do away with retainer
- Shawn or Megan will come to meetings when requested by Chief or Board

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Lamela to accept the Engagement Letter with ODHC

Discussion –

- Fagel would like to relook at this in 6 months
- Two issues – how often attorney comes to meetings and retainer
- Retainer terms are guaranteed until next year

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Surplus Equipment –

- 4 Blue Office Chairs
- 3 Refrigerators – two broke, one is about to

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Lamela to Surplus the equipment on the list – 4 chairs and 3 refrigerators

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Closed Session –

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Lamela to go into closed session at 5:24pm for purpose of items on agenda

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Open Session –

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Lamela to go into open session at 6:01pm

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Table Items 12d and 12e

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Hines to Approve Compensation for All Non-Union Employees – except Fire Chief and Deputy Chief

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Continuation of Chiefs report - Discussion was held on the buildout of the training facility

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

Adjourn

Motioned by Fagel and seconded by Lamela to Adjourn at 6:09pm

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Cicero, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary