

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

Date: February 19, 2024
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 Lamela absent

Public to Address the Board - nothing heard

Minutes -

January 15, 2024 - Open session -

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Hines

To Approve the January 15, 2024 open minutes

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

January 15, 2024-Closed session -

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Fagel

To Approve the January 15, 2024 closed minutes and keep closed

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

December 18, 2023 - Closed session -

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel

To Approve the December 18, 2023 closed minutes and keep closed

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 January 2024

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

Expenditures -

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Hines to approve the Expenditure for January 2024

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

At 5:06 pm Trustee Lamela entered the room.

Consent Agenda -

Chief Moran stated that the survey and soil boring for Denny Road will cost approximately \$20,000 and would like to have the board approve this on the consent agenda.

Discussion was held:

- These are the first two steps before deciding whether to move forward with training facility
- Parcels are not all in village - two parcels are in county - two are in village
- Training facility will be on county property
- Zoning will be done before any contracts are signed
- Board would like to see a tally of everything that is spent on this facility

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to approve up to \$20,000 for survey and soil boring

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

Trustees Report -

Trustee Fagel:

- Moment of Silence for former Trustee and Kane County Sheriffs Deputy Chris Ruchaj
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- Would like to see a line item in the budget for ballistic vests
- FEMA Grants allow for ballistics
- Impressed with year-end report
- Would like to see how the SWOT Analysis is going
- Wants to have Attorney at every meeting - is more comfortable with an attorney present

Trustee Blankenship:

- Can always call attorney if there is an issue or legal question

Report of the Fire Chief-

- Two part time EMT's going to Academy
- 2 offers made today - three on list - two internal
- Station alerting installed - not completed
- Attended School Board meeting - against TIF
- Hosted Morris Chief - Battery Fire - 35 attended - 6 online
- Attended NIAFPD Conference
- Annual Report is out - will post on Facebook Page

Deputy Chief -

- Operational Report - 148 for January - 1563 for year - 43 Higher than last year.
- Report shows true representation of EMS calls - Rescue includes car accidents

Attorney's report-

- HB2216 - Fire protection districts may charge, and collect reasonable fees from independent living facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing home facilities, for lift-assists
- SB3206 - Lithium-ion batteries are included as hazardous materials
- SB2879 - Changes the requirement for competitive bidding for fire protection district contracts to contracts over \$30,000 (currently, over \$20,000)
- SB3163/HB4354 - The board of trustees of a fire protection district may accumulate funds for the purposes of emergency medical services, technical rescue, and other services performed by the fire district and for the purposes of providing employees other post-employment benefits
- Attorney will be at meetings unless Chief states they are not needed.

Grievance - Arbitrator ruled in favor of Employee. District can appeal.

Trustee Compensation -

- Trustees would like to increase their compensation from \$1,500 a year to \$4,500 a year (including extra compensation)
- Shawn will update Ordinance and bring to next meeting

11 C and D will be discussed after closed session.

New Business -

Pension Board - Chief Moran and Harry Davis up for re-appointment. Treasurer is usually on the Board - Lamela will accept position

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Hines to appoint Chief Moran and Trustee Lamela to the Pension Board for a 3-year term, each
Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

Amend Ordinance 2023-01 - Shawn to bring to next meeting

Hiring of Full-time Firefighter - this is being skipped

Surplus Items - Office desks, Snap on Toolbox, microwave, misc radio equipment, VHS pagers, TV, rouge reverse hyper machine

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to approve the surplus items

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

Closed Session -

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Hines 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 Cicero to go into open session at 6:07pm

Roll call vote - All in favor, Motion carried

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Cicero to approve Fire Chiefs contract as presented

Roll call vote - Fagel-yes, Cicero-yes, Blankenship-yes, Hines-No, Lamela-yes

Motion carried

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Cicero to approve Deputy Chiefs contract as submitted

Roll call vote - Fagel-yes, Cicero-yes, Blankenship-yes, Hines-No, Lamela-yes

Motion carried

All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board -

Trustee Fagel questioned lead time on apparatus -Ambulance 2025 - 1Bmonths to 2years - Engine about 3 years.

Adjourn

Motioned by Blankenship and seconded by Cicero to Adjourn at 6:11 pm

Roll call vote - All in favor - Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy Cicero, Secretary


Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary