

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

**Date:** March 18, 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, DC Weaver, Attorney Flaherty

**Call to Order**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – Trustee Fagel absent – Trustee Cicero in attendance via phone call

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

**Minutes –**  
**February 19, 2024 - Open session –**  
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Hines to Approve the February 19, 2024 open minutes  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Treasurers Report –**  
**Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –**  
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Hines to Approve the Cash Balances vs Actual Reports for February 2024  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Expenditures –**  
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Hines to approve the Expenditure for February 2024  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Consent Agenda –**  
O'Donnell Excavating Concrete \$54,100.00  
O'Donnell Excavating Downspouts \$14,965.00  
Total District \$69,065.00  
Columbia Southern - BC Wade - Masters \$1,974.60  
Amazon Silverware \$64.77 not to exceed \$70.00  
Ajax Rescue Tools Peel and Peek Tools \$482.79 not to exceed \$550.00  
First Out Rescue Equip Window Punches \$518.18 not to exceed \$550.00  
The Fire Store Right Angle Streamlight Survivor Lights \$742.46 not to exceed \$750.00  
RocoRescue.com 300ft 1in Tubular webbing \$196.91 not to exceed \$200.00  
BC Wade Reimburse for Running Shoes \$148.75  
Total 2% \$4,128.46  
**Grand Total \$73,193.46**

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Lamela to approve the Consent Agenda items.  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- Operational report is in packet
- There is a new category for overlapping incidents
- He and DC Weaver went to the Illinois Fire Service Legislative Day in Springfield

**Attorney's report –**

- 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 – this did not pass – will have to come back and amend it
- SB2879 – Changes the requirement for competitive bidding for fire protection district contracts to contracts over \$30,000 (currently, over \$20,000) – this got through and looks like it might get through the first house.

**Old Business**  
**Trustee Compensation –**

- Ordinance 2024-01 is the amendment to Ordinance 2023-01 –
- Newly Elected Trustees will be compensated \$3000 a year with an extra \$1500 if they go through the classes

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Hines to approve Ordinance 2024-01 – Amendment to Ordinance 2023-01  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Adopting NFPA 3000 –**

- Chief Moran was directed back in July of 2023 to review NFPA 3000 and come back with recommendations and roadblocks.
- All the questions asked by Trustee Fagel are answered in the packet that DC Weaver created and is in the Trustee Reports
- Recommendation is to not move forward with ballistic vests
- SGFPDs SOGs on Active Shooter stated we do not participate in rescue task force and will not be going in the warm zone

**Trustee Lamela questioned what the PD expects of the FD**

- PD has trained with the FD in the past
- They have 20ft looped webbing and have been shown how to move a victim over their non-holstered shoulder
- Will not put anyone down range that is not trained

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Hines to Not Adopt NFPA3000 until such time the Chief and Support Staff deem it necessary to proceed  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**New Business –**

**Ballistic Line Item – This is eliminated**

**PLAWA – Paid Leave for All Workers Act**

This is for part-time employees – this will be added to the Trustees Policy Manual – Chapter 6 - 6.06

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Hines to Amend the Trustees Policy Manual to add PLAWA

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**EXHIBIT A – Ordinance 2022-01**

- Ordinance 2022-01 is on Fire Protection Codes
- Exhibit A is the storage of Lithium Metal and Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Morris Fire adopted this

**At 5:20 Trustee Fagel entered the meeting**

- Fire Marshal reviewed this
- Is this immediate
- No one in the Village is storing batteries, that is known

Motioned by Lamela and Seconded by Hines to Adopt Exhibit A to Ordinance 2202-01

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

**Draft Budget**

- Tax Revenue is not set yet, but it is pretty close
- Ambulance Fees and GEMT expected to be close to last year
- Grants – OSFM small Tools and Equipment, FEMA for 7 Thermal imaging cameras, IPRF is up significantly, and IDPH EMS Grant to pay for Stop the Bleed Kits
- Investment income is at \$80,000 so far \$190,000 in investment income this year
- Training went up – new guys being hired
- Capital is still in flux, anticipating to have a presentation next month for Denny Road project
- Trustee Cicero questioned on the annexation of the lots into one – Village or County – will see when we get to permitting process

Trustee Fagel questioned 12a – he would like to discuss it.

- Discussion took place on the Ballistic Vests.
- Trustee Fagel handed out a report he created and would like it attached to the minutes
- Trustee Fagel would like \$14,000 - \$17,000 in the budget for vests
- Trustee Fagel wanted to make a motion on it.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Hines to consider up to \$17,000 in the Budget for Ballistic Vests for each seat position on the vehicles

Roll Call vote – Fagel yes, Hines yes, Blankenship no, Cicero no, Lamela no – Motion denied

**All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board –**

Chief Moran stated that one of the new hires started today, the other two were part-timers that will start on shift tomorrow and Wednesday  
We will be up to our 18 full-time staff.

Trustee Fagel stated that when he received the challenge coin from Chief Moran it was really special, because it says it is not about me I am here for we. Trustee Fagel wants to serve the members that serve us, and he believes that protective vests would be a good piece of equipment on the units.

**Adjourn**

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Hines to Adjourn at 5:45pm.

Roll call vote – All in favor – Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary

**Memo to:** Fire Chief and Board, Sugar Grove Fire Protection District March 18, 2024  
**From:** Mike Fagel  
**RE:** Personal Protective Equipment- Ballistic Protective Equipment (BPE) for Members

### **Applicable state and federal regulations, and NFPA Guidance (Not NFPA3000 exclusively)**

- PPE/ BPE **Are required** under OSHA, IL OSHA and **recommended NFPA** guidance (2018)
- NFPA 3000 Section 14.1, 14.6, <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/nfpa-3000-standard-development/3000>
- OSHA 1910.132(d)  
[https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/interlinking/standards/1910.132\(d\)\(1\)](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/interlinking/standards/1910.132(d)(1))
- Illinois OSHA 820 ILCS219/20a— <https://labor.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idol/laws-rules/safety/documents/fire-departments.pdf>

### **Recent history (last 10 years) has shown increasing dangers to Fire-Rescue-Medics**

- <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/pdfs/face201913rs.pdf>
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/4-firefighters-shot-2-dead-in-upstate-ny/>
- [https://morganton.com/news/state-regional/crime-courts/two-wilkes-county-firefighters-dead-of-gunshot-wounds-sbi-and-wilkes-county-deputies-investigating/article\\_74688b6b-ef2b-5785-9696-d12369eb4dba.html](https://morganton.com/news/state-regional/crime-courts/two-wilkes-county-firefighters-dead-of-gunshot-wounds-sbi-and-wilkes-county-deputies-investigating/article_74688b6b-ef2b-5785-9696-d12369eb4dba.html)
- <https://www.fox9.com/news/burnsville-police-officers-shot>

### **Compliance with nationally recognized regulations and guidelines is critically important**

- Risks are dynamic and ever changing, not just for NFPA 3000, but active threats as well
- Not just for “Active Shooters”, but “domestics” and other unknown types of calls

### **Data from mass shootings, other incidents and other hostile events**

- 627 mass shootings, with over 750 killed and 2400 injured in 2023
- 53 shootings and 126 injured in 2024 as of February 1, 2024

### **Estimated costs**

- Web Research had cost ranging from \$1200 to \$1400 per set as of February 1, 2024
- 12 sets at \$1400 would be **\$14,400**
- 12 sets at \$1450 would be **\$17,400**

### **Some approved and vetted sources (not all inclusive) that meet state bidding requirements for purchase**

- Illinois State Bid shows Ray O’ Herron bid available till 2025
- Sourcewell and other approved purchasing sites show compliant BPE as well

### **Service life of BPE same as for NFPA 1851 Structural Firefighting gear is 10 years**

### **Our board has 5 public safety members serving our community:**

- 2 Full time FF-PM, 2 Former POC FF, and a 9-1-1 Dispatch center professional manager

### **Options for Consideration**

- 1. Use existing surplus funds to purchase compliant BPE this year**
- 2. Place request on 2024-25 budget for purchase in next Fiscal year**
- 3. Take no action, placing members and community at risk from well-known and documented risks and hazards that are evolving daily**