

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

**Date:** September 9, 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, Paula Lacey, Lori Kellogg

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – Trustee Hines absent

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

**Minutes –**

**August 19, 2024 – Open session –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the August 19, 2024, open minutes

Trustee Fagel said the minutes should have him listed as President Pro-Tem.

Roll call vote – Ayes – Lamela, Cicero, Fagel Abstained – Blankenship, Motion carried

**Correspondence** – Trustee Fagel is going to Osh Kosh Fire Academy on Sept 11

**Treasurers Report – Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports for August 2024

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Expenditures –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Expenditures for August 2024

- Questions on
  - Roof Leak – this has been completed
  - STA Enterprises deductible – there was a \$1000 deductible on the entire claim

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Consent Purchase Agenda –**

Dinges – Seven Thermal imaging Cameras – Grant from FEMA covers minus our percentage of 5%.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve the Consent Purchase Item.

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Trustees Report – None**

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- Operational report is in packet
- 158 Incidents for the month
- Up 76 for year
- Overlapping calls about 18
- Firefighters Malcontento and Michels both passed the Paramedic class – waiting to test into system
- Bay doors – waiting for one panel – color was off
- Ottosen letter to city of Aurora for the three parcels they are annexing – they will have to pay \$4521.88 in taxes.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business –**

**Annual Financial Report**

- Jennifer Martinsen presented the audit report for 2023-2024.
- It is a clean unmodified opinion – this is the highest opinion they can give
- MDA – Narrative Summary – this summarizes the financial situation of the District
- Recommended Policies – nothing has changed

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve the Audited Financial Report ending April 30, 2024.

Roll call vote – All in favor, motion carried

**Annual Treasurers Statement of Receipts and Disbursements –**

- This is an annual report that must be filed with Kane County within 6 months of FY end

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Lamela to Accept the Annual Treasurers Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

Roll call vote – all in favor, motion carried

**EMS Billing –**

Talked briefly last month about billing residents. – we do not bill or send to collections.

We want to send a soft bill. We will not send to collections.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve EMS Billing.

Roll call vote – all in favor, motion carried

**TIF Response –**

- Post was made on June 18 about the Districts stance on the TIF – also sent to Village Trustees
- Heidi Lendi met with Chief - understands our position – She called today to see if we are still against
- Sent letter to trustees again, two trustees (Matt Bonnie and Jamie White) reached out and said they understood where we stand.
- Trustee Fagel invited Dale Essling to the meeting to share his information.
- At this time Dale Essling spoke about the TIF – he had case laws where people sued municipalities and won. Cases similar to what the Village of Sugar Grove is doing.
- Trustee Fagel would like the letter sent again to the Village Trustees – it was emailed today

**Closed Session – None**

**All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board – Nothing heard**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary