

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

**Date:** January 20, 2025  
**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, Shawn Flaherty, Paula Lacey, Lori Kellogg

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – All Trustees present

**Public to Address the Board** – Three residents spoke against the IGA with the Village of Sugar Grove.

Dale Essling – Spoke regarding the IGA with the Village of Sugar Grove – He is against the Fire District signing this.

Jaden Chada – read from the Illinois TIF Statue – He also is against the Fire District signing the IGA.

Monica Hubble – is against the Fire District signing the IGA with the Village of Sugar Grove.

**Minutes –**

**December 16, 2024 – Open session –**

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Fagel to Approve the December 16, 2024, open minutes

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

**December 16, 2024 – Closed session –**

Motioned by Hines Seconded by Fagel to Approve the December 16, 2024, closed minutes and keep closed

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

**November 18, 2024** Open and Closed minutes tabled

**Correspondence** – Fagel handed out material on the TIF. Trustee Fagel is adamantly against signing the IGA with the Village of Sugar Grove, and said he should never have voted for it the first time.

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

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports for December 2024 - Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Expenditures –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve the Expenditures for December 2024

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Consent Purchase Agenda –**

**Bob Jass** – Transmission and Labor – FM Vehicle – \$6,220.66

**Discussion:**

- Did the district go out for bids – No, have a long working relationship with them and they had a used transmission in stock.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Hines to Approve the Consent Agenda in the amount of \$6,220.66

Roll Call Vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Trustees Report** – Trustee Lamela spoke about the last four years as a trustee, on the accomplishments they made and what she feels she could do in the next 2 years for the membership and the Chief. She encouraged everyone to do the same – to review the trustees policy manual, take advantage of continuing education, and to continue to work together as a Board.

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- Operational report is in packet
- 161 Incidents for the month
- 34 second calls in progress – up 10%
- Staffed 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance was OOS for one day – because of staffing
- Have not called for mutual aid since January 2
- Six members graduated in January – now on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance

**Attorney Report –**

- Social Security Fairness Act was signed
- NIAFPD – register for January class – no March class this year

12a moved up on agenda –

Sawyer Falduto Asset Mngmt, LLC – Investment Report

- Ed Lavin from Sawyer Falduto handed out the Investment Performance Report – Quarterly Update – and went over it
- Question on when new ambulance will be here – March 2026
- Money is in capital account
- No reserve is required

**Old Business – IGA with Village of Sugar Grove**

This is the same agreement as what was presented last month, with one difference, the amount for the ambulance has increase to \$242,989.95. Trustee Fagel is worried about the harm we are doing by giving away our rights. After much discussion President Blankenship stated to take it to a vote.

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Lamela to Approve the update IGA with the Village of Sugar Grove  
Roll call vote – Blankenship – yes, Lamela – Yes, Cicero – Yes, Fagel – No, Hines – No

**New Business –**

**Surplus Equipment –**

- Miscellaneous vehicle seats that are no longer needed.

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to approve the equipment for surplus

Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Closed Session –**

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Hines to go into closed session at 5:52pm for discussion of Chief and Deputy Chief Contract, compensation.

Roll Call vote - All in favor, motion carried

**Open Session –**

Motioned by Lamela seconded by Blankenship to go back into open session at 6:36pm

Roll call vote – All in favor, motion carried

No action taken in closed session

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

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Fagel to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary