

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

Date: May 19, 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

Guests: Chief Moran, DC Weaver, Paula Lacey, Lori Kellogg

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All Trustees present

The Quilters Guild of Sugar Grove presented a quilt, runner and tote bag that was donated to be raffled off for the cadet program.

Swearing in of New Trustees – Megan Lamb swore in David Blankenship and Susan Cuomo as Sugar Grove Fire Protection District Trustees for six-year terms.

Appointment of Trustee – Upon the resignation of Trustee Hines, the Board exercised its authority to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for a two-year term, with four years remaining in the original term.

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Fagel to Approve the Appointment of Tim Cicero as Trustee for a 2-year term. Roll Call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Election of Officers – Trustee Cicero questioned Attorney Lamb if he could nominate the slate. Trustee Cicero would like to keep it the way it is. Trustee Fagel would like to nominate himself.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Cuomo to nominate Mike Fagel for President.
Roll call vote: Fagel yes, Cuomo yes, Blankenship no, Cicero no, Lamela no. Motion failed.

Motioned by Cicero Seconded Fagel to Nominate the Slate.
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Public to Address the Board – Nothing heard

Minutes –

April 21, 2025 – open

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve the April 21, 2025, open minutes
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

March 17, 2025 – closed

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Lamela to Approve the March 17, 2025 closed session minutes and keep them closed.
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Correspondence – Trustee Fagel stated that the FEMA teams are now officially gone – tremendous amount of grants are on hold.

Report – Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports for April 2025 - Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Expenditures –

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Expenditures in the amount of \$700,245.82 for April 2025.

Discussion: Trustee Fagel questioned the licensing overage – this was for Aladtec – we put on new members causing the increase.

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

Consent Purchase Agenda –

Ferruck Construction – Sealcoat and restripe parking lot – \$6,300

STA Enterprises – Roof Repair – \$6,950

ComEd – Work on Denny Road – \$10,000

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Consent Agenda in the amount of \$23,250

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Trustees Report – Trustee Cicero thanked the chief and crew for the nice job on the fire

Report of the Fire Chief –

- 119 Calls in April – overlapping is down
- 2 more incidents that we had to bring in a outside medic – 5 for year
- 14 cadet members – received a few more applications – Cadet Kellogg passed his EMT and is officially an EMT
- Montgomery Fire started on garage side – did not get in house – good work along with mutual aid
- Training facility – meeting on Friday with architects and WCC – talking about size, waiting on permit
- 2 POC's graduated BOF and finished their 2 weeks of days
- Preparations for Open House continues –
 - Will have the raffle for the Quilts
 - This is again in conjunction with Groovin' in the Grove and Food Truck Friday

Attorney Report –

GEMT – still have not heard if it will be cut this fiscal year – hearing it likely will not be in the next fiscal year

HB2336 – Can start charging Lift Assist Fees to facilities after 6th visit – scheduled for 3rd reading in Senate – reasonable fees.

Bill to hire at age 18 – not going anywhere this year.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Closed Session – 6-month Review of Closed Session Minutes

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Lamela to go into closed session to review closed session minutes at 5:25pm

Roll Call Vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Open Session – at 5:32pm Blankenship motioned, and Fagel seconded to go back into open session.

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Blankenship to Approve Opening the Following Closed Session Minutes:

April 17, 2023 – Dec 18, 2023 – October 21, 2024 – November 18, 2024, and January 20, 2025.

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

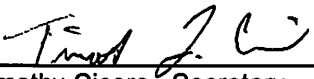
All Other Matters that May Come Before the Board – Nothing heard

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Lamela to adjourn the meeting at 5:34pm.

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy Cicero, Secretary


Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary