

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

**Date:** March 16, 2026  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Sugar Grove Fire Station

**Board of Trustees:** David Blankenship– President  
Tim Cicero – Secretary  
Nicole Lamela – Treasurer  
Mike Fagel – Trustee  
Susan Cuomo - Trustee

**Guests:** Chief Moran, DC Weaver, Paula Lacey

**Call to Order at 5:12pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – Trustee Blankenship absent

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to appoint Mike Fagel as President Pro-Tem

Trustee Fagel requested a moment of silence for Trustee Blankenship's mother

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

**Minutes –**

**February 16, 2026 open –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to Approve February 16, 2026, open minutes

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

**January 12, 2026 closed –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve January 12, 2026, closed minutes and keep them closed

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

**February 16, 2026 closed –**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve February 16, 2026, closed minutes and keep them closed

Roll call vote: Lamela, yes – Fagel, yes – Cuomo, yes – Cicero, abstain – Motion carried

**Cash Balances vs Actual Reports – February 2026**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to Approve the Cash Balances and Budget vs Actual Reports for February 2026 - Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

**Expenditures – February 2026**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Expenditures for February 2026

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

**Trustees Report** – Trustee Fagel stated DHS is still unfunded, training has slowed down at fire departments across the country.

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- 15 Students from Aurora West came to the station for a mini summer camp
  - They have no outlet to Fox Valley Carrer Center or Ivic. This was the only avenue they had to be introduced to the fire service
  - Michels, Beckett and 2 cadets came in to help
  - Lots of questions back and forth – talked to them about the Cadet program
- Narrative for Safer Grant is complete

- Applying for a water supply grant through FEMA – this will help to replace hoses, appliances, anything water related
- Water supply committee – two people signed up
- Cans are up – interior is delayed for a couple weeks
- Calls are down – YTD 328

Trustee Fagel questioned what is going on with WCC – Chief Moran stated attorneys are looking at agreement

**Old Business – None**

**New Business –**

**Updating Ordinance 2025-04** – Fire Protection Codes – updated 2 months ago – Townhomes are required to be sprinklered, which requires an alarm, which requires it to be protected, because they don't have a common alarm/sprinkler room there was a makeshift one in townhomes in Montgomery, there was no code at that time. Naperville had this language – it states all boxes have to be controlled certified by UL or FM approved weatherproof boxes. This will solve the problem. This is just an amendment to the Ordinance.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve the Amended Ordinance 2025-04

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

**Draft Budget** – Chief Moran discussed draft budget items – this will be brought back to the Board next month for approval. Trustee Fagel would like to see PPE for the members on the budget – discussion took place on this subject. Trustee Fagel feels strongly about this issue and protecting the members of this department and will bring it up again.

**Compensation of Non-Union Members** – will discuss in closed session

**Closed Session –**

Motioned by Cicero seconded by Lamela to go into closed session at 5:28pm for the purpose of A under closed session. Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

**Open Session –**

Motioned by Lamela seconded by Fagel to go back into open session at 6:30pm

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 Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Cicero, Secretary



Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary