SUGAR GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEE'S MEETING
OPEN MINUTES

Date: **October 19, 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, Lori Kellogg

Call to Order at 5:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call –Trustee Cicero Absent

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Cuomo to appoint Mike Fagel as Secretary Pro-Tem

Public to Address the Board – Nothing heard

Minutes – September 21, 2026 Open –
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to Approve September 21, 2026, open minutes
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Minutes – September 21, 2026 closed – Tabled until next month

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

Expenditures – September 2026
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve the Expenditures for September 2026
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

Consent Agenda – September 2026
Air One — EV Nozzles and Ground Monitor **$14,360.00**
Air One — Nozzles and Standpipe kit **$5,927.00**
Air One — Snap-Tite Hose 5" x 0100'-13 **$11,245.00**
Air One — Snap-Tite Hose 2.5" x 50'-35 **$14,665.00**
Air One — Snap-Tite Hose 1.75" x 50'-6 Red, 6 Blue, 2 Yellow **$4,466.00**
CAMZ — Installation of emergency lighting/siren equipment in 2026 chevy **$6,585.00**
Total of Consent Agenda - $57,248.00

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to Approve the Consent Agenda for October 2026 in the amount of $57,248.00
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion Carried

Trustees Report – None

Report of the Fire Chief –
- We received the AFG grant for hose and appliances
- Fire Chief's conference had good info
- We received the ComEd grant for holiday lighting $2,500.00

- Movie in the Firehouse went well, can't wait for next year
- Several solar farm projects in the district in different stages
- No Tricks, Just Treats this Saturday at the Community House
- Calls are up 25 for YTD
- Message board at Cross and 47 is 14 years old and at end of life, new one is being ordered, a new intergovernmental agreement will be drawn up

Following the Fire Chief's Report, Trustee Fagel inquired regarding continuing concerns about NERIS software implementation due to continuous errors with the federal program resulting in insufficient data sets for our previous reports.

- Chief Moran and Deputy Chief Weaver provided an immediate response on the matter clarifying that specific data fields previously available in the ESO platform are absent under the current national NERIS required schema. They noted that this data collection limitation is a widespread industry issue rather than a district-specific constraint and is currently a major topic of discussion at recent fire chief conferences. No action was taken.

Attorney's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business –
Annual Financial Report

- Jen Martinson presented the audit report for 2025-2026
- It was an unmodified opinion which is the cleanest form of opinion they can give and the highest level of assurance they can issue

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to approve the Annual Financial Report ending April 30, 2026 - Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Sawyer Falduto

- John Falduto went over the Investment Performance Report

Closed Session
Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cuomo to go into closed session at 5:25 pm for purpose of Discussion of and Possible Action on Compensation for Non-union Employees Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Open Session
Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Lamela to go into open session at 6:39pm
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 6:41pm
Roll call vote: All in favor, Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fagel, Secretary Pro tem

Lori Kellogg, Recording Secretary