

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

**Date:** April 15, 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

**Call to Order**

**Budget and Appropriation Hearing –**  
The floor was open for the FY 2024-2025 Budget and Appropriation Hearing.

No comments were heard.

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Blankenship at 5:02 pm to close the Annual Budget and Appropriation Hearing  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call –** Trustee Hines absent

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

**Minutes –**

**February 19, 2024 - Closed session –**

Motioned by Blankenship Seconded by Fagel to Approve the February 19, 2024 closed minutes and keep them closed  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**March 18, 2024 – Open session**

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to Approve the March 18, 2024 open minutes  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Treasurers Report –**

**Cash Balances vs Actual Reports –**

- The reports have been updated – more reader friendly

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

**Expenditures –**

- Question on physical – one was a reduced fee as he already had an annual
- US Digital Design – Station Alerting – close to being finished – fine tuning

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Fagel to approve the Expenditures for March 2024  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Trustees Report –**

- Trustee Fagel read a letter that he prepared regarding the failed motion to purchase ballistic protection equipment; that letter will be attached to these minutes

**Report of the Fire Chief –**

- Operational report is in packet
- Overlapping incidents – down from last year
- Rest of report will be discussed on agenda items

**New Business –**

**Sawyer Falduto Asset management, LLC – Investment Report –** Tabled until later

**Engagement Letter with Sikich LLP**

- Raised price by 5%
- Good working relationship

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to Approve Engagement Letter with Sikich LLP  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Transfer funds from Operation to Capital**

- Surplus in Operation funds
- Will have exact numbers April 30
- Rough estimate should have at least \$700,000 to transfer to capital
- This could be what is needed for the training cans

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Allow the Chief to Transfer \$700,000 from Operations to Capital  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Adoption of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2024-02**

- This is what the hearing was just on
- Will be published and filed with Kane County

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Cicero to Approve the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2024-02  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Bidding/Purchase of Apparatus Bay Doors**

- Bay Doors on front of station need replaced
- Keep what we can salvage to fix back bay doors
- Received a preliminary bid – over \$20,000 so we need to go out for bid
- Red outside – White inside

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Lamela to Approve Chief to go out for bid for four Bay Doors and open bids on May 17, 2024  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Denny Road Property**

- Already held various discussions on Denny Road property
- Majority of Incidents are on the Northside of District
- Area around Station 1 and Prestbury are heavy call areas
- Infrastructure could change where the major incidents are most
- Cordogan Clark looked at the ten acres and showed what this could be
- Talked with the crew – gave input on what they would like to see
- 3-Story burn building – would meet all NFPA and ISO requirements
- Water rescue on property – roadway going through property
- Should receive plot survey next week along with core samples
- Morton Building would be in first phase – could use as a stand up station
- Four parcels – may have to de-annex some parcels

**Sawyer Falduto – From 15a –**

- John Falduto handed out the Investment Performance Report – Quarterly Update – and went over it

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Blankenship to Accept the Investment Performance Report as presented by John Falduto  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Cordogan Clark –**

- Master planning proposal
- Hourly schedule is attached to the proposal

Motioned by Fagel Seconded by Cicero to Approve Chief to enter into a contract with Cordogan Clark – not to exceed \$30,000  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Closed Session –**

Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Blankenship to go into closed session at 5:45 pm for 6-month Review of Closed Session Minutes  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

**Open Session –**

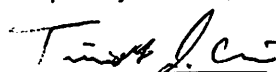
Motioned by Cicero Seconded by Fagel to go back into open session at 5:56pm  
Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion carried

Open closed session minutes from Jan 15, 2024 and February 19, 2024

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

Motioned by Lamela Seconded by Blankenship to Adjourn at 5:58pm. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy Cicero, Secretary

  
Paula Lacey, Recording Secretary

Trustees Report by Mike Fagel April 15, 2024

Sugar Grove Fire Protection District meeting on March 18, 2024

Regarding the failed motion brought by myself and seconded by Trustee Patrick Hines, "**motion to purchase ballistic protection equipment in accordance with NFPA 3000 and OSHA 1910.132d by adding a line item to the upcoming budget year**" failed by voice vote 3 nay and 2 yea, with all trustees present. This has created a decreased level of safety for the members that serve our community and for the community **we all serve**.

Numerous neighboring fire departments of various sizes have acquired ballistic protection equipment for their members in accordance with NFPA 3000 & OSHA 1910.132d., as well as OSHA General duty clause 5(a)1. and Illinois OSHA Codes that match Federal OSHA regulations. 29 CFR Part 1910

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations in 29 CFR Part 1910 apply to all municipal fire departments and fire protection districts in the State of Illinois. These regulations are enforced by the Illinois Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IL-OSHA)<sup>1</sup>. IL-OSHA enforces standards for fire departments directly from federal regulations on occupational safety and health, which are the minimum legal requirements for occupational safety and health in Illinois<sup>2</sup>.

The actions by the board on March 18, 2024 have created an inconsistent model for our members and the community to not recognize safety standards promulgated by the NFPA in 2018 and revised in 2024. OSHA standards were promulgated in 1971 to protect all members of the workforce, in the US and territories, either by State plans or Federal.

Our board's primary strategic objective is to ensure that actions taken support the safety of our members and community, in alignment with nationally recognized standards and guidelines.

Thank you.

Mike Fagel, Trustee Sugar Grove Fire Protection District

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