

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joseph Falese called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on May 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joseph Falese, Linda Bernacchi.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Administrative Assistant Sandy Dominik, Attorney John Motylinski, Mr. Jake McLoughlon of FGMA.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Falese administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Jack Irwin, Conner McWilliams, and Joseph Coulter. Congratulations were given by all.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: Trustee Negrete arrived at 5:39 PM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:00 PM.

FGMA STATION DESIGN PRESENTATION: Jake McLaughlin gave a power point presentation of station designs with an overview of the three proposed designs and layouts for Station Two. The presentation included site plans, and conceptual renderings illustrating the overall aesthetic and functional goals of the remodel project of Station Two. After reviewing and researching diligently Chief Tasso recommended option three to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Falese to move forward with option three of the design plans for Station Two, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve, under consent agenda, April 16, 2026, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, abstained. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,354,716.13. Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Tasso presented an up-to-date financial report and analysis through 4/30/2026. FY2026, which is 33 percent through the budget year. The report included revenue and expenditure highlights. Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky congratulated the three new firefighter paramedics who were sworn in tonight and wished them all a safe and successful career. He also acknowledged the line of duty death, Steven Decker of CFD. On this Memorial, remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and expressed thanks to the veterans. Trustee Tholotowsky informed the Board the Lithuanian World Center is honoring their commitment and installing fire sprinklers in their Folk Art wing and praised them for these prevention measures. Trustee Tholotowsky reminded all that school is out for the summer, please watch out for pedestrians, bikes and E-bikes when in the community. Trustee Bernacchi commended the groundbreaking ceremony as a historic event for the District and was grateful to be a part of this initial step.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski reported the general assembly session ends this month with 2 bills that are pertinent to the fire district, regarding allowing districts to move ambulance funds, passed both houses as of today. The bill that would modify Trustee compensation has not yet made it out of senate committees and with a deadline of tomorrow, will update the Board as needed.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa reported the active threat class was held at Lithuanian World Center with police and school officials, was a complete success and will be looking to host the class again next year. He reported EVT Stacy Devitt is pursuing more certification classes and is progressing to the master level. The Wescom switchover is going well and meeting with Will County GIS Department, reviewing boundaries and tender response. The switchover is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2027. DC Peksa commended Black shift for testing 3 miles of hose in one day. DC Peksa reported the District responded to 283 calls in April and still tracking a slight decrease from last year, with 1200 calls for service this year.

Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board that EMS Director Tyler Yost is underway training members on the HandTevy Pediatric protocol with tentative implementation in June. DC Truffa commended the members for participating in the Adopt-a-FF program. DC Truffa informed the Board Public Education will be exploring the Matter of Balance program and how that can be delivered to the public by the fall.

Chief Tasso recognized work anniversaries this month; EMS Director Tyler Yost (5), FF Cirrincione (10), FFs Irwin, McWilliams, Coulter, (1). In a construction update Chief Tasso reported Station One; the excavation is ongoing, anticipating its foundation by mid-June. Station Three; interior demo is expecting to last 4-6 weeks. Station Four; interior work is completed and preparing for the inside storm shelter. Chief discussed with the Board the consent agenda motion moving forward with the construction process.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Negrete made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

A. Approval of 1051 Internationale permit cost with Village of Woodridge – \$3,464.20

F. Approval of Station Three Pay Application with FGMA – \$231,129.26

G. Approval of Station Four Pay Application with FGMA – \$98,647.95

H. Approval of Invoice No. 23-3857.02-09, dated April 14, 2026, with FGMA – \$170,492.29

I. Approval of Invoice No. 23-3857.02-10, dated May 12, 2026, with FGMA – \$26,038.74

Total Consent Agenda Approval: \$529,772.44. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the cost of annual MABAS 19 dues in the amount of \$8,817.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify the cost of annual hose testing with Fire Catt in the amount of \$5,786.80, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve the cost of annual license of automated vehicle checks with Station Automation, PS TRAX in the amount of \$10, 107.72, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve the subscription renewal cost for EMS & Fire reporting software with ESO Solutions in the amount of \$27,012.58, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of an in-ground lift set with Steril-Koni USA, INC, in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.000, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, no. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM on a motion made by Trustee Bernacchi, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary