

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2024
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 January 18, 2023, at 6:00 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 Joe Falese, Raymond Negrete, Dan Tholotowsky, Linda Bernacchi and Michael Smollen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski, and Recording Secretary Lisa Gabor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the December 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill list totaling \$1,524,123.28. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

James Howard presented to the Board, by Zoom meeting, a power point presentation and financial report with the year-to-date expenses and revenues through December 31, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky wanted to thank our citizens for keeping the wreath red this holiday season. He thanked the staff and everyone who was involved in the retirement party for Patti Myren. It was a wonderful ceremony, and he wishes her all the best in her retirement. He asks that after a snowfall to please keep the fire hydrants clear for the Fire Firefighter.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the board that the Paid Leave for All Workers Act has entered the veto session. If passed it would remove us from the definition of Employer. He will keep us updated. The Supreme Court will be providing its final decision on 1-19-24, regarding the Pension Consolidation program.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy chief Peksa told the Board that 2023 was a very successful year for training. Personnel logged in over 21,000 hours of training. We started a training committee that has 6 members, and they meet every month. He informed the Board that we responded to 387 calls in December. We ended the year with a 5.5% increase from last year with a record high of \$4,323 calls for service.

Deputy Chief Truffa let the Board know that we just received all of our Zoll monitors that we leased and hopefully they will be in service in February. He updated the Board that the ambulance we ordered two years ago should be coming in in April. Adopt a Firefighter program begins in January and runs through May.

Deputy Chief Truffa Would like to congratulate DC Truffa, FF's Hanson, Theres, Baetz, Krapil, Hanlon, Staska, Hipke, Kastner, and IT Director Fernando Alfonso. He congratulated Woodridge Police Chief Brian Cunningham on his retirement after 39 years of service. Thank you to Illinois American Water for awarding us \$1,000.00 for the 2024 Firefighter grant program. The Facilitating team had their first meeting on 1/9/24 with 20 people attending. We are working with Creative Entourage on the next steps for our community outreach program. Chief Tasso gave a special shout out to Matt, John, Carla, and Lisa for all their hard work with the final transition to Government Accounting, Inc. and Strongpay.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to amend Lexipol Policy #212, Purchasing Policy, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve Lexipol Policy #1002, Performance Improvement Plan, as a LFPD policy, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of emergency lighting for the new HazMat vehicle, budgeted item, from Fleet Safety Supply in the amount of \$12,731.02, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to the cost for the annual NIAFPD conference, in the amount of \$3,750.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the annual renewal of Vector Solutions scheduling software, in the amount of \$5,628.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of a new ambulance from Life Line Emergency Vehicles, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the purchase of decontamination solution for the new HazMat truck from First Line Technology, budgeted item, in the amount of \$16,241.74, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the purchase of new equipment for the HazMat Vehicle from Municipal Emergency Services, budgeted item, in the amount of \$5,495.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the annual subscription of a new fitness program from Semper Stronger, budgeted item, in the amount of \$5,508.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to enter into closed session at 6:31 PM to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary