

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 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 November 14, 2024, 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 Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joseph Falese, Ray Negrete.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik, Attorney Hayley Leutek, BC Rich Moses, LT. Todd Fischer.

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Trustee Falese administered the oath of office of Firefighter/Paramedic to Kevin Atwood. Congratulations were given by all.

RECESS: Trustee Falese called for a 10-minute recess at 6:05 PM and invited all for pictures.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting reconvened at 6:14 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2024, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$904,550.74 Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smollen Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese extended sympathies to Trustee Bernacchi and her family on the loss of her mother, we keep them in our thoughts during this time. Trustee Falese congratulated FF/PM Mark Armor who received recognition as Firefighter of the year from the Best of Lemont Awards. He thanked voters on the successful bond referendum in this exciting time for the district, he thanked Creative Entourage, the facilitating team and members of the Citizens for the Fire Protection District. Trustee Tholotowsky thanked Local 3966 Firefighters, Chief staff & Mr. Mark Urban for their canvassing efforts. Trustee Negrete echoed thanks to the community for passing the referendum and to the chiefs for countless hours of

campaign efforts. Trustee Falese discussed the election for Firefighter pension investment fund and stated in consensus we will be voting for Karl Langhammer.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Hayley Leutek stated the General Assembly is back for their Veto session with nothing impactful to us but if anything comes up, we will be notified if we have any concerns they can be discussed.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Matt Peksa informed the Board that 6 more Technical Rescue Team members completed their validation. Our probationary Firefighter has completed 3 weeks of days, with 2 weeks to go before going on shift. We have 3 firefighters out on workers comp injury. We responded to 388 calls in the month of October. This is an increase of 1% from this time last year with over 3,700 calls this year. DC Peksa thanked the Board and Chief for allowing he and DC Truffa to improve response times for the community.

Deputy Chief Truffa thanked Black Shift and day staff for supporting our community for Veteran's Day by attending the VFW memorial service as well as serving lunch to the veterans at the Park District. He updated the Board on the capital project of radio communication on the tollway towers and at Station 3, stating the receivers are still on order. DC Truffa thanked duty personnel for all their work during Fire Prevention month, visiting schools and seniors. He thanked the community and Board for their support and vision during the referendum efforts.

Fire Chief Tasso would like to recognize FF's Gordon, Ingram, and Romo-Martinez on their 2-year anniversary with us. He congratulated DC Peksa on 27 years and FF Craig Newmes on his 17th work anniversary this month. The Chief congratulated and thanked everyone for the successful referendum and anticipates a lot of exciting work ahead. He informed the Board we are accepting bids of requests for qualifications. Applications for the RFQs to establish a construction manager are due December 6th and hopeful we can present a recommendation by the January 2025 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the Health Insurance Open Enrollment choices for FY 2025, as presented, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the Property Liability Insurance renewal with Assured Partners, as presented in the amount of \$104,918.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve Fleet Maintenance Software with Fleetio in the amount of \$4,800.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the initial employment agreement with Kyle Haemker job description, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the hiring of full time Public Educator Coordinator, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the purchase of new vehicle for Cause & Origin Team in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to Adopt Resolution 24-06, declaring 2011 Cause & Origin vehicle surplus, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to Adopt Ordinance 24-02, EMS and Response Service Fees, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to adopt Ordinance 23-07, Levying and Assessing taxes for tax year 2023, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the cost of fall newsletter postage with Marquardt Printing Company in the amount of \$3,652.28 Ordinance 24-02, EMS and Response Service Fees, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the cost of fog nozzles for engines with Air One in the amount of \$4,400.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

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

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary