

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Linda Bernacchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on March 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Bernacchi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Tasso asked we take a moment of silence to remember Reverend Bergmark

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Ray Negrete, and Linda Bernacchi. Trustee Joe Falese was absent.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve Linda Bernacchi serve as interim president in Trustee Falese's absence, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve, under consent agenda, January 18, 2024 Closed, February 15, 2024 Regular, February 15, 2024, Closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,429,277.39. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky would like to give his condolences to the Bergmark Family and spoke of the goodwill and work he did for the betterment of Lemont and his 56 years of service to the Lemont Fire District. Final Services were held March 21, 2024. Trustee Smollen's family refurbished a Lemont Fire Jeep and won first place at World of Wheels. Trustee Tholotowsky reminded everyone to keep eyes to the sky during severe weather season.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the Board that HB1626 increases the bidding threshold from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This was due to the price increase on most goods and services. He spoke of another pending bill that could change capital plan which would allow

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Districts to accumulate funds for any district purposes. Attorney Motylinski stated the Paid Leave For All Workers Act guidance is due at the end of the month.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board the two new hires have been working days to familiarize themselves with our policies, tools and apparatus. After a 4 week period they will be assigned to rotating shifts. Deputy Chief Peksa thanked the neighboring departments for allowing us to use their training facilities with our new hires. Deputy Chief Peksa has been working with Financial Accounting with James Howard to review line items, assisting with the transition. Updated the board on the upcoming open houses and community engagement the facilitating team has been working on. Chief Peksa stated the next budget may include the purchase of a new dive squad. There were 331 calls in February.

Deputy Chief Truffa informed the Board that IT Manager is working with IL Tollway Tower Site and working to replace POTS lines that are currently in place and becoming outdated. DC Truffa informed the board the chassis for one of the new ambulances is ready, and that we will be taking possession of another ambulance April 8th. The duty crew attended LHS Special Olympics practices and we provided use of our porta tank for the polar plunge. On duty companies and chief Tasso participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Fire Chief Tasso would like to congratulate Battalion Chief Moses on 24 years of service and FF Landgraf on 13 years of service with us. Lemont Fire District was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the 5th consecutive year this has been awarded and made special thank you to Carla Clark highlighting her dedication to the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to approve Corporate Resolution/Certification for Schwab Account, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to approve revised agreement with Governmental Accounting Inc. seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve to Adopt Resolution 24-04, appointing Linda Bernacchi to pension board, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

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NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve Approve Initial employment agreements for prob. FF's McArdle & Lapointe, scconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to approve Discussion and probable action on the appointment of FOIA/OME designee, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve Approve update to Lexipol Policy 1005 Salary, Wage and Educational Incentive Schedule, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM on a motion made by Trustee Smollen, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Joe Falese.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary