

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 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 June 18, 2026, 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. Trustee Ray Negrete, Trustee Linda Bernacchi was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Administrative Assistant Sandy Dominik, Attorney John Motylinski, Ms. Sydnee Marks of Lauterbach & Amen. Mr. John Falduto of Speer Financial.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FY025 AUDIT PRESENTATION: On behalf of Lauterbach & Amen, Sydnee Marks presented the Fiscal Year 2025 audit report, providing an overview of the scope and objectives of the audit, the auditor's opinion on the District's financial statements, and a review of the District's financial position and operating results. The presentation included a discussion of internal controls and compliance testing, a summary of significant accounting policies, financial highlights, and any adjustments, recommendations, or management comments. A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the FY025 Audit as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the May 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,519,828.50. Trustee Negrete made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Tasso presented an up-to-date financial report and analysis through 5/31/2026. FY2026. John Falduto of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC presented the District's investment report, providing an overview of the investment accounts, performance history, bond analysis, portfolio holdings, and recent transactions. He also reviewed the operating and capital fund investments, discussed current market conditions and portfolio performance, and responded to questions from the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve the financial report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese extended well wishes and prayers on behalf of all for Trustee Bernacchi's speedy recovery. Trustee Tholotowsky informed the room he attended the village's Committee of the whole meeting and connected with custom builder Matt Dill of Beecham & Dill of Copper Ridge and is possibly exploring a Fire Prevention opportunity to promote residential fire sprinklers in new builds. He acknowledged the importance of firework safety this July 4th and urged all to attend the Lemont Park District's Celebration.

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 Wescom Will County Board approved the application and looking at a February 2027 switchover date. He stated the OSFM training audit was performed on site with no issues found. DC Peksa stated during the severe weather period of June 10-14, Orland Central received 2000 calls, dispatching 800 calls for service and Lemont responded to 60. DC Peksa reported the District responded to 329 calls in May, with 1500 calls for service this year.

Chief Tasso recognized work anniversaries this month; FF/PM Gubbins (17), FF/PM Eric Windmoeller and Matt Wingfield (6). Chief Tasso reported the District was awarded the certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting, for the seventh consecutive year. The GFOA 2024 pin has been added to the plaque. In a construction update Chief Tasso reported; Station One 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.

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

- i. Approval of Station 1, Invoice No. 23-3857.02 - \$102,300.00
- ii. Approval of Station 1, Pay Application No. 2- \$541,670.65
- iii. Approval of Station 1, Pay Application No. 3- \$164,684.93
- iv. Approval of Station 3, Pay Application No. 4 - \$57,919.62
- v. Approval of Station 4, Pay Application No. 2 - \$ 91,433.85

Total Consent Agenda Approval: \$958,009.05. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Falese to approve the FY025 Audit as presented seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the worker compensation insurance renewal with IPRF in the amount of \$520,720.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the printing cost of the spring newsletter in the amount of \$7,343.93, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the cost of public education handouts with Promos911, in the amount of \$5,696.205 seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the radio software upgrade with Western Will County Communication Center in the amount of \$61,543.03, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM on a motion made by Trustee Thototowsky, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete yes. Trustee Bernacchi, absent. Motion carried

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

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary