

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025
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 20, 2025, 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 Daniel Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joseph Falese, Ray Negrete, Linda Bernacchi.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik, Attorney Tom Schwartzers, Accountant James Howard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve October 16, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$1,759,785.00. 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: James Howard presented to the Board a power point presentation and financial report of expenditures and revenues for the 10 months, ending 10/31 for fiscal year 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the financial report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

FY2026 BUDGET REVIEW: James Howard presented to the Board a power point presentation and financial report for fiscal year 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky remarked he along with Trustees Falese and Smollen attended the Best of Lemont to highlight FF/PM Matt Batez and congratulated him for the well-deserved recognition. Trustee Tholotowsky informed the Board that we will proceed with a fire sprinkler grant program budget line item to help fund, along with the Village, the businesses Downtown to retrofit buildings with fire sprinklers. He wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Bernacchi proposed to changing meeting dates to accommodate more Trustees available to attend the Best of Lemont awards.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Schwartzers reported the Illinois General Assembly passed Senate Bill 243 which enables Department and Districts to deny AI generated FOIA requests.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Matt Peksa congratulated FF/Pm Batez, Chief Peksa informed the Board that we are still ongoing evaluations of possible future dispatch options. We responded to 294 calls in the month of October. This is a trending 5 percent decrease over last year's 388 calls. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Deputy Chief Truffa reported EMS Coordinator Yost attended the EMS World Expo and has been invited to go back last year. He thanks Tyler for instructing a CPR class for Lemont Police Department yesterday, after hours. Deputy Chief Truffa thanked Fire Prevention and Duty crews for a phenomenal effort attending all public education events in October. He updated the Board on the upcoming switch for data recording from NIFRS to NERIS that begins January 1st 2026.

Fire Chief Tasso would like to recognize all the public education activities that our District members do all year round. Chief highlighted work anniversaries: DC Peksa, 28 and FF Craig Newmes, 18 FF's Gordon, Ingram, and Romo-Martinez, 3, and Public Educator Cole on her first year at the District. In a construction update, Chief stated the team has a planned unit development meeting at Village Hall on December 3rd. On December 15th Stenstrom group is working on the final design budget and will present it to the Board for final approval at the February meeting. A document will be created for our website and social media to keep the public informed of the construction updates.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to Adopt Resolution 25-05, declaring 2010 Ford Focus surplus, 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 Negrete to approve the Property and Casualty insurance policies for 2026, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve FGMA Invoice 23-3857.02-04, in the amount of \$188,144.00, 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 Negrete to approve 24/7 Cisco Service, Support, License & VPN with Virtek, in the amount of \$4,236.25, 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 Negrete to approve 2025 BC & LT Candidate Examinations with Resource Management Associates, in the amount of \$20,022.98, 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 Health Insurance Open Enrollment Renewal choices for FY 2026, 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 2nd round of annual gear cleaning and service with Gear Wash, in the amount of \$6,176.50, a budgeted item, 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 Tholotowsky to ratify the cost of fall newsletter printing with Marquardt Printing, in the amount of \$3,970.00, 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 Smollen to ratify the purchase of EGR valve for 0412/RES with JX Enterprises, in the amount of \$2,165.72, 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 Negrete to ratify the purchase of Vector Scheduling(crewsense) annual renewal with Target Solutions LLC, in the amount of \$5,834.43, 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 Tholotowsky to ratify the purchase of Magnaseal Patches with Specialized Professional Services Inc, in the amount of \$5,487.00 seconded by Trustee Negrete. 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 amend Lexipol Policy 900, Illness and Injury Prevention Program, Lexipol Policy 1014, Conduct and Behavior, Lexipol Policy 1033, Work-Related Illness and Injury, 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.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:01 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 _____, 2025.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary