LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 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 March 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Falese led in a moment of silence for fallen Chicago Firefighter/EMT Michael Altman.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Dan Tholotowsky, Michael Smollen, Joseph Falese, Raymond Negrete, Linda Bernacchi.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Administrative Assistant Sandy Dominik, Attorney John Motylinski, Mr. Edward Lavin of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve, under consent agenda, February 19, 2026, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling $1,119,598.13. 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: Edward Lavin from Sawyer Falduto updated the Board with an investment report. Mr. Lavin discussed the investment portfolio and highlighted investment equity and bond proceeds. The report was enclosed in the Trustee packet.

Chief Tasso presented an up-to-date financial report and analysis through 2/28/2026. FY2026, which is 17 percent through the budget year. The report included revenue and expenditure highlights. Trustee Tholotowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese commended and thanked Lemont Fire members for their M.A.B.A.S response to the severe weather incident that occurred in Aroma Park. DC Peksa, Lt. Elshareif, FF Gordon and FF Romo responded to the area that sustained significant damage from a devastating Tornado that touched down. The crew was tasked searching through damaged homes for potential victims and marking any building hazards. Trustee Bernacchi thanked Chief Tasso for keeping the Board informed of the deployment in the weekly reports. Trustee Bernacchi congratulated those who were recognized at this year's award luncheons. Trustee Tholotowsky acknowledged the loss of 3 tornado victims,

thanked first responders and reminded residents; severe weather season is upon us, know the difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch, have a weather radio and keep eyes to the skies for changing weather.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski reported on mass FOIA requests; reminded the Board if a Trustee should receive a request to forward to administrative office for processing. Attorney Motylinski will update the board of any legislative developments.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board they are in the beginning stages of forming the next fire apparatus committee to replace station one engine. He updated the Board on the logistics of closing Station 4, thanking Lt. Kingman and Steve Bacho for spearheading the project. In a Wescom Dispatch update, DC Peksa stated there are no major challenges and this month the vote will be brought to their Chief level. DC Peksa stated the two injured workers will be coming back after an extended time. The District responded to 290 calls last month, a slight decrease from 317 in 2025, for a total of 621 calls to date.

Deputy Chief Truffa stated DC Peksa, himself and the ambulance committee met with Lifeline ambulance representative to review the initial specifications and finalize the requirements. The ambulance is expected to be completed by the third quarter. Due to the 2-year timeline of purchasing new ambulances, new build and re-chassis options were discussed. DC Truffa thanked Steve Bacho for the work put into closing station 4 and getting everything moved over to 2 and 3. DC Truffa stated the crews have begun visiting the high school for Special Olympics training. DC Truffa informed the Board of the new hybrid CPR education, residents will learn skills online and come into the station for the practical. This will be a great alternative for residents to learn valuable life saving skills.

Fire Chief Tasso highlighted work anniversaries this month; FF/PM McArdle, 2 Years. FF/PM Landgraf, 15 Years. BC Moses, 26 Years. Chief Tasso thanked all those who attended employee recognition lunches. In a construction update, Chief reported the Village of Lemont approved annexation and rezoning of Station One. The demolition of the new station site will begin April 6th. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled for April 30th. Trustee Smollen requested the date be moved. Chief states they are coordinating a date with the Construction company, more information to follow. No updates on Station 3, which is a separate permit process with the Village of Woodridge. Station 4 remodeling project is scheduled to begin April 13th, with crews being vacated by April 6th. Estimated completion time for station 4 is about 6 months. Station 2 design plans will be soon finalized.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lexipol Policy #215, Risk Care Management was reviewed and acknowledged as presented; no action was taken.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to approve Lexipol policy #712, Virtual Private Networks as presented, 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 moving & storage costs for Station 4 with Boreman Moving & Storage, in the amount of $10,324.00, 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 Tholotowsky to approve the lawn maintenance contract for all stations with Beary Landscaping, in the amount of $15,032.00, 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 Bernacchi to approve the purchase of gear dryer with Air One, in the amount of $11,300.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. A $10,000.00 Citgo CAERS Grant will be applied, leaving the District an out-of-pocket cost of $1,300.00. 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 cost of security and door access for New Station One, New Station Three and remodeled Station Four, with SMG Security Holdings, in the amount of $257,808.00, 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 adopt Resolution, 26-02, declaring 2013 Ford Lifeline ambulance surplus, 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 6:45 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. 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 _____, 2026.

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Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Bernacchi, Secretary