

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 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 August 15, 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, Raymond Negrete and Linda Bernacchi.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Comment was given by Business Manager Mark Urban, Resident John Goushas, Local 3966 President David Gubbins and Resident Ryan Raetzman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the July 18, 2024, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. 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 list totaling \$888,238.81. 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. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese expressed appreciation to the Facilitating Team and the 21 community members for their time, input and perspectives shared in working together through the Referendum efforts. Trustee Tholotowsky echoed appreciation to the Facilitating Team and wanted to remind everyone, now that schools are back in session, to drive carefully and cautiously. Trustee Bernacchi thanked the Facilitating Team for raising awareness of the necessary improvement and hoped all could benefit from a successful referendum.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa informed the Board that work on the service truck is being completed and will be in service soon. He stated that we now have three members on workers compensation, down from four. DC Peksa let the board know last month, we responded to 363 calls for service, which is about a four percent increase from this time last year.

Deputy Chief Truffa informed the board of a possible mixed-use occupancy of the old Gorski Bus Barn and would be pleased to have something new in town. He shared with the Board; Fire Prevention staff hosted a bathroom safety talk at Franciscan Village, thanking Starbucks for donating to the event. Fire Prevention staff offered a back-to-school fire escape plan to kids and also hosted a table at Lemont Emergency Vehicle Night, answering "minutes matter" questions to about 40 residents.

Chief Tasso recognized Lt. Jeff Bailey, FF Mike Brown and Inspector Brian Madden who have work anniversaries this month and thanked them for their service to the District. Chief Tasso informed the Board that he and Deputy Chiefs have begun working with James Howard on the 2025 Budget process and would like to schedule a Budget Workshop for the Board on November 14th. Chief Tasso discussed that his employment evaluation is scheduled for a special meeting on September 30th. Chief Tasso reminded the Board his employment agreement will be placed on the October Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to Adopt Election Ordinance 24-01 providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds to the voters of the Lemont Fire Protection District at the general election to be held on November 5th 2024, in the amount \$46,195,000.00. 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 Negrete to approve the reappointment of George Rimbo to the Board of Fire Commissioners. 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 the hiring of one firefighter/paramedic. 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 renewal of the service agreement for Cisco Smartnet with Virtek in the amount of \$4,236.25. 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 repairs to Station four's HVAC system with ComforTemp LLC, in the amount of \$3,360.00. 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 Bernacchi to ratify the cost of lighting and communication equipment for the Hazmat vehicle with CAMZ Communications in the amount of \$6,985.00. Seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. 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 6:37 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 _____, 2024.

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary