

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 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 August 20, 2026, at 6:00PM.

The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, IL.

Trustee Falese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Attorney John Motylinski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Trustee Bernacchi made a motion, seconded by Trustee Negrete to approve Consent Agenda items a. Amend Lexipol Policy 1006; Paid Time Off & Other Leaves, b. Amend Lexipol Policy 1022; Wellness Program, c. Amend Policy 1030; Uniform Regulations.

Roll Call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes.

Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi to approve consent agenda items;

f. Approve Station 1 Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of \$1, 200, 180.90

g. Approve Station 3 Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$194, 382.00

h. Approve Station 4 Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$123,839.44

i. Approve Station 1 Invoice 23-3857.02-13 in the amount of \$25,184.31

j. Approve Station 2 Invoice 23-3857.03-2 in the amount of \$58,125.00

Total Consent Agenda Approval: \$160,711.65. Roll Call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve July 16, 2026, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Falese. Roll call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, abstained. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill listing totaling \$2,210,753.93. Trustee Negrete motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Tasso presented the financial report with year-to-date expenses, revenues and investments through July 31, 2026. Trustee Smollen made a motion to approve the financial report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese thanked Lt. Holtz for organizing, and members for attending the Fire Department walk through services for retired personnel, Greg Hoster. Trustee Negrete thanked the Firefighter Union for organizing their annual golf outing and supporting Project Fire Buddies. Trustee Negrete extended thanks to the Village and Township on their clean-up efforts after the storms. Trustee Bernacchi thanked Department members for their response actions during the storms.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski reported the General Assembly is out of session until November where they will reconvene the Veto Session. Attorney Motylinski reminded the Board to remain vigilant regarding the recent increase in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and to continue to monitor email inboxes, including spam and junk folders, for any incoming requests. He reported that some entities submitting FOIA requests are for-profit organizations. Board members were advised to forward any FOIA requests they receive to the appropriate staff or legal counsel for timely review and response in accordance with established procedures.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa reported, DC Truffa, FF Gubbins and himself attended a midpoint inspection for the Dive vehicle, everything is coming along great. In a WESCOM update, the Deputy Chiefs have been busy behind the scenes updating run cards. He congratulated EVT Stacy Devitt for accomplishing his Level Three certifications. DC Peksa informed the Board the actual purchase price of inground lifts was about \$100,000.00 less than the approved purchase price. DC Peksa commended Black Shift as they dealt with weather-related calls, stating there were about 50 calls in response to the severe weather. In the month of July, companies responded to 442 calls, a slight increase from 382 calls in June 2025.

Chief Tasso recognized work anniversaries this month; FF/PM Mike Brown (13), Lt. Jeff Bailey (24). Chief Tasso reminded the Board to be aware of suspicious emails, check spam folders and fwd. any thing of concern to IT for review. Weekly Owner, Architect, Construction (OAC) meetings have been ongoing. In a construction update; Station 1 – the foundation walls have been completed; CMU walls are being installed. Station 2- the design team continues to work towards final documents and will be applying to Village of Lemont to rezone from B3 to Institutional. Station 3- the structural reinforcements are being completed before work on the roof can begin. Station 4- exterior brick work is ongoing; roof and exterior walls are being removed. The concrete pad has been poured in preparation for the addition. The Village of Lemont will be rezoning current Station 1 from B3 to Downtown District in October. Chief discussed scheduling a meeting with the Trustees to review Chief's performance and contract renewal. Trustee Falese explains Chief will be doing a self-evaluation, the Trustees will do an individual evaluation, and President Falese will compose a consensus to conduct the evaluation in closed session. Chief stated October is the planned budget workshop. November will be the budget hearing.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Negrete made a motion to ratify the cost of yearly emergency generator maintenance for Stations 1, 2 and 3 with Metro Power, Inc in the amount of \$3,300.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the cost of Station 1 water remediation with Simon Plumbing in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll

call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM on a motion made by Trustee Smollen, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll call: Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Trustee Tholotowsky, absent. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

Joseph Falese, President

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary