

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 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 January 15, 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, Linda Bernacchi. Trustee Negrete was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief John Truffa, Attorney John Motylinski, Recording Secretary Sandy Dominik, IT Director Fernando Alfonso, BC David Spivak, Lt. Chris Ganz, FF/PM Pat Hines. Resident Mrs. Victoria Cobbett, Mr. James Howard via Zoom

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Victoria Cobett presented the Board a plaque of appreciation for supporting the 2025 Toys for Tots Campaign. Certificates were awarded from the Marine Corps League and Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, in appreciation of Sandy Dominik and clerical support given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve December 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Tholotowsky.

Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Tholotowsky read the bill list totaling \$2,078,854.05. Trustee Tholotowsky 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 Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. James Howard presented, by Zoom meeting, a power point presentation and financial report with the year-to-date expenses and revenues through December 31, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the investment report as presented, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Falese wished Mark Armor a Happy Retirement and thanked him for his 25 years of service in Lemont. He expressed how special the reception and professional walk out ceremony is held by the District as a wonderful way to honor a retiree. In the same sentiment, Trustee Tholotowsky thanked the honor guard for a phenomenal flag presentation and walk out ceremony. Trustee Tholotowsky wanted to thank our citizens for keeping the wreath red this holiday season.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the board that the General Assembly will be resuming its session soon and will update as needed. Watching closely is the of amendment of Senate Bill 1937, concerning Tier 2 pension reform legislation and federal tax laws regarding overtime wages.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa updated the Board the new engine is in service and thanked Gold Shift and Stacy for their work getting everything transferred and situated. The Pulse Point program implementation is continuing, this community risk reduction app will give the public an opportunity to assist in the event of a cardiac arrest. He informed the Board that we responded to 387 calls in December. We ended the year with 4,122 calls for service.

Deputy Chief Truffa updated the Board that the 1/1/2026 shift from NFIRS to NERIS went well, with no issues for the District. He stated all members have been trained on the different system and he will be building new reports. Adopt a Firefighter program has begun and looking forward to a fun school year and thanks to all that participate.

Chief Tasso congratulated DC Truffa, FF's Hanson, Theres, Baetz, Krapil, Hanlon, Staska, Hipke, Kastner, Admin Assistant Sandy Dominik and IT Director Fernando Alfonso on their work anniversaries this month. Chief thanked Mark Armor for his dedicated service and thanks the District and Black Shift for the work put into the reception and walk out ceremony. In a construction update, bids are being published on Monday and due January 30th. Presentations will be made to the board on final recommendations at the February 19th meeting. Stenstrom held Prebid walkthroughs for Stations 1, 3, and 4 to meet with contractors. Permits are being reviewed and anticipate getting zoning and annexation approval at their next meeting, January 26th. Construction on Station One is expected to begin April 1st with an 18-month duration. Station 3, with a 12-month duration. Station 4, with a 6-month duration. Station 2 design process is expected to begin in the summer, and construction would begin when station 4 is operational.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve FGMA Invoice 23-3857.02, in the amount of \$771,727.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify cost for the annual QuickBooks subscription, in the amount of \$4,164.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to ratify cost of Blue Card annual subscription with Across the Street Productions, in the amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify cost of camera for reserve engine with Dinges Fire Company, in the amount of \$4,295.00, a budgeted item, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to ratify the cost of lights and radio installation on new engine with Camz Communications, in the amount of \$3,685.00, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the cost of graphics for new engine with Harmonic Designs, in the amount of \$3,165.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to ratify the cost of water rescue equipment with Dive Right In Scuba, in the amount of \$4,388.00, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bernacchi to amend Resolution 25-06, November and December meeting dates, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve update to Lexipol Policy #1005-Salary, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve Resolution 26-01, Declaring 2004 Spartan Pumper surplus, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

After Deputy Chief Peksa delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining concerns with our current dispatch provider Orland Central, and the advantages of transitioning to a new service, a motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve to begin the application process to move emergency communication systems to WESCOM, seconded by Trustee Bernacchi. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the hiring of part-time Fire Inspector, Brendan Connor, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM on a motion made by Trustee Smollen, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Bernacchi, yes. Motion carried.

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

Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:

Linda Bernacchi, Secretary