

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2023
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Bernacchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on November 6, 2023, at 9:30AM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

Commissioner Rimbo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Commissioner John Bernacchi, Commissioner George Rimbo, and Commissioner Jay Nickleski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Dan Tasso and Recording Secretary Lisa Gabor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to approve the August 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Tasso let the Board know that Kevin Atwood's first day as a Probationary Firefighter will be on 11-14-23. He informed the Board that there are about 10 employees who are eligible to retire in 2024 but we have no indication if any will retire. We will begin the background process on the next 8 candidates on the eligibility list.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to approve Resolution No. 23-01, Board of Commissioners 2024 regular meeting dates, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to appoint Kevin Atwood to the rank of Probationary Firefighter, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to appoint Joseph Gordon, Gregory Ingram, and Sabdiel Romo-Martinez to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to remove candidates' #12, 13, &15 from the current eligibility list, who did not respond to our request to start the background process, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to approve a one-time pass for candidate #14, at his request, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to remove candidate #11, who turned down our request to start the background process, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to enter into closed session at 9:37 AM to review background information for new Firefighter Candidates to be hired, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Commissioner Rimbo to approve the background investigations for Candidates #10 & 16, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nickleski to disqualify Candidate #9 and remove him from the eligibility list based on background reports and pending legal opinion, seconded by Commissioner Rimbo. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM on a motion made by Commissioner Rimbo, seconded by Commissioner Nickleski. Roll Call: Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Rimbo, yes. Commissioner Nickleski, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is/amended by the Board of Fire Commissioners on the day ____ of____, 2024.

John Bernacchi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

George Rimbo, Secretary