

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Joe Falese called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on May 16, 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, Mike Smollen, Joe Falese, Raymond Negrete. Trustee Linda Bernacchi was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: FF Krapil, FF Gubbins, Fire Chief Dan Tasso, Deputy Chief Matt Peksa, 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 Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to approve the April 18, 2024, regular meeting minutes and April 18, 2024 closed meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Negrete read the bill list totaling \$878,460.31 Trustee Falese made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD: Trustee Tholotowsky informed the board this week is home fire sprinkler week and in conjunction, the state legislature has introduced House Bill 4578, a proposed tax credit for those that install home fire sprinklers, the first in the nation. Trustee Tholotowsky contacted Senator Curran and State Representative Laha to ask for support. Trustee Tholotowsky encouraged all to support the Dunkin Donuts Cop on a Rooftop this week benefiting Special Olympics.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the board stating the Accumulations Bill and the Modified Bidding Law have been passed in both legislative houses and we will expect to see some updates in early 2025 regarding those changes. Attorney Motylinski informed the board the Firefighter Paid Family Leave Act passed the house, arrived at the Senate but no hearing has been scheduled. Attorney Motylinski will keep a watch on any new amendments.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Peksa let the Board know he was in the command van during the Lemont Quarryman 5K/10K Challenge. The Park District is very organized, it was a great day without incident. Deputy Chief Peksa informed the board he spoke with the homeowner of the rental property, and they have consented to keep the lease agreement as 2 years. He thanked Lt. Stasiak, and Red Shift for all the hard work testing over 14,000 feet of hose. A daunting annual task. In the month of April we responded to 338 calls, about an 8 percent increase for the year. Chief Peksa presented a power point to the Board on the proposed purchase of a water rescue vehicle.

Deputy Chief Truffa is happy to update the Board that the AirTrack intubation cameras now are in service for all ambulances. Deputy Chief Truffa and FM Murray met with construction management of Westrock building, next to station 3 who will be sharing our parking lot during construction. The construction team is very amicable to be working with us through the construction next to station 3. School visits at Oakwood and Lemont High School are coming to an end and thanked the outgoing public education coordinator, Sandy Dominik for all she has done for Public Education. We are looking forward to filling the new part time position soon.

Chief Tasso congratulated EMS Director Tyler Yost on his 3rd anniversary with the District. Chief Tasso congratulated Firefighter Sal Cirrincione on his 8th anniversary with the District. He let the Board know that the facilitating team is wrapping up community outreach efforts and will be preparing the final document for board review hopefully by the regular June meeting. Chief Tasso thanked the library for hosting our most attended open house where 17 people signed in. Postcard surveys will be mailed out soon. Chief Tasso informed the Board the firefighter application is live online at aplytoserve.com until June 10th, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to ratify the annual service agreement with PS Trax, in the amount of \$6,667.85, seconded by Trustee Smollen. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tholotowsky to ratify the annual service agreement with Fire Catt for hose testing, in the amount of \$5,770.00, seconded by Trustee Negrete. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to ratify the purchase of G-Tak Tablets for ambulances, in the amount of \$16,698.57, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of a new welder for the mechanic from Baker Gas in the amount of \$4,554.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smollen to approve the purchase of a water rescue vehicle by Sentinel Emergency Solutions for a price not to exceed \$550,000, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Negrete to approve the purchase of a Ford Expedition from Curry Motors in the amount of \$49,552.00, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: FF Gubbins thanked the Board for the approval of the water rescue vehicle.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM on a motion made by Trustee Negrete, seconded by Trustee Tholotowsky. Roll Call: Trustee Tholotowsky, yes. Trustee Smollen, yes. Trustee Falese, yes. Trustee Negrete, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the 20 day of June, 2024.


Joseph Falese, President

ATTEST:


Linda Bernacchi, Secretary