

LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Krueger called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on September 26, 2011 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

Commissioner Heatherington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Commissioner Krueger, Commissioner Bernacchi and Commissioner Heatherington.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Carl Churulo, Deputy Chief Nickleski, Battalion Chief Sheldon, Attorney Tom Gilbert, Executive Secretary Carla Clark and Recording Secretary Joyce Stanislawski.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bernacchi to approve and release, under consent agenda, the August 1, 2011, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Heatherington. Roll Call: Commissioner Krueger, yes. Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Heatherington, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Churulo updated the Commissioners on the status of the probationary firefighters. Chief Churulo stated both probationary firefighters continue to do very well. Tony Stefanelli will complete his probationary period on October 25, 2011, and he will be sworn in at the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for November 17, 2011.

Deputy Chief Nickleski informed the Commissioners that Steve Landgraf was being processed and presented with job offers by other fire departments, but Steve chose to pass on the other departments and continue his probation period with Lemont.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Attorney Tom Gilbert discussed House Bill 1576, and presented changes that would affect our hiring procedures. Some of those changes are follows:

- Ability to merge lists.
- Extending a probationary period due to an extended injury/illness related leave.
- Physical agility is now a requirement to commensurate with the position.
- Provide 5 preference points for veteran status.
- Establish preference point categories for allocation between zero and five points. Award no less than 10 points, but not more than 30 preference points.
- Ability to advance a candidate in the top 5 or top 5% if they better fit the needs of the district.

A discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM on a motion made by Commissioner Heatherington, seconded by Commissioner Bernacchi. Roll Call: Commissioner Krueger, yes. Commissioner Bernacchi, yes. Commissioner Heatherington, yes. Motion carried.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Fire Commissioners on the ___ day of _____, 2011.

Gary A. Krueger, Chairperson

ATTEST:

John Bernacchi, Secretary