

**LEMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2012
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Richard Rimbo called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lemont Fire Protection District to order on June 16, 2012 at 8:07 AM. The meeting was conducted at 15900 New Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

Trustee Rimbo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On call of roll Trustees Richard Rimbo, Glenn Bergmark, Victoria Cobbett, Keith Latz and Michael Kasperski.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Carl Churulo and Deputy Chief Jay Nickleski,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Bergmark to approve the agenda, placing Item E as the first order of new business, seconded by Trustee Cobbett. Roll Call: Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kasperski updated the Board on the progress of the Firemen's Association garage project. He stated that 95% of the project is completed. Trustee Kasperski discussed a proposal of \$725.00 for either an electric or propane heater from Karlson Enterprises. Trustee Kasperski requested that the Board approve additional funding to complete the project. A motion was made by Trustee Cobbett to approve additional funding, not to exceed \$1,500.00, to complete the garage project with the stipulation that eventually it will serve as a museum as well, seconded by Trustee Bergmark. Roll Call: Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Kasperski, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Trustee Kasperski commented that the Firemen's Association will be financing the future maintenance of the garage as well as paying the heating and electric bills.

Chief Churulo reviewed and discussed some of our goals. Our rapid response time goal is an ongoing goal for the District. It is being met a good percentage of the time and monitored by the Chief Officers. Our goal to have well trained employees is going extremely well. Since creating the position of B/C of Training/Safety, Jay took our program and made it a first rate training program and now George has stepped in and continued that program. Our employees are logging at least a 1000 hours of training per month. Our fiscal responsibility goal is another goal that is ongoing. We review the budget and Capital Improvement Plan on a monthly basis to make sure we are continuing in the right direction. Over the last eight years we have implemented our mentoring program. Chief Churulo stated that he has spent a lot of time with Deputy Chief Nickleski and the other Chief Officers to discuss administrative issues of the District.

At 8:50 AM Trustee Kasperski left the meeting due to other obligations.

Chief Churulo reviewed our administrative planning discussing manpower, vehicles, the level of service that we provide, working with the taxing bodies in Lemont, sharing resources such as IT services, and evaluating the fees we charge for our services.

Chief Churulo discussed our capital improvement plans for our buildings. Future plans include seal coating 3 of our Stations, replacing ceiling tiles and lights in the training room and the two bathrooms up

front, updating the IT technology in the training room, new flooring in apparatus bay at Station 1. Station 2 we are looking at replacing the roof, possibly bringing in water and sewer, interior light replacements, painting the interior. Station 3 needs to have the roof replaced, tuck pointing, painting the interior, and replace some flooring. Station 4 possibly putting a shed up for storage, painting the soffit and fascia, replacement of lighting, and landscaping.

Deputy Chief Nickleski reviewed our replacement equipment list for the next 10 years. For 2013 we will be looking at an ambulance to keep with our program. The replacement of the SCBA equipment is taken care of through a successful FEMA grant. The other item that was slated was to replace the Keltron fire alarm board, approximately \$45,000.00 in cost. D/C Nickleski stated that we are currently holding off on the replacement of the alarm board until the pending litigation over fire alarm monitoring has been resolved. This year we are planning on purchasing PPE equipment, a decision will be made later this year whether or not we will purchase this year or next year. D/C Nickleski stated that he will get the Board a copy of the updated vehicle/equipment replacement chart. Trustee Latz requested a copy of the building repair/maintenance spreadsheet as well.

Trustee Latz commented that natural gas vehicles are very viable. The Chief and Deputy Chief stated that they have done some research on converting our current fleet to natural gas. A discussion took place regarding natural gas vehicles in the fire service.

Trustee Latz discussed the verbal agreement that we made with the Pension fund to repay the Fund with a \$65,000.00 payment over 20 years. Trustee Latz stated that we also levy 18.5% of the salaries and have been funding that at a 100% for the last few years. Trustee Latz suggested that we no longer contribute the \$65,000.00 and only contribute the monies we actually receive from the counties and not make up the difference from our operating funds.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:25AM on a motion made by Trustee Cobbett, seconded by Trustee Latz. Roll Call: Trustee Rimbo, yes. Trustee Bergmark, yes. Trustee Cobbett, yes. Trustee Latz, yes. Motion carried. Absent from the vote; Trustee Kasperski.

Approved as is / amended by the Board of Trustees on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Richard Rimbo, President

ATTEST:

Victoria Cobbett, Secretary